

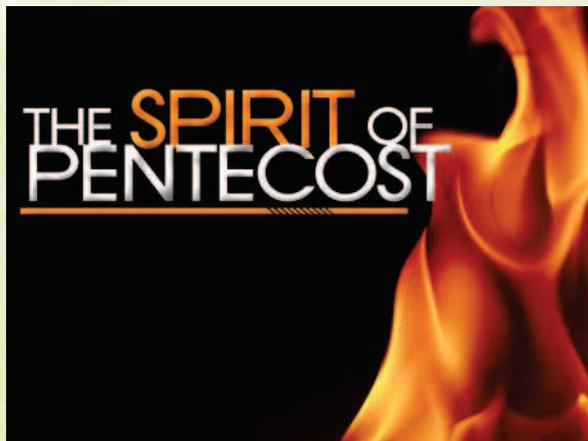


# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

*"Knowing the love of Christ together with all the saints." - Eph. 3:18-19*

Week Ending, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016



### **Upcoming Events- Lord willing!**

**Prepare for Worship!:** Your pastor and elders encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts for the Lord's Day, and praying for the worship of our God. Pray for the Holy Spirit's blessing on word and fellowship!

**This week in Adult Sunday School:** *"Knowing Christ"*; this week's topic: *"Christ's Dignity"*

**YMCF at Weitz Home this Lord's Day:** Right after worship, there will be food and fellowship at the Weitz home in Round Hill. All are invited.

**Locust Street Film Night for February:** Come celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season and (belated) Valentine's Day on **Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. We will be viewing and discussing George Cukor's 1940 classic *'The Philadelphia Story'* with Hepburn, Grant, and Stewart!

<https://www.facebook.com/LSFilmNight/>

**Deacon's Offering this Lord's Day, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>:** *"And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need"* (Acts 2:45). Let us joyfully come to share this Lord's Day with those in need. We will be taking up our monthly deacon's offering!

**Women's Bible Study:** The study meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Margaret Biggs for more information: [missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net)

**2016 Annual Congregational Meeting:** Lord's Day, February 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are a member, please make this a priority.

**Marriage Seminar on Feb. 12-14:** Hershey, PA. Please see Dr. Mike and/or Mary Kucks for more information (or see flier sent to you in email).

**Pastoral Visitation in 2016:** Your pastor and elders will be scheduling monthly visitations to your home for spiritual check-ups. If you have a particular month that you already know is good for you, email Pastor Biggs at [cbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:cbiggs@comcast.net) to invite us over. Our shepherding visitations last about one hour, and normally are on a Wednesday or Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm.

**Prayer Meeting this Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm!** We will pray together the "Superbowl of prayers" this Sunday. These are prayers from the Book of Acts, waiting expectantly for God to empower us by His Spirit, and do mighty works in our midst through His Word.

**Evening Worship on Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm:** Come join us for worship as we continue our sermon series through the *Song of Songs*, followed by fellowship meal.

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

- Acts 1:8

## *From Your Pastor*

### *A Study on the Shorter Catechism*

**Question: WSC 27: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist? Answer: Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.**

**Scripture Memory:** "...And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8).

**An Explanation:** Christ's humiliation was His willing and joyful obedience to God the Father to complete the mission that God gave Him as part of the Eternal Covenant or the Covenant of Peace to redeem a people from sin (Psa. 40; Isa. 11; 42; 49; 52-53; 54:10; Ezek. 34:25; John 17:1-5; Heb. 13:20-21). His humiliation caused Christ to be affected, tempted and touched in every way by sin's effects in a world of sin and misery without being contaminated or tainted by sin Himself.

The humiliation of Christ included He, being the Eternal Son, not merely making an appearance as a man (as He did as the Angel of the LORD in the Old Covenant), but taking upon Himself a human nature permanently in hypostatic-personal union with Himself for all eternity as Mediator and covenant representative of His people (Gal. 4:6; Luke 1:27-35). "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy- the Son of God.*" Jesus Christ, one holy person with two natures, both God and man, was born to godly parents who were poor and insignificant in the eyes of the world. His glory as Son of God was veiled to the eyes of the watching world, and he was recognized as a "*man of sorrows, acquainted with grief*" (Isa. 53; Luke 2:25ff).

Christ was born under the Law as a man required to keep all of the commandments of God, and to walk in obedience with God in humility all of his days upon the earth (Gal. 4:6; Psa. 40:6-8). He lived in a fallen and broken world, feeling the real threats of temptations to sin, yet without sinning Himself (Heb. 4:14-16). He went without common blessings from God: "*Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head*" (Matt. 8:20). Upon completion of His perfect work of joyful and submissive obedience to His Father as part of the Eternal Covenant, He laid down His life as a final sin offering for sinners to bring to His own unity and peace with God (John 17:20-26; Eph. 2:14-22). He was denied and rejected by His own people, and even His dearest friends, and was crucified in weakness for our transgressions. He who knew no sin became sin for us, so that we might know the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor. 5:21). In His life, he knew no place of His own to lay His holy head, and in His death, no place of His own to rest His "broken" and dead body (Luke 9:58; 19:38ff). But through all this, Christ Jesus our Savior rejoiced in the Holy Spirit for His Beloved Bride, who was the Joy set before Him! (Luke 10:21; Heb. 12:3).

**A Prayer:** You are the Perfect One, O Mighty Savior, Jesus, my kind king. Let me walk as a sinner saved by grace in joyful obedience in you today. Let me offer myself to you willingly and joyfully as you offered yourself for me (John 17:17-19). Let me grown in my love for you , as I ponder your great glory and love for sinners—for me—in your humiliating and lowly estate to bring me near to God! Thank you!

Next week, DV: Wherein did Christ's exaltation consist?

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Biggs

"I count everything as loss because of the *surpassing worth of knowing Christ* Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that *I may gain Christ...*"

- **Philippians 3:8**

# THIS LORD'S DAY

**Sermon Series:** *“Acts of the Exalted Lord Jesus”*  
**Title:** *“Spirit of Pentecost”*  
- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 3:15-16; John 16:12-14; 1 Corinthians  
15:45-49

**Scripture Text:** Acts 2:1-13

**Theme of Sermon/Worship:** What is the significance of the coming of Christ's Spirit on Pentecost?

**Thoughts and Meditations for Preparing Your Heart and Family for Worship:**

- \* **Children:** Read Acts 1:1-2:13. List as many things as you see “Reformed Israel” practicing in the early church that we can learn from their example and do as a church today. How is Acts 1:8 a summary of the entire Book of Acts?
- \* **Read Acts 2:1-13.** What does the wind remind you of from the Old Testament? How about fire?
- \* What did the Feast of Pentecost signify? How does this teach you about the Spirit of Christ coming on that day?

## Hymns

1. 329 - Come, O Creator Spirit Blest
2. 339 - For Your Gift of God the Spirit
3. 32 - Great is Thy Faithfulness

*“But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.”*

ESV Isaiah 44:1-3