



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, March 13th, 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!

Young Married and College Fellowship this Lord's Day, March 13: Join us for YMCF at the Weitz home in Round Hill after worship around 1 pm.

Good Friday Service: KCPC will be hosting a joint worship and fellowship with Potomac Hills PCA on **Friday, March 25th at 7 pm.**

Locust Street Film Night for March: Come celebrate our 10th anniversary season on **March 18th at 6 pm.** We will be viewing and discussing Carl Theodore Dreyer's masterpiece [ORDET](http://www.facebook.com/LSFilmNight/) (1955)!
<https://www.facebook.com/LSFilmNight/>

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. **STARTING NEW BOOK ON DANIEL SOON.** Contact Margaret Biggs for more information, to order new book, or to join: missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net

Men's and Boy's Breakfast: Saturday, March 19th from **8:30-10 am.** We will gather to pray, eat, and fellowship. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Pastor Biggs at crbiggs@comcast.net.

KCPC Family Meeting on April 10th: Our next informal family meeting will be during Sunday School hour on April 10th. Bring your thoughts and questions to discuss.

Labor Day Family Camp at Machen Retreat: Make plans now to join Pastors Biggs and Flora for a wonderful time of teaching, prayer, fellowship, and refreshment on September 3-5. Theme: *Trinitarian Spirituality from the Gospel of John.*

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Visit our [KCPC blog](#) over the next few weeks for a seven-part series of meditations on keeping the Lord's Day holy!

***NEW EVENT* Question and Answer Time:** Pastor Biggs will be at church building on **first Sunday evenings of the month at 5 pm** for a question and answer time (this first Sunday event will be when we have our regularly scheduled prayer meetings at 6 pm). This is designed primarily as an opportunity for you to ask questions about sermons. Pastor Biggs will also be happy to take general Bible questions, questions about catechism, Sunday school teaching, or whatever pertains to biblical and theological learning and discipleship. **Please join him at 5 pm on the first of each month.**

"Let us rejoice with joy unspeakable...in the grace of God that has been given to us in Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:8). What we find in Christ will make our hearts leap within us, and all our affections will overflow with delight and joy."

- John Owen

From Your Pastor
Excerpt from Jonathan Edwards' 'The Excellency of Christ'*

“Even in Christ's present state of exaltation in heaven, we see the attributes of both the lion and the lamb (Rev. 5:5-6)! In his exalted state, he most eminently appears in manifestation of those excellencies and strength of a great lion, but he still appears as a lamb. Though Christ be now at the right hand of God, exalted as King of Heaven, and Lord of the universe, yet as he is still in the human nature, he still excels in humility! Though the man Christ Jesus be now at the right hand of God, and is the highest of all creatures in heaven as a glorified man, yet he still excels all in humility because he still knows the infinite distance between the Creator and the creature. Though he now appears in such glorious majesty and dominion in heaven, yet he appears as a lamb in his condescending, mild, and sweet treatment of His saints here on earth. For he is a lamb still, even amidst the throne of his exaltation, and he that is Shepherd of the whole flock is himself a Lamb, and goes before them in heaven as such!

Though in heaven every knee bows to him, and though the angels fall down before him adoring him, yet he treats his saints with infinite condescension, love, mildness, patience, and endearment. And in his acts towards the saints on earth, Jesus still appears as a lamb, manifesting exceeding love and tenderness in his intercession for them, as one that has had experience of affliction and temptation like them. Behold the Lamb who instructs, supplies grace, and comfort, coming to His own, and manifesting himself to them by His Spirit, supping with them at His table, and enabling them to do that which pleases God. Behold the Lamb admitting His people to sweet communion with Him, enabling them with boldness and confidence to come to him, and quieting their hearts with his peace.

Jesus Christ will come again and will appear as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He will appear in infinite greatness and majesty, when he shall come again in glory, with all his holy angels, and the earth shall tremble before him, and the hills shall melt (Rev. 19:11-17; 20:11). The devils tremble at the thought of his appearance, and when the time comes, the kings, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, shall hide themselves in the dens, and in the rocks of mountains, and shall cry to the mountains and rocks to fall on them, to hide them from the face and wrath of the Lamb!

Jesus Christ will at the same time appear as a Lamb to his saints. He will receive them as friends and brethren, treating those who believe and have awaited his return with infinite mildness and love. The church shall be then admitted to him as his bride and that shall be their wedding day. The saints shall all be sweetly invited to come with him to inherit the kingdom, and reign with him in it for all eternity. Jesus Christ the Lamb of God invites his people to come unto him and trust in him. With what sweet grace and kindness does he invite us to sup and fellowship with him by His Spirit. Jesus Christ the Lion of Judah invites his people to come to him in his glorious power and dominion for defense and shelter amidst the storms and struggles of this life.

Would you choose for a friend a person like Christ with such dignity? It is a thing common to our experience in this world to have those for our friends who are much above us because we look upon ourselves honored by the friendship of such. Thus, how a young inferior maid would be pleased to have a great and excellent prince to give his dear love to her?! This is the stuff of fairy tales! But Christ is infinitely above you, and above all the princes of the earth for he is King of kings. So honorable a person as this offers himself to you, in the nearest and dearest friendship!

Christ will himself give himself to you by faith, with all those various excellencies that paradoxically meet together in him, to your full and everlasting enjoyment. He will forever after treat you as his dear friend, and you shall always be where he is, and shall behold his glory, and dwell with him, in most free and intimate communion and enjoyment (1 John 3:1-3; Rev. 21:1-7).”

* For the entire sermon, go to our [KCPC blog](#) to enjoy this meditation!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Biggs

*“When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words
be without heart.”*

- John Bunyan

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Series: *“Acts of the Exalted Lord Jesus”*
Title: *“Power in Prayer”*
- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 6:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:17;
Romans 12:9-12
Scripture Text: Acts 4:13-31

Theme of Sermon/Worship: Our God grants His people the privilege of prayer to come to Him in times of opposition and tribulation.

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

- * **Children:** Read Acts 4:23-31. In what two primary ways do the believers demonstrate that their lives are united together in Christ?
- * What is one primary way of knowing that one has been filled with the Spirit (see Acts 4:31-33).
- * From Acts 3-4, what does God tend to use to bring us to prayer and dependence upon Him?

Hymns

1. **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - 38**
2. **Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet - 377**
3. **Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord, and Hear - 91**

“You can do more than pray after you pray, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.”
- John Bunyan