

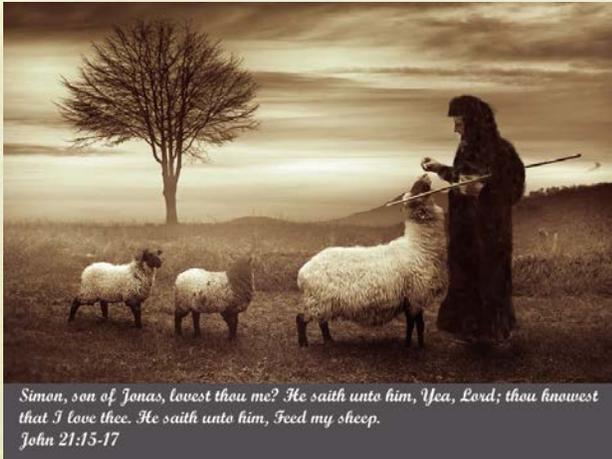


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, May 7th, 2016



*Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
John 21:15-17*

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 preaching of word and fellowship!

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

Evening Worship this Sunday at 6 pm! Let us come and worship our God this Lord's Day evening at 6 pm. We will conclude our series on Ecclesiastes and look to God for wisdom

for living "under the sun".

Evening Worship and Evangelistic Outreach Sermon Series this Summer!:

The Gospel of John will be beginning this summer in June. This series will be designed with the primary goals of Christian edification and Gospel outreach in mind. Pray *expectantly* for this series to be fruitful, and that we will see new converts to Christ. Plan to attend, invite your friends and neighbors to come and hear the good news!

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The Rev. Ben Hopp, OP Missionary to Haiti

Visit: Pastor Ben will be our visitor on Lord's Day, June 5th. We will hear about the mission, what Christ is doing by His Spirit, and pray for the Hopp Family.



Locust Street Film Night for June:

LSFN proudly presents our Summer Sci-fi-fantasy Series beginning with [George Lucas' 'Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back'](#) (1980) in June. Come join us for dinner, fun and discussion! For July: ['Forbidden Planet'](#) (1956).

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*.

"For God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end..."

ESV **Hebrews 6:10-11**

From Your Pastor **“Everything Beautiful...”***

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance....The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-5, 12:13).

Our gracious God through the Scriptures prepares us for great and constant change throughout our lives. This is one of the beauties of the *Book of Ecclesiastes*. **“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter...”** (Ecc. 3:1). We long for things to stay the same yet things are always changing. Don’t think that there is something wrong when you long for permanence but only experience change; this is normal in a world “under the sun”. As human beings we were created for permanence, because our Creator has placed eternity in our hearts (Ecc. 3:11). The truth is that we will never be fully satisfied as pilgrims in this world, and so we continue to journey on by faith.

As believers, in the midst of all the changes around us in our lives, we should daily remind ourselves that we are on pilgrimage to a glorious world that will never change, and to grow in this hope through faith and patience (Heb. 6:11-12). We are not home yet as Hebrews 11:13-16 teaches us. God is *“preparing for us a city”* (Heb. 11:16). For now, we walk by faith with good courage (2 Cor. 5:6-8). While we live in this sin-tainted, yet *good* world (cf. 1 Tim. 4:4-5), we are called to be *useful* to God and to others in our service. We are called to be pilgrims in this world as believers, exiles who live to worship God and do good (Jer. 29:3-11; cf. 1 Pet. 2:11-12; 2 Pet. 3:11-14). We are called to know that our times are in God’s hands (Psa. 31:15).

All the changes are ordained and intended for our good by a caring and kind compassionate God and Father, who through the Lord Jesus Christ by his Spirit will make us beautiful. For believers, the constant change is intended to be a path of beauty as pilgrims here in this world. Read 3:11-14:

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil- this is God's gift to man. I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.”

Our hope and trust are in this great truth:

CHRIST is our PERMANENCE as pilgrims in this present age.
We have a Savior who is the same "yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

So while everything created is always changing, by God's grace in Christ, we can acknowledge that so are we—*changing for the good and becoming more beautiful—in Him*. And we wait the great change and complete transformation that 1 Corinthians 15:51 speaks about. One day we shall be completely and permanently changed in the twinkling of an eye, when we shall be completely like him, transformed in body, soul and spirit to be fully holy and to live with Christ in a world without Shadows. Until that day, let us be faithful pilgrims seeking the Lord Our God and aiming to please him above all things! Because he is good, and greatly to be praised!

He indeed will make all things beautiful in its time!

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Biggs

* Edited from full study available at www.ketocin.org/resources

“The gist of true piety does not consist in a fear which would gladly flee the judgment of God but rather in a pure and true zeal which loves God altogether as father, and reveres him truly as Lord, embraces his justice and dreads to offend him more than to die.”

- John Calvin

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Series: *“Acts of the Exalted Lord Jesus”* Title: *“Peter”*

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: John 21:15-19; 1 Peter 5:5b-11

Scripture Texts: Acts 9:31-11:18 (various verses)

Theme of Sermon/Worship: Simon Peter became a humble and faithful servant of Christ and His Gospel to the nations through the power of the Spirit and the truth of God's Word. Christians are normally not born great (1 Cor. 1:26ff), nor called because of greatness. Rather, Christians are made great through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

* **Children:** Read Matt. 16:16; 26:33-35; John 21:15-19; Acts 2:14-39; 5:29-32; 10-11; Gal. 2:11-14; 1 Pet. 5:1-11. How would you describe the Apostle Peter? How is he like you? How does he glorify Christ in His power and grace?

* **Read Acts 9:31-10:18.** How is the glory, power, and grace of Jesus Christ revealed?

* What does Peter particularly learn in Acts 10-11? What has God wonderfully done in Christ (se Eph. 2:11-22).

Hymns

1. 305 - Arise, My Soul, Arise

2. 441 - Jesus Shall Reign

3. 238 - My Dear Redeemer and My Lord

“I do not insist that the moral life of a Christian breathe nothing but the very gospel, yet this ought to be desired, and we must strive toward it.”

- John Calvin (Institutes, 3.6.5)