



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, September 24, 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 preaching of word and fellowship!

Women's Bible Studies: Women's Bible Studies: The evening study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. Studying the **Book of Daniel**. Contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net for more information. The daytime study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1-3, beginning Sept. 27. Studying "A Woman's Wisdom: How the book of Proverbs speaks to everything." Contact Joanie Leake for more information: J2Leake@gmail.com. All women are invited to attend either or both!

The *11th* Season of Locust Street Film Night continues in October: [Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory](#) (1971)!

Evening Worship this Lord's Day at 6pm! Join us this Sunday evening at 6 pm to close the Lord's Day together with worship followed by a fellowship meal.

Sunday School Classes- Autumn 2016: Continue this Lord's Day, Sept. 11. The adults will be studying "**Church History 101: Highlights from Twenty Centuries**" taught by your elders. **New Members class begins on Nov. 1.** Please **RSVP** by Oct. 15 to erbiggs@comcast.net if you're interested in this class. Space is limited.

Men's and Boy's Breakfast: Join us for teaching, fellowship, and prayer on this **Saturday, Sept. 24th** from 8:30am-10am. Topic: Pastor Biggs on *Spirituality from 'Pilgrim's Progress', Pt. 1*. October's guest speaker (Special date, Sat. Oct. 29): President Jack Haye, Patrick Henry College.

Baptism of Clara Elaine Davis: This Lord's Day we are privileged to participate in the baptism service of our newest covenant child.

New Member: Miss **Emily Rose Carde'** will be formally received into membership at KCPC on Lord's Day, October 16th in the morning service.

Coming Soon Morning Sermon Series: After the completion of our sermon series on *Acts of the Risen Christ*, our next morning worship sermon series will be either *Esther* and/or *1 & 2 Samuel*.

Reformation Day Service 2016: Join us on Sunday evening, October 30th as we celebrate with other OP congregations the 499th anniversary of the Reformation. Pastors Hammond, Proctor, VanDelden, and Biggs will be speaking on the *Proper Use of the Law in the Christian Life*.

Pastor and family on vacation from September 26-October 10. Please pray for refreshment and rest. Please contact an elder in his absence. We have the great privilege of having Pastor Tim Flora minister word and sacrament during pastor's absence.

"The great inquiry the souls of believers make in every ordinance, the preaching of the word, baptism, Lord's Supper, or prayer, is a seeking after Christ." - John Owen

"This is the wonderful exchange which, out of His measureless benevolence, He has made with us, that, becoming Son of man with us, He has made us sons of God with Him..."

From Your Pastor

Benefits from Christ at Death

Shorter Catechism Question 37: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? **A** The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness,(1) and do immediately pass into glory;(2) and their bodies, being still united in Christ,(3) do rest in their graves,(4) till the resurrection.(5) (1)Heb. 12:23 (2)2 Cor. 5:1,6,8; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43 (3)1 Thess. 4:14 (4)Isa. 57:2 (5)Job. 19:26,27

Scripture Memory: “For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep” (1 Thess. 4:14).

An Explanation: What a privilege as believers to know that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, the One who has overcome death, hell and devil, and rose in newness of life and power to bestow resurrection life upon all of His people (John 11:25-26; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 8:31-39)! Jesus says: “For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will” (John 5:21). “**Perfect in holiness**”: Though we struggle our entire lives against sin, and seek to live lives of holiness that are pleasing to God, we know that we will not be made completely perfect until heaven! (Gal. 5:16-25; Heb. 12:14, 23; Phil. 3:12-16). Jesus Christ, our Beloved Savior, has turned the horrible curse into death into a blessed window of hope through which we achieve the glorification-perfection of our bodies and souls. We cry in response: “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” (1 Cor. 15:55). Perfection is coming, let us fight the good fight now!

“**Pass into glory**”: Our hope and blessed encouragement as those who die in the LORD (1 Thess. 4:13-18) is that we shall pass into glory and see our Christ face to face, and we shall be like Him. Though we now walk by faith on our pilgrimage in this world, one day soon we shall walk by sight, beholding the glory of Jesus, being fully at “home with the Lord” (1 John 3:1-3; cf. 2 Cor. 5:1, 6-8). In our regeneration, we are united to Christ by the Spirit, and this is a uniting of the whole man unto a whole redemption (Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:17). “Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:24). This means that our whole selves, our bodies and souls, are united to Christ by faith. Our whole selves in union with Christ by the Spirit are renewed into His likeness, and will eventually at the Last Day, rise to be fully restored in glory as whole persons, embodied souls, dwelling in incorruptible, eternal bodies made like unto the LORD’s glorious body (1 Cor. 15:42-48; cf. Phil. 3:21; Rev. 21:3-7).

“**Bodies being united to Christ**”: But in the intermediate time, between our deaths and the Last Day, our spirit-souls at death will be perfected with Christ in heaven, as we await the raising up of our bodies, and this reunion of body and soul that Christ will perform on the Last Day. In the meantime, our bodies, though they corrupt in our graves, they are nevertheless still united to Christ! (1 Thess. 4:14; cf. Psa. 16:9-11). “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself” (Phil. 3:20-21; cf. 1 Thess. 4:13, 16-17). We look forward as believers to the day where we shall dwell with God in Christ in Zion, in fully glorified, renewed, perfected bodies and souls, seeing God in the very flesh and blood in which we were clothed here on earth and did enjoy Him in Christ!

Let us exult with our forefather Job in meditating upon this future glory: “And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!” (Job 19:26-27).

A Prayer: Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the union I have body and soul with my dear Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Living One, the Resurrection and the Life. Thank you that by your grace, I am an heir of the Heavenly and Glorious Kingdom to come! Thank you that you have made me a partaker of this Heavenly Kingdom Life by the Spirit even now (2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:14; Heb. 6:4-6). Thank you that grace in Christ received is glorification begun!

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Biggs

“...Accepting our weakness, He has strengthened us by His power; by receiving our poverty unto Himself, He has transferred His wealth to us...”

THIS LORD'S DAY

Title: "...Through Water"

The Baptism of Clara Elaine Davis

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:29; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2; Ephesians 2:4-6

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Theme of Sermon/Worship: Our children pass safely through the waters in Christ!

- **Children: Read 1 Peter 3:18-22.** In Noah's time, who were "brought safely through water" (ESV) or "saved by water" (KJV)? How does baptism "correspond" (ESV; "antitype"-Greek) or "figure" (KJV) this? What is the sign in baptism? What does it signify? What makes the sign effectual (or give it power?)
- *In the Orthodox Presbyterian Book of Church Order (Order for Public Worship, Chap. III.B.5), ministers are required to ask the following questions during the baptism of our infants and young children. I encourage you to remind yourself of these vows: (1) Do you acknowledge that although our children are conceived and born in sin and therefore are subject to condemnation, they are holy in Christ by virtue of the covenant of grace, and as children of the covenant are to be baptized? (2) Do you promise to teach diligently to [name of child] the principles of our holy Christian faith, revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and summarized in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church? (3) Do you promise to pray regularly with and for [name of child], and to set an example of piety and godliness before (him/her)? (4) Do you promise to endeavor, by all the means that God has appointed, to bring [name of child] up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, encouraging (him/her) to appropriate for (himself/herself) the blessings and fulfill the obligations of the covenant?"*

Hymns

1. All You That Fear Jehovah's Name #9

2. Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me #500

3. Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless #424

*"...By taking the weight of our iniquity upon Himself (which oppressed us),
He has clothed us with His righteousness."*

- Jean Calvin (1509-1564)