



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, October 22, 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 the preaching of the Word and our fellowship!

**Women's Bible Studies:** Evening study meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday nights at 7pm, studying the Book of Daniel. For more information contact Margaret Biggs at [missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net). Daytime study meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 1-3, studying *A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything*. Contact Joanie Leake for more information at [J2Leake@gmail.com](mailto:J2Leake@gmail.com). All women are invited to attend either or both!

**Coming Soon—Morning Sermon Series:** The next morning worship sermon series will be 1 Samuel, DV.

**This Friday: 10/21: The \*11th\* Season of Locust Street Film Night** continues in October: *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (1971)! Come join us on Friday 10/21 at 6pm for pizza and a movie! RSVP for pizza count at [facebook.com/LSFilmNight/](https://www.facebook.com/LSFilmNight/)

**Sunday School Classes—Autumn 2016:** Continuing this Lord's Day, Oct. 23. The adults will be studying "Church History 101: Highlights from Twenty Centuries" taught by your elders. New Members' class begins on Nov. 6.

**Reformation Day Service 2016 at Bethel OPC (Leesburg):** Join us on Sunday evening, October 30, as we celebrate with other OP congregations the 499th anniversary of the Reformation. Dinner at 6 pm, Worship service at 7 pm. Pastors Hammond, Proctor, VanDelden, and Biggs will be speaking on the Proper Use of the Law in the Christian Life.

**Men's Breakfast: Saturday, Oct. 29:** Join us from 8:30 -10 am for prayer, fellowship and much learning. Special guest: President Jack Haye (Patrick Henry College).

**New Members Class:** This new class begins on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Biggs and elders will go over the five vows for membership in the OPC, and we will read and discuss together *'Presbytopia'* by Ken Golden. If you would like to read more on the privilege of being part of Christ's visible church, you may read ['Forsaking Our Mother'](#) online by Pastor Biggs.

For some thoughtful interviews from MARS HILL AUDIO JOURNAL on ['Rethinking Politics: the Metacrisis of Modern Politics'](#) (MHAJ is one of my favorite journals, but please remember to listen with discernment. Views expressed are not necessarily those of KCPC).

*"I call 'piety' that reverence joined with love of God which the knowledge of His benefits induces. For until people recognize that they owe everything to God, that they are nourished by His Fatherly care...they will never yield Him willing service." – John Calvin*



# Prayers

Ephesians 6:18- "Praying Always..."

Remember that you may email your prayer requests to [kcpcdeacons@gmail.com](mailto:kcpcdeacons@gmail.com) (and copy Pastor Biggs and elders) to invite others to pray with you during the week. The elders also invite you to call us to anoint you with oil and pray for you if you're sick, according to James 5:13-15.

Please let us know how to serve you. **Recently Updated Prayers**

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Pray as a congregation that the Spirit of Jesus would cause great grace and great power to be upon us as we serve Him (Acts 4:33). Pray for your elders and deacons to have wisdom, gentleness, humility, much patience (Eph. 4:1-3), and to be fervent in spirit and constant in prayer (Rom. 12:9-13).

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Pray for Jim Leake as God leads him to a new job. Let us praise God for His ongoing faithfulness to us!

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Please continue to pray for Jasmine Rodgers as she recovers from a car accident. Pray for encouragement for Rodgers family. Pray for Andrew Vermette to continue to heal from burns without scarring.

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Pray for Stu Jones, who fell and broke bones in his foot, for healing, wisdom from doctors on how to treat his injury, and strength to continue to teach and minister God's Word.

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Pray for our pregnant mothers and our new covenant children being formed in the womb: Heidi Vermette and Annie Simmons (Psa. 139).

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Pray that God would grant the Mansers grace and strength through the several trials that they have recently experienced.

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Pray for the Trombadore's neighbor Ann and her family for comfort in the death of her husband, Chuck.

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Rejoice in the engagements of Lydia Davis and Luke Keller and Ethan Weitz and Emily Cardé! Pray for these dear couples as they prepare for marriage in their pre-marital counseling. Pray for John and Rachel Clifford's ~~new~~ married lives and as they establish their new home and ministry in South Africa.

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Please pray for comfort and encouragement for Mary Kucks and her family in the loss of her mother Alice.

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As God's people, let us pray to be welcoming to all who need the Gospel. Let us invite others in our community to come to worship with us. Let us seek to reach out as often as we are able. May the LORD break our hearts for the lost, and give us deeper desire for evangelizing.

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Pray that God would bless Ben and Cherie Franks as they grow in their union with Christ and with each other as newlyweds. Pray for Ben and his father, Pastor Franks, as they seek to plant 'Kirk of the Plains' (PCA) outside of Wichita, KS, by this fall.

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Rejoice with the Turner Family as God has provided Elder Mitch a new job that is in the area.

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Pray for Zachary, Annie, Margaret, and Rebecca Simmons. Praise God that God is providing for their needs spiritually and materially. Pray for Zachary as he finishes up his studies at Westminster Seminary this year, and for God's guidance to future ministry.

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*"Genuine and earnest prayer proceeds first from a sense of our need, and next, from faith in the promises of God." – John Calvin*



***From Your Pastor***  
**Study of Shorter Catechism:**  
***The Wonderful Benefits of Christ's Resurrection***

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**WSC 38 What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?** A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory,(1) shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment,(2) and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God(3) to all eternity.(4) (1)1 Cor. 15:43 (2)Matt. 25:23; Matt. 10:32 (3)1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 13:12 (4)1 Thess. 4:17,18

**Memory Verse:** *"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen"* (ESV Jude 1:24-25)

**"Raised up in glory":** Grace begun in the believer's regeneration is glory begun. Full glory in the resurrection is grace fully realized! What Christ has begun now in our union with Him by His Spirit will be accomplished, and completed, and we shall be perfectly blameless and holy in His sight (Phil. 1:6). As Jude 24 promises believers: *"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy"*.

**"Openly acknowledged and acquitted":** Though there is no condemnation now (Rom. 8:1), and we have been fully and finally acquitted before God's holy judgment throne in Christ through our justification by faith alone (Rom. 3:24-26), we shall be openly acknowledged as God's sons and heirs of His Heavenly Kingdom. We shall be openly and publicly acquitted before the world that persecuted us. We shall be seen and acknowledge to be the victors we are in our union with Christ! We shall hear the glorious words: *"Well done, my good and faithful servants! Enter into the joy of your master!"* (Matt. 25:21, 23, 34).

**"Made perfectly blessed":** Although Christians struggle greatly here in this life against the world, flesh and the devil, in heaven we shall realize the perfect freedom in Christ that we possess to love and serve Him and our neighbor as ourselves. We will realize and enjoy the presence and love of God without sin causing our hearts to sin. We will realize the victory that is ours against hell, death, and the devil, and against all the wiles and temptations of the wicked one! We are not made perfect here, but we await perfection. When we shall see Christ face to face in the resurrection we shall be fully like Him, free from all sin, and able to enjoy God as we were created to enjoy Him! (1 Jo. 3:1-3).

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**"Full enjoying of God to all eternity":** What a hope that we believers have in Christ. As one of our forefather put it, Christians have the greatest struggles of anyone else in the world, yet they can rejoice each day in their sufferings in Christ (Rom. 5:3-5; John 16:33). Yet this world, this life is the only hell that Christians will ever experience. For all unbelievers this is the only heaven that they will ever enjoy. For Christians, we will enjoy God in Christ in heaven forever and ever without the contamination of sin and wickedness. The world will be fully restored, cleansed from all sin and misery, and purified in Christ (2 Pet. 3:9-14), we will be fully healed of all sins and transgressions and able to live in perfect bliss in the enjoyment of God! And with hope we say together: "...and so we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17b). *"Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!* (Rev. 22:20).

**Prayer:** Father and God, thank you that in Christ, I have already participated in the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, but I await the full realization of this glorious salvation when Christ my Savior returns. Help me to live for Him as a resurrected, renewed person in Him! Amen and amen.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Biggs

*"... Our knowledge should serve first to teach us fear and reverence, secondly, with it as our guide and teacher, we should learn to seek every good from Him, and, having received it, to credit it to His account." – John Calvin*



# THIS LORD'S DAY

## Sermon

*"Dead or Alive"*  
- Pastor Jim Stastny

Scripture Lesson: I Kings 17:17-24 John 11:38-45

Scripture Text: Ephesians 2:1-7

Theme of Sermon/Worship: New Birth and the Grace of God in Christ.

## Hymns

1. And Can It Be That I Should Gain, 455

2. Amazing Grace, 460

3. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, 457

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*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

- <sup>ESV</sup> Titus 3:4-7

*"...[The godly] mind restrains itself from sinning not out of dread of punishment alone; but because it loves and reveres God as Father, it worships and adores Him as Lord. Even if there were no hell, it would shudder at only offending Him." – John Calvin*