



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, November 19, 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 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm, studying the Book of Daniel. For more information contact Margaret Biggs at missmargarethbiggs@comcast.net. Daytime study meets on the 2nd and 4th 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. All women are invited to attend either or both!

Thanksgiving Home Fellowship this Lord's Day after Worship: Our fellowship and feasting this year will held at the Miller's house in Lovettsville, VA. It

will be a Thanksgiving theme. The signup link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0E48AEAE2FA02-november

Thanksgiving Men's and Boy's Breakfast: This Saturday, November 19th from 8:30-10. Join us for good fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

Thank Offering: Please be praying about how you would like to give to our Christian Education and missionaries in the OPC. Theme: *"Abounding in Hope"* (Rom. 15:13). For more info on video: <http://opc.org/feature.html>

Sunday School Classes—Autumn 2016: The adults are studying "Church History 101: Highlights from Twenty Centuries" taught by your elders. New Members' class also continues this Lord's Day.

Locust Street Film Night: Friday evening, December 16th, dinner at 6 pm, and film at 7 pm. We will be viewing and discussing the classic adaptation of Dickens' classic *'A Christmas Carol'*. Alistair Sim stars as "Scrooge" in this fantastic classic British film (1951).

Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 10th in Purcellville: Come join us for the Purcellville Christmas Parade, inviting our neighbors to join us for worship! For more information, contact Elder Rick Weitz.

Christmas Fellowship and Caroling, Lord's Day evening, Dec. 18th: Our Christmas fellowship will be at 5:30 pm at the church building followed at 6:30 by caroling in our neighborhood! Come join us for the feasting and fun!

Christmas Eve with Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve: Join us Christmas Eve from 5-6:30 pm at Potomac Hills PCA in Leesburg for combined worship service.

"...The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love"

- Psalm 147:11

From Your Pastor

Generosity

Let me encourage you concerning generosity and giving, especially as we prayerfully consider the 2016 THANK OFFERING to be received in the next couple of weeks, and as you think about how you would like to increase your giving and seek to be more generous toward God in the new year! Remember to give yourself sacrificially to God and others because Christ has given Himself for you so that you might be abundantly rich in Him (Rom. 12:1-2). Your treasure is in heaven with Jesus; Your life is hidden with Christ in God! Rejoice!! (Matthew 6:24ff; Col. 3:1-4).

Behold the riches of God in Christ Jesus—all that Christ has is yours! You are a recipient of every spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus! “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved” (ESV Ephesians 1:3-6)

Beloved in Jesus, remember daily that because of God’s love to you in Christ, you are to give yourself back to Jesus who has given Himself for you (Rom. 12:1-2). “...*You are not your own, for you were bought with a price*” (1 Cor. 6:19-20). In our weekly worship, as God reminds us of how He has kept His covenant promises to us in word and sacrament, we covenant back to give Him ourselves in grateful obedience. Our tithes and offerings are tangible and concrete demonstrations of the giving of ourselves back to God in response to His Gospel promises to us in Christ. “*By a single offering, he has perfected for all time...*” (Heb. 10:14). As believers, we are God’s precious treasure and possession (Titus 2:14). If you have been redeemed you are not your own. Say it right now: “***I am not my own; I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ***” (Rev. 1:5-7).

Be encouraged to continue to give gratefully to God to the needs that we have in our congregation and the larger denomination; give out of a heart saturated by God’s mercy to you in Jesus Christ. Meditate and think on how many ways God has blessed you. Say with the Psalmist: “*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me...*” Think about your own life; your own family. How many mercies can you think of right now? Think of (5) mercies to you and your family; stop. Do it right now. Think about it. I encourage you to make a list of what God has done in your life and is doing presently! Be thankful; be grateful!!

The point in this exercise is to stir you up to love and good works! (Heb. 10:24-25). Now think about how you can more effectively give yourself to God and show Him your love by your giving and generosity to others. As God has abundantly given to you, now go and give voraciously and lavishly and sacrificially to others!

ESV 2 Corinthians 9:6-8: The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all contentment in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

It is written in Holy Scripture: “*Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.*”

Let us continue to show our love for God in our giving and generosity. All things are possible with God! He will do above and beyond what we can ever ask or imagine by the power of His Spirit (Eph. 3:20-21).

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Biggs

***“[Jesus says]: ‘Behold, I have come to do your will.’
And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the
body of Jesus Christ once for all.”***

- Hebrews 10:9a, 10

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon:

“Conscience and Courage”

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 10:16-22; Luke 12:8-12; 2 Timothy 4:16-18
Scripture Text: Acts 22:22-23:22

Theme of Sermon/Worship: The Lord's servant depends upon Christ's gracious presence and promise to stand before the council demonstrating both a clear conscience and humble courage.

Questions for family worship and/or devotion to prepare hearts for worship or to review sermon

- **Children: Read Acts 22:22-23:22.** How might you trace God's hand of providence in this scene and situation? How does God prepare Paul for it? How does God help Paul to endure it courageously?
- When the Apostle Paul unintentionally sins, how does He respond? How might this demonstrate the power of God's word?
- What is the Christian's hope? How is it particularly a “living hope” (Hint: 1 Pet. 1:3-9).
- How does the Lord give courage to Paul? How can this be encouraging to all believers?
- How do we see God's providence, promise and presence in this passage? (lots of 'Ps'!).

Hymns

- 1. 9 – All You Who Fear Jehovah's Name**
- 2. 40 – God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength**
- 3. 603 – He Who Would Valiant Be**

“...How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

- **Hebrews 9:14**