



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, December 24th, 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.

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!

Sunday School Classes—Christmas Break: Sunday school teachers will be taking a break from December 11th to January 8th. Sunday school classes for winter will resume on Lord's Day, **January 8th, 2017**.

"The Christmas Story": We continue our Advent/Christmastide sermon mini-series with "Glory to the Newborn King" (Matthew 2:1-6; Revelation 12).

**No evening worship on Christmas Day, Dec. 25th.
Begin 2017 with prayer meeting at 6 pm on Jan. 1!**

Study the [Westminster Confession of Faith online!](#)

Christmas Eve Worship- Lessons and Carols: Join us this Saturday on Christmas Eve from 5-6:30 pm at Potomac Hills PCA in Leesburg.

Baptism of Covenant Child: The Vermette's newest addition, our newest covenant child, will be baptized on Lord's Day, January 2017.

Locust Street Film Night: Join us for dinner and film at 6 pm on Friday, January 20th (film at 7).

Men's and Boy's Breakfast: Join us from 8:30-10 am on Saturday, Jan. 21st for food, fellowship and discussion of J. C. Ryle's classic *Thoughts for Young Men*.

Boardwalk Chapel Evangelism Trip: Make plans now for July 29-Aug. 5. Pastors Flora, Brooking, Biggs and Proctor are taking a group this year. Contact Pastor Biggs by March 31st if you have questions or plan to go: crbiggs@comcast.net

Guest Preacher/Homecoming for Halley Family! We are thrilled to welcome back to our pulpit, the Rev. Daniel Halley on January 1st and 8th in the morning worship services.

Pastor and Family on Vacation: Please pray for refreshment and traveling mercies as Pastor Biggs and family takes some time off until January 10th to visit family and friends.

"Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;/ Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign./ In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed/ The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ./

What can I give Him, poor as I am?/ If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb./ If I were a wise man, I would do my part./ Yet what I can, I give Him: give my heart."

- **Christina Georgina Rossetti**

From Your Pastor

Meditations on the Incarnation

Why did God become man? (Cur Deus Homo? “Why the God-Man?”), 7 reasons:

1. For the glory and praise of God! (Eph. 1:6, 8; 3:9-10)
2. To reveal God to humanity: John 1:1-2, 14; 14:7-11
3. To provide a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of God’s people: Hebrews 10:1-10; Rom. 3:25-26.
4. To provide a perfect High Priest for sinners, one able to permanently intercede between God and man, and able to sympathize with human weakness: Isa. 53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:25-26.
5. To offer a pattern of the fullness of human life: 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6.
6. To destroy Satan and the demonic powers: Heb. 2:14-18; 1 John 3:8.
7. To redeem God’s people under law and to make them sons: Galatians 4:4-5.

Who is the only Redeemer of God’s Elect?

“The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the Eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures and one person forever.”

“We see...what sort of beginning the life of the Son of God had, and in what cradle he was placed. Such was his condition at his birth, because he had taken upon him our flesh for this purpose, that he might “empty himself” (Phil 2:7) on our account. When he was thrown into a stable, and placed in a manger, and a lodging refused him among men, it was that heaven might be opened to us, not as a temporary lodging, but as our eternal country and inheritance, and that angels might receive us into their abode.” – **John Calvin**

“We have cause to bless God in Christ, that took our nature, and in our nature disarmed our greatest enemy, sin, and so disarmed death, and freed us from the wrath of God, and hell, and damnation. Oh, we can never be thankful enough for this!” - **Richard Sibbes**

“If we imagine that Jesus was born in a freshly swept, county fair stable, we miss the whole point. It was wretched- - scandalous! There was sweat and pain and blood and cries as Mary reached up to the heavens for help. The earth was cold and hard. The smell of birth mixed with the stench of manure and acrid straw made a contemptible bouquet. Trembling carpenter’s hands, clumsy with fear, grasped God’s Son slippery with blood- -the baby’s limbs waving helplessly as if falling through space- -his face grimacing as he gasped in the cold and cry pierced the night.” (*Preaching the Word, Luke, Vol. 1, pg. 83*).

“Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.”- **Confession of Chalcedon, A. D. 451**

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Biggs

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.”

- ^{ESV} **Micah 5:2**

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon: 

“The Christmas Story: Glory to the Newborn King”

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Daniel 7:13-14, 27; Luke 1:68-75

Scripture Text: Matthew 2:1-6; Revelation 12 (various verses)

Theme of Sermon/Worship: Jesus was born to be king. Let us worship and glorify victorious King Jesus!

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

- **Children:** Read Revelation 12. How is this a summary of all redemptive-history? Who is the woman (Hint: How is she described? Where else do you find this in Scripture?).
- What are three important implications that Jesus is Glorious King that might change your life, and could change your perspective and outlook on the world?
- According to Revelation 12:11-12, how do believers triumph and conquer in Christ? How is this an “already” reality? What are the “not yet” elements we still await to be realized?

“We went to Bethlehem,/ But found the Babe was gone,/
The manger empty, and alone./ ‘And whither has He fled?’/
‘To Calvary,’ they said,/ ‘To suffer in our stead.’/
We went to Calvary,/ But found the Sufferer gone,/
The place all dark and lone./ ‘Whither?’ we asked./
‘Into the Heavens,’ they said,/ ‘Up to the Throne,/ For us to intercede.’/
So, then, to Heaven, we’ll go;/ The Babe is not below.”

- **Horatio Bonar (1808-1889)**

“Till God in human flesh I see,/ My thoughts no comfort find;/
The holy, just and sacred Three/ Are terrors to my mind./
But if Immanuel’s face appear,/ My hope, my joy begins;/
His name forbids my slavish fear, His grace removes my sins.”

- **Isaac Watts**