

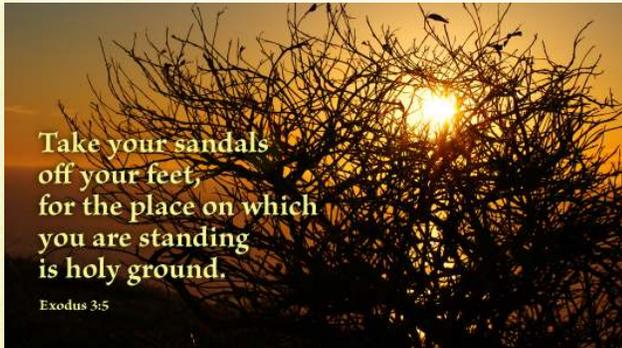


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending December 31, 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 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm, starting a new book, *The Weight of Glory* by C.S. Lewis, in January. For more information contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net. Daytime study meets on 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 on Christmas Break: Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

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.

Prayer Meeting this Sunday, 1/1! What a privilege to start the new year praying together! Prayer meeting begins at 6pm followed by dinner and fellowship.

No Young Adult Fellowship in January.

Deacons' Offering this Sunday: The offering for the Deacons' Fund will be taken this Sunday, 1/1.

No Evening Worship on Sunday, 1/8.

Baptism of James Benjamin Vermette: Praise God for the safe arrival of our newest covenant child, who will be baptized on Lord's Day, January 15.

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

Locust Street Film Night: Join us for dinner and a 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

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

"Yes, He is altogether lovely! This is my Beloved--and this is my Friend!"

-Song of Solomon 5:16 NKJV

When we become magnetized by Jesus' beauty and adore Him--we will want to pour ourselves out at His feet. We don't have to be urged to do it. No one who knows Jesus intimately, can ever be flippant in His presence.

A. W. Tozer

Holy Ground

(Alexander Smellie, "The Secret Place" 1907)



"Do not come any closer! Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground!" Exodus 3:5

I have no need to go to the loneliness of Sinai to meet with God. I find holy ground much nearer home. But I wonder whether I take my sandals off of my feet.

God reveals Himself to me in His written Word. It is His sanctuary. By its agency, my deepest life is created, quickened, sustained. Listening to it, the saints have heard the very voice of their Lord. But do I reverence God by my frivolous use of the words of Scripture? And, whenever I open the Book, do I remember that God has breathed the Spirit of Life into its chapters and verses? Mine is culpable levity.

He reveals Himself in my history, as truly as ever He did in the history of Israel. In it, the devout heart will trace . . .

**His perfect providence,
His power,
His wisdom,
His stern hatred of sin,
His overflowing goodness.**

Best of all, He reveals Himself in Christ. But if Christ brings Him close to me, He teaches me fresh reasons for standing in awe of Him.

His life shows me what God is—spotless, righteous, faithful, unflinchingly holy.



And His Cross has a more impressive message still. Here are God's infinite gentleness and shoreless mercy. Side by side with these are God's abhorrence of my iniquity, and His unconquerable justice. He is holy, holy, holy—even in the brightest and sweetest manifestation of His grace. Yet I do not always worship Him "with trembling hope and penitential tears."

Not a day passes, that I am not standing in the courts of His house. Not a place can I visit, where the Spirit of glory and of God may not overshadow me. I pray for tenfold more thoughtfulness and adoration and humility.

Source: Grace Gems <http://www.gracegems.org/>

So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

-Genesis 22:14 (ESV)

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon

Declaring the Glory of God in the New Year

- Rev. Daniel Halley

Scripture Lesson: Romans 1:18-23

Scripture Text: Psalm 19

Theme of Sermon/Worship: *Sin hinders us from communing and glorifying God as we were made to do, but God has given us the Redeemer so that we may truly come to know God.*

Hymns

1. The Spacious Firmament on High, 117
2. The Law of God is Good and Wise, 150
3. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, 194

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods

- Psalm 96:1-4 ESV

*"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