

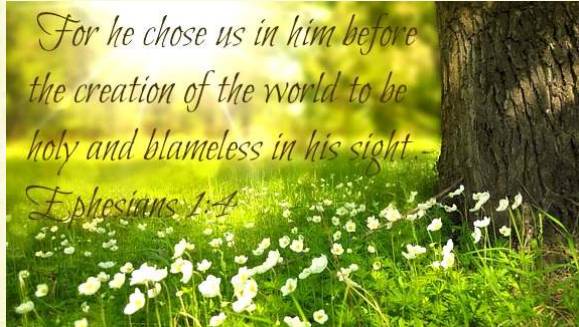


# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

**Week Ending March 18th, 2017**



### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday nights at 7pm, studying *The Weight of Glory* by C.S. Lewis. Contact Margaret Biggs at [missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net) for details. Daytime study meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 12-2, studying *A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything*. Contact Joanie Leake at [j2leake@gmail.com](mailto:j2leake@gmail.com).

**Men's and Boy's Breakfast:** This Saturday, March 18 at 8:30am, join us as we share in food, fellowship, and a study of J. C. Ryle's "Thoughts for Young Men."

**Fellowship Meal this Sunday:** Our monthly fellowship meal will be held at the church building after worship this Lord's Day, March 19. Bring a favorite dish that reminds you of spring!

**Locust Street Film Night:** Join us Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (6pm for dinner, film at 7 pm) as we view and discuss Orson Welles' famous "Citizen Kane" (1941). A great and influential film, with relevance for today!

**Robert John Manser (1938-2017):** Our kind and merciful Lord Jesus took our brother Bob home on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He no longer suffers, but sees His Savior face to face. A memorial service will be held at 11am on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Bethel OPC in Leesburg.

**Adult Sunday School Class:** Enjoy a new series studying the Westminster Confession of Faith at 9:30am before worship throughout the rest of the year.

**Latin Camp:** Dr. David Noe, OP elder and professor of Classics at Calvin College, is organizing a Latin camp at Machen Center July 31 - August 5 for ages 14 -18. See <http://www.latinperdiem.com/tusculum17/> for details.

**Congregational Memory Verses 2017:** Our memory verses for this year as a congregation will be Numbers 23:19 and John 14:13-14. Meditate on these promises of God for us as His people!

**Reading Bible this Year:** For help in reading through the Bible this year for yourself and/or with family, see [mcheyne.info](http://mcheyne.info) for a bible reading plan and [readscripture.org](http://readscripture.org) for overviews of sections in the Bible.

**Catechism Memorization:** Your pastor and elders encourage everyone to memorize and/or review the Shorter Catechism. Enjoy Pastor Biggs' commentary on the Shorter Catechism in the Shepherd's Voice.

**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.

*"I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously...  
The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him."*

**-Exodus 15:2**

*From Your Pastor*  
**“The Spirit of Holiness”**

*“...Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and blameless before him...” (Ephesians 1:4)*

When the Eternal Son of God—the One who is eternally begotten, not made, who is very God of very God—became man, He took to Himself our nature, conceived by the Holy Spirit, from the substance of Mary (Luke 1:31-35). It is hard for us to understand, but the Scriptures teach that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of God’s people, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures (human and divine), and one Person forever (see question 21 of the Shorter Catechism). This means that while the Eternal Son did not change in His Being or substance or power as God in the Incarnation (Heb. 1:1-3), by assuming our nature into permanent hypostatic (personal) union with Himself, He did become something He was not before, namely man (Heb. 2:14-18; 4:16-18). As our Redeemer, Jesus Christ serves as our Mediator, and we must seek to honor the One Person, and acknowledge properly and biblically the two natures, of Christ.

*How does the Spirit’s work on Jesus Christ, God-Man, help us understand our holiness before God that we find in our dear Savior?*

The ministry of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus Christ has tremendous implications for believers’ holiness in Christ (Psa. 133; Isa. 61:1ff). As a man, he was our representative in permanent, personal union with the Eternal Son of God, and He had to perform perfect obedience before God as man. The Spirit of God that Jesus received from the Father is the same Spirit that the Father and the Son have sent to be within His people. What the Holy Spirit helped Jesus to do—live by faith, resist temptation, endure by grace, be a faithful servant, be comforted in affliction, etc—is what the Spirit still does for God’s people united to Jesus as their sanctification (1 Cor. 1:30). This is the grace we speak of when we say that we do all things for Christ “because of His grace,” “by His grace,” “through His grace,” “in light of His grace,” etc. The grace is particularly the “grace of the Lord Jesus Christ” given to us by God’s Spirit to enable us (although sinful) to make progress in obedience and holiness (we are saved by faith alone but not a grace that is alone; we are saved to be holy and obedient unto God, Eph. 1:3-5, 2:10; Phil. 1:6, 2:12-13).

Next week we will consider more fully the twofold mission of the Triune God to secure the salvation of God’s people: 1) The sending of the Eternal Son by His Father to become man and to perform and accomplish as Mediator of God’s people all of the acts of obedience unto death as Prophet, Priest and King; 2) The sending of the Eternal Spirit by the Father and Jesus the Enthroned King at God’s right hand to His people to enable them to follow Him in obedience, suffering, and holiness until they would meet safely in heaven and behold the Son face to face.

*“We have not the Holy Spirit immediately from God, but we have Him as sanctifying Christ first [not from sin, but consecrating him as man to the Father’s will], and then us, and whatsoever the Holy Spirit does in us, He does the same in Christ first, and He does it in us, because of Christ.”*

**-Richard Sibbes**

# THIS LORD'S DAY

## Sermon

### *“Trinitarian Thanksgiving”*

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

**Scripture Lesson: Romans 11:33-36; John 13:34-35**

**Scripture Text: Colossians 1:3-8**

**Theme of Sermon/Worship: *All glory and praise to the Triune God for His saving and sanctifying grace in the Church!***

## Hymns

1. Lord, My Weak Thought in Vain Would Climb, 109
2. All Glory Be to Thee, Most High, 102
3. Holy, Holy, Holy, 100

## Questions

- What is the tone of the Apostle's Paul's opening words to this congregation at Colossae? Does this sound like the tone you use when speaking or writing to other brothers and sisters in the faith?
- How are the Colossians specifically being changed? What has changed them, and continues to change them?
- How has the congregation's life been made public to others?
- How does God use ministers in the life of the congregation from this passage? How is the minister particularly described? What does this teach you about God's ministers and servants?

*“Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters;  
yet your footprints were unseen.”*

**-Psalm 77:19**