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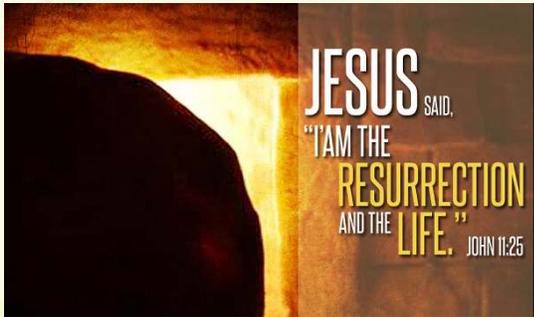


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending April 15th, 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: The daytime study meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm, studying the book of Ruth with Paul Miller's interactive study "A Loving Life". Contact Joanie Leake at j2leake@gmail.com for details. The evening study meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7-9pm (taking a break in June & July). A study of biblical friendship with Ed Welch's "Side by Side" will begin in August. Contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net.

Men's and Boy's Breakfast: On Saturday, April 22nd at 8:30am, join us as we share in food, fellowship, and a study of J. C. Ryle's "Thoughts for Young Men."

Locust Street Film Night: Join us on April 21st for the first ever LSFN screening and discussion of David Lean's masterpiece 'Lawrence of Arabia;' dinner at 6pm followed by the film at 7pm.

Evening Worship: We continue our Gospel of John series in the evening service this Lord's Day, April 9th at 6pm, with fellowship dinner afterward.

Ashburn Saints Reunion: On the afternoon of April 26th, join us for a Bible study over in Ashburn with the "Ashburn Saints." Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to crbiggs@comcast.net if you plan to come. Time to be announced.

Good Friday Service: Join us at the KCPC church building at 7pm this Friday, April 14th for a joint worship service and celebration of the Lord's Supper with our sister congregation, Potomac Hills PCA!

Home Fellowship: This Lord's Day, April 16th, is our monthly fellowship meal; join us after morning worship at the Millers' home in Lovettsville.

Pastor Biggs' Sabbatical: May 29th-July 23rd: Pastor Biggs will be completing his seminary degree and being refreshed by God's grace and will be unavailable during this time. Please seek an elder's help if it is needed. We will have some wonderful, godly guest preachers from our presbytery during this time.

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!

Boardwalk Chapel Evangelism Trip: Begin praying and preparing now for July 29-Aug. 5. Pastors Flora, Brooking, Biggs and Proctor are taking a group this year. Be on the lookout for an email from Pastor Flora with details on the preparatory meetings.

"He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs."

-Hebrews 1:3-4

“The Resurrection and the Life”

John MacDuff

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "I am the resurrection, and the life! He who believes in Me, though he were dead — yet shall he live!" — John 11:25

What a voice is this breaking over a world which for thousands of years has been a dormitory of sin and death! For so many of these years, heathendom could observe no light through the bars of the grave; her oracles were speechless on the great doctrine of a future state, and more especially regarding the body's resurrection. Even the Jewish Church, under the Old Testament dispensation, seemed to enjoy little more than fitful and uncertain glimmerings, like men groping in the dark! It required death's great Abolisher to show to a benighted world the luminous "path of life." With Him rested the "bringing in of a better hope" — the unfolding of "the mystery which had been hidden from ages and generations." Marvelous disclosure! that this mortal frame, decomposed and resolved into its original dust — shall yet rise from its ashes, remodeled and reconstructed, "a glorified body!" Not like "the earthly tabernacle" (a mere shifting and movable tent, as the word denotes) — but incorruptible — immortal! The beautiful transformation of the butterfly from its embryo state — the buried seed springing up from its tiny grave to the full-eared corn or gorgeous flower — these are nature's mute utterances as to the possibility of this great truth, which required the unfoldings of "a more sure word of prophecy."

But the Gospel has fully revealed what Reason, in her loftiest imaginings, could not have dreamt of! Jesus "has brought life and immortality to light!" He, the Bright and Morning Star, has "turned the shadow of death — into the morning!" He gives, in His own resurrection, the pledge of that of His people — He is the first-fruits of the immortal harvest yet to be gathered into the garner of Heaven! Precious truth! This "word of Jesus" spans like a celestial rainbow the entrance to the dark valley. Death is robbed of its sting! In the case of every child of God, the grave holds in custody precious dust, because it is redeemed! Do not talk of it as being committed to an earthly tomb! It is locked up, rather, in the casket of God until the day "when He makes up His jewels," when it will be fashioned in deathless beauty like unto the glorified body of the Redeemer! Angels, meanwhile, are commissioned to keep watch over it, until the trumpet of the archangel shall proclaim the great "resurrection of creation." They are the "reapers," waiting for the world's great "Harvest Home," when Jesus Himself shall come again — not as He once did, humiliated and in sorrow — but rejoicing in the thought of bringing back all His redeemed sheaves with Him!

Afflicted and bereaved Christian! — you who may be mourning in bitterness over those who have died — rejoice through your tears, in these hopes "full of immortality." The silver cord is only "loosed," not broken. Perchance, as you stand in the chamber of death, or by the brink of the grave — in the depths of that awful solitude and silence which reigns around — this may be your plaintive and mournful soliloquy, "Shall the dust praise You?" Yes, it shall! This very dust shall through eternity praise its redeeming God — it shall proclaim His truth! **"Lord, to whom shall we go but to You; You have the words of eternal life."**

"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

“Woman, Why Are You Weeping?”

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: John 19:28-20:10

Scripture Text: John 20:11-23

Theme of Sermon/Worship: *The Lord Jesus Christ invites His Beloved into the joy of resurrection fellowship with Him.*

Hymns

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, 277

Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem, 271

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done, 275

Questions

- Read John 20:11-23. List as many ways as you can find in this passage that Jesus demonstrates compassion and love to His disciples. Worship Him!
- Children: How has a new day dawned in this passage? (not just the 1st day of the week, but the first day of forever!)
- How does Jesus address Mary, and how does Mary address Jesus? What does this teach you about following Jesus? Serve Him!
- How might you see a new Humanity being revealed in this passage? Live rejoicing in Him!

“He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”

-Colossians 1:18b-20