



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending April 29th, 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. For more information, contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net.

New Members: Praise God for bringing the du Plessis family to be a part of our congregation! They will be received into membership this Sunday, April 30th.

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 are thankful and pleased to welcome Rev. Steve Brown, Rev. Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn, and Ministerial Licentiate Mr. Zachary Simmons to the KCPC pulpit while Pastor Biggs is out of town.

Deacon's Offering: We will take a special offering for the Deacon's Fund on Sunday, May 7th.

Prayer Meeting: We have the privilege of gathering for prayer and fellowship at 6 pm on the first Sunday of the month, May 7th.

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.

"God has stooped so low, He has condescended to enter into terms of covenant with us. Now, the foundation of this covenant is, that God will be our God, and give us grace and glory, and all good in Christ, the mediator of a new covenant. Christ is the foundation of the covenant, the mediator of the covenant, a friend to both: to God as God, to man as man, God and man in Himself and by office. His office to procure love and agreement between God and man."

-Richard Sibbes

“Jesus’ Loving Care”

Charles Spurgeon

“The Lord takes pleasure in His people.” Psalm 149:4

How comprehensive is the love of Jesus! There is no part of His people's interests which He does not consider, and there is nothing which concerns their welfare which is not important to Him. Not merely does He think of you, believer, as an immortal being—but as a mortal being too. Do not deny it or doubt it: "The very hairs of your head are all numbered." It would be a sad thing for us—if this mantle of love did not cover all our concerns, for what mischief might be wrought to us—in that part of our business which did not come under our gracious Lord's inspection!

Believer, rest assured that the heart of Jesus cares about your smaller affairs.

The breadth of His tender love, is such that you may resort to Him in all matters; for as a father pities his children—so does He pity you. The smallest interests of all His saints—are all borne upon the broad bosom of the Son of God. Oh, what a heart is His, that does not merely comprehend the salvation of His people—but comprehends also, all their diverse and innumerable concerns!

Do you think, O Christian, that you can *measure* the love of Christ? Think of what His love has brought you—justification, adoption, sanctification, eternal life! The riches of His goodness are unsearchable; you shall never be able to *tally* them—or even *conceive* them. Oh, the breadth of the love of Christ! Shall such a love as this have *half* our hearts? Shall it have a *cold* love in return? Shall Jesus' marvelous loving-kindness and tender care—meet with but faint response and tardy acknowledgment? O my soul, tune your harp to a glad song of thanksgiving! Go to your rest rejoicing, for you are no desolate wanderer—but a beloved child, watched over, cared for, supplied, and defended by your Lord!

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” -Romans 8:38-39

“Christ is the foundation of the covenant of grace, by His humiliation and by His exaltation, whereof the resurrection was the first degree. Now, in this as in other covenants, there is the party promising, making the covenant, and the parties that answer the covenant. God promises everlasting forgiveness of sins, through the death of Christ, the mediator. We answer by faith, that we rely upon God's mercy in Christ... We lay hold on Christ that does save us.”

-Richard Sibbes

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon

“Living the Cross-Centered Life”

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Romans 2:28-29; 6:1-7

Scripture Text: Colossians 2:6-15

Theme of Sermon/Worship: *Believers receive Christ by faith and they are to learn to walk in union with Him by faith, keeping their eyes on the cross of Christ where they have died, been forgiven of all their sins, and raised to newness of life in Him.*

Hymns

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art, 168

As When the Hebrew Prophet Raised, 506

A Parting Hymn We Sing, 431

Questions

- Read Colossians 2:6-14. Children: How do we receive Christ? How are we established in Christ?
- Why must we be constantly on our guard against deception as Christians?
- What does it mean that the “fullness of God” dwells bodily in Christ? (Col. 2:9-10). Why should this be some of the greatest news you have ever heard? How might you apply this truth to your heart each day?
- Have you been circumcised? Have you been baptized? How should these external signs help you to understand the inner reality of Christ’s Spirit and work in you? (cf. Col. 1:27).
- What did Christ specifically do on the cross for believers (see Col. 2:14-15)?

“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened...”

-Ephesians 1:16-18a