



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending June 10th, 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.

Guest Pastor: We are blessed to hear Rev. Jim Stastny bring us the Word this Lord's Day, June 11th.

Pastor Biggs' Sabbatical: From May 29th to 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.

No Evening Service June 11th.

Suggestions for Summer Reading: If you have time to read on how KCPC (that's you!) might be more faithful in our counter-cultural, Gospel witness before the world, Pastor Biggs suggests James Davidson Hunter's *'To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World'*, and Rod Dreher's *'The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation'*. If you can read both books, Pastor Biggs recommends Hunter first. Much of what these two authors helpfully encourage is what we have been seeking to live out as a congregation now for almost 15 years. Not everything in the books is recommended; read discerningly, taking time to digest, pray, and meditate on gospel truth.

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!

*"They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion...
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly."*

-Psalm 84:7, 11

“Sanctifying Grace, As Well As Pardoning Mercy” from “Every Day” (1872), unknown author

“You shall call His name Jesus--for He shall save His people from their sins!” Matthew 1:21

Jesus! Precious name, how sweet it is! How well it befits Him who bears it--and how glorious is the salvation which He accomplishes!

Misery is the natural consequence of sin. Everything that God enjoins is good--and everything that He forbids is evil. Jesus saves His people from their *sins*--and so saves them from *misery*. He *died* to atone for transgressions. He ever *lives* to save His people from the *power* and *practice* of sin--yes, and eventually from the very *presence* of sin.

My soul, let your whole trust be in Jesus, not only for deliverance from guilt and its consequences--but from sin in its manifold workings. You are powerless against your inward corruptions--but Jesus is “mighty to save.” He can subdue your iniquities. Trust Him then, for ***sanctifying grace, as well as pardoning mercy!***

Dwell much on all He did and suffered for you. In His agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and on the cross at Calvary--see something of the exceeding sinfulness of your sins, from which He died to save you.

“He will subdue our iniquities--and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea!” Micah 7:19

Jesus' blood, for sinners spilt,
Shows my sin in all its guilt.
Ah, my soul, He bore your load,
You have slain the Lamb of God!

Farewell, world--your gold is dross!
Now I see the bleeding cross!
Jesus died to set me free,
From the law, and sin, and thee!

“For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”

-Isaiah 30:15

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon

“See the Father’s Glory”

- Pastor Jim Stastny



Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-10

Scripture Text: Ephesians 1:3-6

Theme of Sermon: *The role of God the Father in salvation.*

Hymns

Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord, 16

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above, 4

O Father, You Are Sovereign, 75



*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual
blessing in the heavenly places...”*

-Ephesians 1:3

*“Christ and a dungeon, Christ and a cross, is infinitely sweeter
than a crown without Christ.”*

-John Owen