



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending July 29, 2017



Thank you, from Pastor Charles, Miss Margaret, Elisabeth, and Esther: We were baptized in deep Christian love when we returned from sabbatical. Thank you for the cards, gifts, and sweet encouragements from all of you. We are grateful to grow and serve Christ together with you!

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!

Sunday Evening: No gathering on this 5th Sunday of the month.

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 will meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7-9pm starting August 1st. A study of biblical friendship with Ed Welch's *Side by Side*. For more information, contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net.

Coming Soon Fall 2017:

***Men's and Boy's Breakfast** in September, beginning study on *The Puritan Option* (seeking maturity in Christ as a counter-cultural-kingdom people). Study is based on a critical appreciation and evaluation of both James Davison Hunter's *To Change the World* and Dreher's *The Benedict Option*.

***Sermon Series on 'Book of Samuel'** beginning. Pray for our reception of the truths of this series.

***Ashburn Saints Bible Study** starting up again weekly at Winger House, details forthcoming.

***Calvin's 'Institutes of Christian Religion'** Join us this school year, starting September 8, at the church building at 7:30am each Friday morning as Pastor Biggs guides us through a study on Calvin's most important book. Sign up here: <http://providenceprep.net/adjunct-theology-course-2017-2018.html> or talk to Cheryl Turner.

Suggestions for Summer Reading: 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*. Not everything in the books is recommended; read discerningly, taking time to digest, pray, and meditate on gospel truth.

Congregational Memory Verses 2017:

God is not man, that he should lie,
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.
Has he said, and will he not do it?

Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

~Numbers 23:19

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

~John 14:13-14.

Meditate on these promises of God for us as His people!

*"Predestination teaches God's people we will never lose our faith,
and providence teaches that we will never lose our way."*

- J. Calvin

From Your Pastor **Gentleness ~ Part I**

Charles R. Biggs

Gentleness is having the tone and the touch of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus speaks of himself He's gentle and lowly in heart. And He calls believers to learn from Him.

Jesus says: “**...Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls**” (Matt. 11:29; cf. 1 Cor. 10:1). We are called as Christians to be like Christ in our gentleness. To walk worthy of our calling as a follower of Jesus is to walk “with all humility and *gentleness, with patience*, bearing with one another in love...” (Eph. 4:2). Gentleness in tone and touch is a visible sign that one's heart is at rest and calm under the influence of Christ's grace.

We live in a rude culture of hostility and anger and vindictiveness and general unkindness. Christian gentleness can be an important response to this kind of behavior. In fact, gentleness by Christ's grace may be the most effective and influential way of bringing change in our culture today.

How could Christians live influentially and effectively in the culture today, particularly in a time of confusion over sexual identity and name-calling in politics? Gentleness.

What could be our answer to aggressive driving? Gentleness.

What could be our response to rushed and rudeness? Gentleness.

What could cause those who perceive that Christians are unloving to listen to our Gospel? Gentleness.

What could be our answer to “pushy”? Gentleness.

What could be our answer to a sarcastic remark? Gentleness.

What could be our answer to those we may disagree with? Gentleness in tone and touch. Specifically, “**speaking the truth in love**” (Eph. 4:15).

Imagine that we could as Christians say with King David “**...Your gentleness made me great**” (2 Sam. 22:35-36) in the midst of a hostile and rude culture. This is the godly influence that could be useful to us as the Church.

A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’

~Malachi 1:6

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon

See the Spirit's Glory
– Rev. James Stastny

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 44:1-5

Scripture Text: Ephesians 1:13-14

Theme of Sermon: *The Role of God the Spirit in Salvation*

Hymns

101 – Come, Thou Almighty King

340 – Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell

529 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.*
~Jeremiah 17:7-8

*Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement
of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.*
~2 Corinthians 7:1