

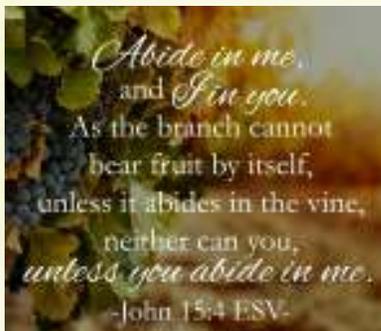


# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

*Week Ending October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



**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](mailto:j2leake@gmail.com) for details. The evening study meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7-9pm, enjoying a study of biblical friendship with Ed Welch's *Side by Side*. For more information, contact Margaret Biggs at [missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net).

**Reformation Day Service:** Join us and our sister congregation at Bethel OPC in Leesburg this Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for our 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary Reformation Day service; pastors Biggs, Hammond, Proctor, and VanDelden will preach on "The Attributes of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Come early at 5:30pm for a German-themed dinner (feel free to bring a side or dessert!); RSVP to [administrator@bethelpres.com](mailto:administrator@bethelpres.com).

**Men's and Boy's Breakfast:** On Saturday, Nov. 18th at 8:30am, we will continue studying Christian life in cultural context, discussing "The Benedict Principle."

**New Members Class:** Your pastor and elders will be offering a class for all of those who might be interested in joining Ketocin Covenant Presbyterian Church beginning Lord's Day, January 14, 2018. There will be 5-6 classes held during the 9:30am Sunday school hour going over the five membership vows and the helpful book *Presbytopia: What It Means to be Presbyterian*. If you are interested in taking this class, please email Pastor Biggs at [crbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:crbiggs@comcast.net) by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Recommended Resources:** Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn's Westminster Assembly Project makes available writings by and about the Assembly members at [westminsterassembly.org](http://westminsterassembly.org). Lectures from the recent Reforming Families Conference are on [sermonaudio.com/kcpc](http://sermonaudio.com/kcpc).

**Pastor/Elder Family Visitation:** Your pastor and elders will be seeking to schedule in-home family visits for pastoral care and prayer over the next several months. Let us know at any time how we can best serve you as your shepherd-elders.

**Winter/Spring 2018 Sunday School:** Our beloved deacons will teach on the nature of the Diaconate and how we can show Christ-like compassion through our service and stewardship of God's good gifts in our congregation and community. Pastor Biggs will teach a class on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

*"And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

**-1 Thessalonians 5:14-18**

*From Your Pastor*  
**“500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation:  
Calvin on the Benefits of Union with Jesus Christ”**  
*Charles R. Biggs*

*“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”*  
-John 15:4-5

“If we seek salvation, we are taught by the very name of Jesus that it is ‘of Him’ (1 Cor. 1:30). If we seek any other gifts of the Spirit, they will be found in His anointing. If we seek strength, it lies in His dominion; if purity, in His conception; if gentleness, it appears in His birth. For by His birth He was made like us in all respects (Heb. 2:17) that He might learn to feel our pain (Heb. 5:2).

If we seek redemption, it lies in His passion; if acquittal, in His condemnation; if remission of the curse, in His cross (Gal. 3:13); if satisfaction, in His sacrifice; if purification, in His blood; if reconciliation, in His descent into hell; if mortification of the flesh, in His tomb; if newness of life, in His resurrection; if immortality, in the same; if inheritance of the Heavenly Kingdom, in His entrance into heaven; if protection, if security, if abundant supply of all blessings, in His Kingdom; if untroubled expectation of judgment, in the power given Him to judge.

In short, since rich store of every kind of goods abounds in Him, let us drink our fill from this fountain, and from no other.”

Amen.

*“Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.”*  
-Psalm 90:14

*“For I believe I have so embraced the sum of religion in all its parts, and have arranged it in such an order, that if anyone rightly grasps it, it will not be difficult for him to determine what he ought especially to seek in Scripture, and to that end he ought to relate its contents.”*  
-John Calvin

# THIS LORD'S DAY

## Sermon

### *“Heavy”*

-Rev. Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:13-18; Psalm 32:1-5; Luke 2:8-14

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 5-7 (various verses)

#### Theme of Sermon:

*Who can stand in God's awesome and holy presence?  
How can sinful man stand in God's presence?*

## Hymns

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, 198

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, 58

As when the Hebrew Prophet Raised, 506

## Questions for Meditation/Reflection

- *Children: Read 1 Samuel 5-6. What words or ideas are repeated? Based on this, how would you summarize the chapters in your own words?*
- *Based on previous sermons or from your own bible knowledge, what did the Ark of the Covenant represent for the people of God? What was its primary purpose in the life of the church of the Old Testament?*
- *How do chapters 5 and 6 of 1 Samuel reveal that God is the King of all kings and Lord of all lords, the very God of all the gods (cf. Philippians 2:5-11)?*
- *When God's presence is made known, how should human beings respond? How should all spiritual beings respond (cf. 1 Chronicles 16:23-34; 2 Chronicles 6:40-7:3; Isaiah 6:1-13; Hebrews 12:22-29)?*

*“What are God's works of providence? God's works of providence are His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures and all their actions.”*

-Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 11