



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

*Week Ending December 16, 2017*



### This Week's Activities

#### Friday, December 15:

**6pm: Locust Street Film Night pizza dinner:** Please RSVP to Grace Weitz ([gcweitz@gmail.com](mailto:gcweitz@gmail.com))

**7pm: Locust Street Film Night movie:** Jacques Tourneur's "Stars In My Crown," hosted by Bill Domanski.

#### Saturday, December 16:

**8:30am: Men's and Boys' Breakfast:** please bring a breakfast food to share.

**10:30am - 12:30: Calling all bakers!** Everyone is invited to a cookie making party at the church. We will be making, decorating, baking and packaging cookies to give out in the community the following evening during our annual Christmas Caroling. If you have any questions, contact Margaret Biggs ([missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net)) or Joanie Leake ([j2leake@gmail.com](mailto:j2leake@gmail.com))

**Evening: 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, December 17:

**9:30am: KCPC Family Meeting:** We will gather as a congregation for an informal family meeting during our regular Sunday school hour. You will hear brief reports from your pastor, elders, deacons, and will have time to ask your questions and voice any concerns you may have. Please make an effort to attend if you're able.

**5pm: Christmas Caroling in Purcellville:** We will gather to sing carols around town, handing out cookies and invitations to KCPC.

**6pm: Annual Christmas fellowship supper!** Please bring a dish to share.

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**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.

**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 new evening study will begin January 16<sup>th</sup>, studying Ecclesiastes using Zack Eswine's book *Recovering Eden*. For more information, contact Margaret Biggs at [missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net).

**New Members Class:** Starting Sunday, Jan. 14' 5-6 classes during the Sunday School hour for those interested in joining KCPC, covering the five membership vows and more. If you are interested, please email Pastor Biggs at [crbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:crbiggs@comcast.net) by *this Friday, Dec. 15.*

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

*"Every grace of God is the work of the Spirit, for through Him the Father in His Son does all things."*

*- John Calvin*



## *A Biblical Theology of the Incarnation* *“Immanuel: God with Us”*

Pastor Charles R. Biggs

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\* **Image of God** (Gen. 1:26-28; Eph. 4:17-24; cf. Heb. 2:5-18) – In the beginning, God dwelled with man created in His image. Adam was not “God in the flesh” but he was “*like God in the flesh*”, and he enjoyed the “Immanuel presence of God” in the Garden. Man was made in God’s image and given the Holy Spirit (Gen. 2:7; cf. John 20:22), but was not exalted and confirmed in his righteousness through obedience (Ecc. 7:29; cf. Psa. 8; Heb. 2:5ff). Rather, man sinned and rebelled against his good Heavenly Father and Supreme Lord. Man lost the Immanuel presence of God. ***But this was not the end of the story...***

\* **Seed of the Woman** (Gen. 3:15) - Though man brought the curse upon Himself through sin and rebellion against God, tarnishing the image of God upon him, and losing the Holy Spirit, God promised hope for the future. This reveals God’s graciousness and steadfast love toward His own. Though sin has broken the relationship, God would restore the fortunes of His people through grace (Jer. 30:3, 18; Hos. 6:11; Amos 9:14). God would dwell with His people again. God would be “Immanuel”, ***God with us*** again!

\* **Son of Abraham** (Gen. 12) – God promised to be a God to Abraham and His offspring, and to bless the whole world through him (Gen. 12:1ff; 15:1ff; 18:18; 22:18). The Spirit of God would be received in the fullness of the times to be ***God with us*** and to renew the corrupted image of God, and to lead Abraham’s children to their Heavenly Home (Gal. 3:14). Here is an overview of how God’s promise to Abraham is realized through promise over redemptive-history:

**Abraham → Isaac (son of promise) → Jacob/Israel → Judah → Servant of God/Servants of God → God’s church, God’s people, God’s children, True Israel (Gal. 3:16, 26-29; 6:16)**

Through Abraham, God would bring a son through His supernatural working and power. From Abraham would come Isaac (“Laughter” that God gives to His own because of His power and grace! See Genesis 21:1-6), and Jacob/Israel. From Israel, God would bring forth a servant to redeem Israel from sin and to rescue His people from their enemies (Isaiah 50:4ff; 52-53; Zech. 12:1ff; Luke 1:55, 73).

Continued next week...

***“I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.” – John Wesley***

# THIS LORD'S DAY

## Sermon

### *“Spirit of Christmas Joy and Fear”*

-Rev. Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:37-47; Matthew 2:6-10

Sermon Text: Luke 1:13-17; 2:8-20

## Theme of Sermon

*Christmas Sermon Series:*

*The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit and how He glorified the Father and the Son in the Incarnation.  
Sermon 3: How the Holy Spirit brings deep joy and reverent fear  
as believers reflect upon the Incarnation of the Son of God.*

## Hymns

Once in Royal David's City, 225

All My Heart This Night Rejoices, 217

Joy to the World, 195

## Questions for Meditation/Reflection

- **Children:** Read Luke 1:13-17, 37-47, 2:8-20; Matt. 2:6-10. How do you see the Spirit's work producing both joy and fear in believers?
- How would you define the joy of the LORD and the fear of God? Give biblical support.
- From last week's sermon, what would being “filled with the Spirit” look like? How can this be not less than a feeling, but much more.
- Look up Isaiah 11:1-3; Nehemiah 8:10; Luke 10:21; Acts 8:38, 13:52; Romans 14:17, 15:13; Galatians 5:22; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6. From these scriptures, summarize the truth you learn.
- What are at least three important things that believers can do “in the Holy Spirit”? (Hint: Mark 12:36; Luke 10:21; Heb. 6:4; Jude 1:20)

*“She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).”*

-Matthew 1:21-23