



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending December 30, 2017



Renovations continue under the faithful leadership of the Leakes!

THIS COMING LORD'S DAY DECEMBER 31

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!

Morning worship At 10:30am, KCPC has the privilege of welcoming Pastor Stuart Jones to our pulpit. Come at 10am for fellowship beforehand and to see the progress on renovations!

Sunday Evening There will be no evening service this Sunday, December 31st, as usual on fifth Sundays of the month.

Sunday school will be taking a break until January 14th. Beginning Jan. 14th, our adult Sunday school will have the privilege of a series on Christ's gift of the Diaconate to His church, its nature and ministry, taught by our beloved deacons, Pat Whitmore and Mark Miller. Later in the winter, Pastor Biggs will be teaching a short mini-series on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

Our sermon series on the Books of Samuel will resume on Lord's Day, January 7.

Prayer Meeting: There will be a corporate congregational prayer meeting in the evening of January 7 at 6 pm.

2018: KCPC 15th Anniversary!

Congregational Memory Verse for 2018:

2 Peter 1:5-8: For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 for details. The new evening study will begin January 16th, studying Ecclesiastes using Zack Eswine's book *Recovering Eden*. For more information, contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net.

***Fear not, little flock—
it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!
Luke 12:32***

From Your Pastor

"O SOURCE OF ALL GOOD, What shall I render to thee for the gift of gifts, thine own dear Son, begotten, not created, my Redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute, his self-emptying incomprehensible, his infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders: he came below to raise me above, was born like me that I might become like him.

Herein is love; when I cannot rise to him he draws near on wings of grace, to raise me to himself.

Herein is power; when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart he united them in indissoluble unity, the uncreated and the created.

Herein is wisdom; when I was undone, with no will to return to him, and no intellect to devise recovery, he came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost, as man to die my death, to shed satisfying blood on my behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for me.

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and enlarge my mind; let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore, my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose, my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father; place me with ox, ass, camel, goat, to look with them upon my Redeemer's face, and in him account myself delivered from sin; let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart, embrace him with undying faith, exulting that he is mine and I am his.

In him thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more."

~From *The Valley of Vision*, "Gift of Gifts"

And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

~ Mark 10:26-27

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon

“Kingdom Claims”

-Rev. Stuart Jones

Scripture Lesson: 1 Kings 19:19-21

Sermon Texts: Mark 10:17-31

Hymns

Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming - 221

When I survey The Wondrous Cross - 252

O Sacred Head Now Wounded - 247

“But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Mark 10:31