



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending January 6, 2018



And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

- Acts 4:33 ESV

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THIS COMING LORD'S DAY
January 7, 2018

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 Pastor Biggs returns, resuming our sermon series on the Books of Samuel. Come at 10am for fellowship beforehand and to see the progress on renovations!

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting There will be a corporate congregational prayer meeting in the evening at 6 pm.

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.

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.



2018: KCPC 15th Anniversary Congregational Memory Verse

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.

***The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed.
1 Samuel 2:10b***

From Your Elders

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(J.C. Ryle, "The Gospel of Luke" 1858), from Grace Gems

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

Let us mark what a gracious word of consolation this passage contains for all true believers. The Lord Jesus well knew the hearts of His disciples. He knew how ready they were to be filled with fears of every description:

fears because of the fewness of their number,
fears because of the multitude of their enemies,
fears because of the many difficulties in their way,
fears because of their sense of weakness and unworthiness.

He answers these many fears with a single golden sentence, "Fear not, little flock--it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!"

Believers are a "little flock." They always have been, ever since the world began.

Professing Christians, have sometimes been very many.

Baptized people at the present day, are a great company.

But true Christians, have always been very few.

It is foolish to be surprised at this. It is vain to expect that it will be otherwise. Our Lord has plainly told us, "But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life--and only a few find it." Matthew 7:14

All true believers have a glorious "kingdom" awaiting them! Here upon earth--they are often mocked, and ridiculed, and persecuted--and, like their Master, despised and rejected by men. But "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us!" "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear--then shall you also appear with Him in glory!"

Believers are tenderly loved by God the Father. It is His good pleasure to give them the kingdom. He does not receive them grudgingly, unwillingly or coldly. He rejoices over them, as members of His beloved Son in whom He is well pleased. He regards them as His dear children in Christ. He sees no spot in them. Even now, when He looks down on them from Heaven, in the midst of their infirmities--He is well pleased. And hereafter, when presented before His glory--He will welcome them with exceeding joy! Jude 24

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***I will raise up for myself a faithful priest,
who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind.
~ 1 Samuel 2:35***

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon:
"Anointed"

Rev. Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon:

The LORD equips and empowers His king to be
prince-leader over His people.

Scripture Lessons: 1 Samuel 2:10, 35; Acts 4:24-33;
1 John 2:20, 27

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 10

Hymns

This is My Father's World - 111
Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power - 300
Jesus Shall Reign - 441

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