

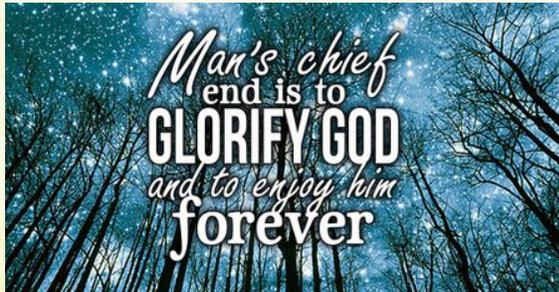


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC's 15th Anniversary Celebration

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

Week Ending February 24th, 2018



Congregational Memory Verse for 2018—KCPC's 15th anniversary! "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." -2 Peter 1:5-8

Prepare for worship by spending 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!

Monthly fellowship meal this Lord's Day at the church building after morning worship; if you are able, please stay afterward to help move furniture from the fellowship hall to the sanctuary as we prepare for the installation of new flooring!

Men's and boy's breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 8:30-10am. We will continue to discuss Rod Dreher's *The Benedict Option*; this month we will focus on living a counter-cultural-kingdom Christian life in our sexuality, drawing from ch. 9: "Eros and the New Christian Counterculture."

Adult Sunday school class this Lord's Day, Feb. 25th, will be on the inspiration of Scripture, taught by Pastor John Garissi. Beginning Mar. 4, Pastor Biggs will teach a mini-series on the Holy Spirit that will continue through the beginning of May.

Missions March will begin Sunday, Mar. 4th at 6pm with a time of prayer together for our missionaries. We are pleased to have our OPC Missions Ambassador, Pastor Steve Doe, give KCPC an update on worldwide missions on the 11th; on the 18th we will welcome Rev. Josiah Walters, missionary to Chad, to give a presentation on his translation work.

A Good Friday service will be held at KCPC on Friday, Mar. 30th together with our sister congregation, Potomac Hills PCA.

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 meet in the daytime on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm, beginning a new study on Feb. 27th using William W. Harrell's *Let's Study 1st Peter* (contact Joanie Leake at j2leake@gmail.com for details), and in the evening on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm, studying Ecclesiastes using Zack Eswine's book *Recovering Eden* (for more information, contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net).

"Our heart is resolved on this: nothing will happen that God has not ordained... Convinced that nothing happens by chance but that all things are determined by God's providence, the Christian will in his thinking always regard God as the principal cause of every event."

-John Calvin

From Your Pastor
“The Biblical Importance of Catechizing”

-Rev. Charles R. Biggs


“If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed... Train yourself for godliness.” -1 Tim. 4:6-7

A friendly, pastoral reminder to remember to review and memorize your catechism this year! I especially encourage parents and officers to go through the Westminster Shorter Catechism as a helpful and important reminder of what you believe. “Catechize” comes from a Greek word that means to teach or instruct; it is part of covenantal nurture in the faith, for adults and especially children in the covenant. Why should you catechize yourself and your family?

Meditation/Nurture of Your Soul: Good catechisms, like the Westminster Shorter Catechism, teach Scriptural truth that we are called to remember and meditate upon day and night (Deut. 6:6-7; 11:18-19; Psalm 1; Eph. 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:15—Catechizing helped bring Timothy to faith in Christ!).

Jesus was Catechized: Jesus sought to understand the Scriptures, sitting at the feet of His teachers, learning from an early age how to understand and interpret them (Luke 2:40-52). If Jesus needed to be catechized, how much more... Well, you get the idea! Jews were catechized from the law (Rom. 2:18).

Jesus Catechized: Between Jesus’ resurrection and ascension into heaven, He catechized His disciples with the truth about His Kingdom (Luke 1:44-53; Acts 1:1-4; cf. Luke 1:4). Jesus is also teaching catechism when He says that disciples should be receiving constant instruction (Matt. 28:20a).

Early Believers Were Catechized: Luke knew Theophilus had been catechized (Luke 1:4). The great Apollos had been catechized in the Scriptures (Acts 18:25).

Better Hearing and Understanding of Sermons: Catechism helps you to understand rich, theological words inherited from our forefathers and foremothers in the faith. Catechism honors our fathers and mothers in this way. Those who “get” sermons the best in the Reformed tradition of preaching are those who are catechized (see Nehemiah 8:8 and context).

Membership Commitments/Parental Responsibility: As a congregation in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, catechism is a very important means of covenantal nurture: “Do you promise to teach diligently to [name of child] the principles of our holy Christian faith, revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and summarized in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church?” If you’re a member of the OPC, you have vowed to do this in reliance upon God’s grace in Christ.

Meditation on Scripture: While you seek to be faithful in catechism, do not neglect to read, memorize, and meditate upon Scripture. Biblical truth is the foundation on which we build faithful catechism. Meditation on Scripture is the parent of prayer and the care and ministry of others.

There are free copies of the Shorter Catechism available in the front of church building, and it is included at the back of the Red Trinity Hymnals. Let me know if I can assist you in your pursuit of catechizing, and if more copies need to be purchased. Let’s begin now! Ketocin Covenant, “what is the chief end of man?” Answer: “_____” Now see, that wasn’t too difficult. Meditate on your answer today, and in Christ, you will be blessed; it is a promise of God (Psa. 1:1-3)!

“Jesus has many lovers of His heavenly kingdom, but few actually carry His cross. He has many who like consolation; few desire tribulation. Many wish to feast with Him; few want to fast with Him. All want to rejoice with Him; few will endure for Him. Many follow Jesus to break bread; few follow to drink His cup of sorrow. Many respond to His miracles; few share the disgrace of His cross. Many love Jesus with this provison: no adversities.”

-Thomas a Kempis

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon:

“David”

-Rev. Charles R. Biggs



Theme of Sermon:

At the heart of the Book of Samuel is revealed the man after God's own heart: the royal anointed king of God's own choosing who needs no introduction.

Scripture Lesson:

Ruth 4:18-22; 1 Samuel 17:12-15; Matthew 1:1; 2 Timothy 2:8

Sermon Text:

1 Samuel 16

Hymns

Crown Him with Many Crowns, 295

Unto My Lord Jehovah Said, 313

My Heart Does Overflow, 169

Questions for Meditation and Preparation

- Read 1 Sam. 16. Why is David a man after God's own heart? Are you a young man or young lady after God's own heart? Why, or why not? Discuss with your family.
- Why does Samuel “grieve” so much over Saul's rejection as king, especially since he never desired it for Israel (see also 1 Sam. 15:35b; 16:1)?
- Compare and contrast Saul and David from what you know about Saul's character and David's character thus far revealed in 1 Samuel.
- If you were to choose a key verse from 1 Samuel 16, what would it be? What does it mean? Shall we put it to memory as a congregation?
- From previous sermons, what does it mean for God to “anoint” a king?

*“A holy violence, a conflict, a warfare, a fight, a soldier's life, a wrestling,
are spoken of as characteristics of the true Christian.”*

-J. C. Ryle