



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 March 10th, 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!

Young Adult Fellowship will be held this Sunday after morning worship; come to the Weitzes' home in Round Hill at 1pm for food and fellowship!

Evening worship this Lord's Day at 6pm; we will continue our series through John and enjoy a fellowship meal together.

Missions March has begun! 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.

Locust Street Film Night on Mar. 16th will feature Preston Sturges' comedic masterpiece "The Lady Eve" (1941). Come enjoy dinner at 6pm and the film at 7pm.

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

Women's Bible studies meet in the daytime on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm, going through 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).

"The Word is the chariot of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit the guider of the Word."
-Stephen Charnock

A Study of the Shorter Catechism
“Worshipping and Imagining God, Part 1”

-Rev. Charles R. Biggs



Question 49: Which is the second commandment? **Answer:** The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

Question 50: What is required in the second commandment? **Answer:** The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in His word.

Question 51: What is forbidden in the second commandment? **Answer:** The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

Question 52: What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment? **Answer:** The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God’s sovereignty over us, His propriety in us, and the zeal He hath to His own worship.

Memory Verses: “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” -Exodus 20:4-6

An Explanation: Worship the true God truly as He has revealed in His truth—this is the design and intent of the Second Commandment. God is sovereign; we are His subjects, His beloved possessions, His very children. In our redemption from slavery to evil and sin, the LORD sets us free to live as we were created to live, acknowledging God as the only true King and worshipping Him as He is pleased to be worshipped. When we focus on the Second Commandment, we are seeking to think God’s thoughts after Him as He has revealed Himself, strictly in submission to His most Holy Word. God tells us not only who He is, but how we are to worship Him. This is for His glory and our good.

Our sovereign Lord and King, our Great God and Savior, created our imaginations. In His redemption, He desires to recapture our imaginations and make them submissive to His Word. In this way, we learn true freedom to think and imagine as God does, to a certain degree. God gives His people this commandment because sin has affected every part of us, marring His good creation. Sin has caused our imaginations to run wild with vain pleasures, pitifully small dreams, lusts, and idolatrous worship. By nature, our imaginations are idol factories, as our forefather John Calvin said. Because of this, God wants us to imagine Him only according to His Word, lest we commit serious idolatry. In worship, the LORD desires for us to avoid what He forbids and to do and practice only what He teaches and commands. This is what we call the “Regulative Principle of Worship.”

“It is the blood of Christ that rends the veil and makes a way into the holy of holies... into the kingdom of heaven; without this blood, there is no access to God; it is only by the blood of Christ that heaven is open to our prayers, and that heaven is open to our persons. This blood is the key that unlocks heaven, and lets in the souls of His redeemed ones!”

-Isaac Ambrose

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon:

“The Lord Loves Zion”

-Rev. Steve Doe



Theme of Sermon:

The church, redeemed from a multitude of places, rejoices in the God who saves her.

Scripture Lesson:

Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon Text:

Psalm 87

Hymns

All People That on Earth Do Dwell, 1
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, 345
Zion, Founded on the Mountains, 436



“Our Lord, teach us to see that our whole salvation and all its parts are comprehended in Christ... If we seek salvation, we are taught by the very name of Jesus that it is ‘of Him’. 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 that He might learn to feel our pain. If we seek redemption, it lies in His passion; if acquittal, in His condemnation; if remission of the curse, in His cross; 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 to Him to judge. In short, since rich store of every kind of good abounds in Him, let us drink our fill from the fountain, and from no other. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.”

-John Calvin, Institutes 2.16.19

***“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