

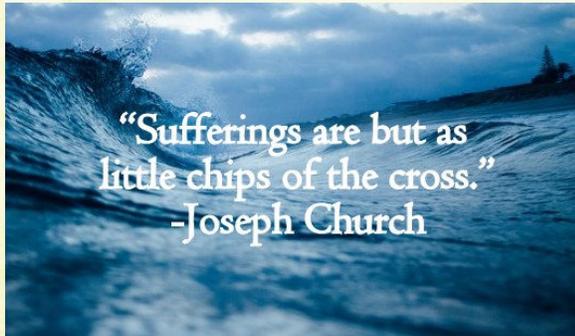


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC's 15th Anniversary Celebration

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

Week Ending March 31st, 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!

No evening prayer meeting this Lord's Day.

YAF is postponed this month due to the first Lord's Day being Easter Sunday.

Missions March may be over, but the mission continues! For more information on outreach and evangelism, please go to www.outwardopc.com; if you are interested in short-term missions, opportunities to consider can be found at <https://www.opcstm.org>.

Lowell Ivey's testimony of God's saving grace can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=38yMUYoX38w; he now pastors Reformation OPC in Virginia Beach.

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

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session for April 8th in order to vote on candidate Bob Trombadore for elder. Bob has completed his training and written and oral exams and has been certified as a candidate by the Session; feel free to speak with him about any questions you may have.

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).

"Holiness is a constellation of graces."

-Thomas Boston

A Study of the Shorter Catechism
“Speaking Well of God, Part 1”

-Rev. Charles R. Biggs

Question 53: Which is the Third Commandment? **Answer:** The Third Commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord they in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

Question 54: What is required in the Third Commandment? **Answer:** The Third Commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.

Question 55: What is forbidden in the Third Commandment? **Answer:** The Third Commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God maketh Himself known.

Question 56: What is the reason annexed to the Third Commandment? **Answer:** The reason annexed to the Third Commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape His righteous judgment.

Memory Verses: “Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!” -Psalm 115:1

An Explanation: Many of us learned this children’s prayer: “God is great; God is good; let us thank Him for our food. By His hands we are fed; thank You, LORD, for daily bread.” This summarizes how to uphold the Third Commandment in reliance upon God’s grace. We are to love God from the heart, acknowledging and honoring His good name, and recognizing His kindness to us. Because God is good, great, wise, and wonderful, and because He is our God, we desire to “give His name glory,” as the Bible says. The Psalms, the Church’s inspired hymnbook, teach us to “speak well of God” (Ps. 5:11; 8:1; 34:1-3; 44:8; 63:4; 86:9; 145:1-2).

God has revealed Himself through His Word so that we can honor Him as His beloved children. We pray: “Hallowed [“holy”] be Your name.” We are called as believers to acknowledge and honor God’s revealed names, titles, and attributes: “Lord Almighty” (2 Cor. 6:18), “YHWH [Faithful Covenant Lord]” (Ex. 3:14-15), “Eternal One” (Ps. 90:2), “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Is. 6:3), “Faithful” (Ps. 31:5), “My God and King” (Ps. 145:1), “True” (Num. 23:19), “JESUS” (Mt. 1), “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” (2 Cor. 13:14), etc. God’s name is the truest, fullest revelation of Himself to us. We must honor the name of our Heavenly Father, Lord, and Master as His children and servants.

Knowing and obeying God’s Word and recognizing His works are part of honoring His name. Ask yourself: “Am I showing signs of apathy toward God’s Word, especially the reading and preaching of it? Am I acknowledging the goodness of God in His providence, in His guiding and directing all things in this world and in my life particularly?” To fail in these things is to break the Third Commandment; let us repent!

We may often attribute God’s providence in our lives to chance, luck, hereditary genius, or mere cause and effect, not gratefully noting answered prayers or recognizing God’s goodness as the ultimate cause of every event. We sometimes question God’s goodness in hard times or rob God of His glory by telling of amazing events in our lives without acknowledging His providence. When we do these things, we break the Third Commandment. Let us take time now to thank God for His mercies!

“Perseverance is that golden clasp which joins grace and glory together.”

-Thomas Fuller

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon:

“Resurrection: the Hope of Cosmic Restoration”

-Rev. Charles Biggs

Theme of Sermon:

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead begins the restoration of mankind and the cosmos now as believers await with hope an everlasting embodied, material blessedness in a new world that we will enjoy with the Triune God throughout eternity!

Scripture Lesson:

Romans 8:15-25; Philippians 3:18-21

Sermon Text:

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Hymns

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, 273

Crown Him with Many Crowns, 295

Shout, For the Blessed Jesus Reigns, 369

Questions for Meditation and Preparation

- Read 1 Cor. 15 (especially verses 35-58). Children: The Apostle Paul describes the resurrection body. What will it be like? Is this how you imagined it? When you think of heaven, how do you imagine it? Contrast this with what the Bible teaches. Similar? Different?
- Compare and contrast the first Adam with the second Adam and the body that is sown with the body that will be resurrected one day (15:40-49).
- Jesus is called a “Life-Giving Spirit” (15:45). What does this mean? Explain in your own words.
- Though we might face death before the return of Christ, is our labor in the Lord vain, or meaningless? Why or why not? (Hint: 15:50-58)
- List practical applications to encourage yourself and family based upon the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

*“Heaven will pay for the loss of anything that we lose to get it,
but nothing can pay for the loss of heaven.”*

-Richard Baxter