



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 15, 2017**

As we continue to do all we can to make our church a safe place for children we ask you to help us by taking your children to the bathroom during the service rather than allowing them to go on their own. And if a trip is necessary, a good time to do this would be while the choir is leaving the choir loft, then you can return with the choir from the rear. We realize that this is a bit of a bother but since we do not have bathrooms in the narthex we think it would be a good and safe practice.

Church membership classes are held periodically for those interested in finding out more about our church and ministry. If you are interested in membership here or just want to know more about us please speak with the pastor.

If you are not on our email prayer chain or our email notification list you may sign up by emailing [office@fifthstreetpca.org](mailto:office@fifthstreetpca.org). To use the prayer chain list just email your requests to [Pray@fifthstreetpca.org](mailto:Pray@fifthstreetpca.org) from the email address you signed up with. Both lists are limited to active attenders of our church so you know who will receive your requests.

Concerning the sadness the saints at Thessalonica had because of the death of loved ones:

“...the Word of God in Holy Scripture praise the sadness we feel at the death of a good friend as quite proper and God-pleasing. St. Paul himself admonishes at the end of this chapter: “Comfort one another.” Does he not thereby indicate that sorrowing, sadness, and lamenting must have been there? But here St. Paul is writing to Christians, who pleased God and had the Holy Spirit. St. Paul does not disapprove of their sadness. They should only see to it that their sorrow is Christian and moderate...”

In October of 1517 Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door at Wittenberg – this year we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of that with some thoughts from him throughout the year.

As you pray please remember:

- Joe and Beverly Kanewske.
- Jim Wroughton-MTW/Wycliff, Peru
- Gideons International
- Fort Worth Presbyterian (PCA).

Who may come to the Lord’s Table? What about someone that has doubts, should they come to the Lord’s Table? Our Larger Catechism answers that question in Question 172 as: “One who has doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he may not be yet assured thereof; and in God’s account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and wholeheartedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to regret his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord’s Supper, that he may be further strengthened.”

Some help from the Larger Catechism for the evening sermon’s look at our prayers for the kingdom of God to come.

What do we pray for in the second petition?

In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come,) acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan, we pray, that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed, the gospel propagated throughout the world, the Jews called, the fullness of the Gentiles brought in; the church furnished with all gospel-officers and ordinances, purged from corruption, countenanced and maintained by the civil magistrate: that the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted: that Christ would rule in our hearts here, and hasten the time of his second coming, and our reigning with him forever: and that he would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of his power in all the world, as may best conduce to these ends.