
A Glance at the Week

Monday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (Zoom)

6:30 pm Small Group (Zoom)

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Looking Ahead

Study in Proverbs: Finding Wisdom & Living Wisely

09/12 - Wisdom: Begins with...

09/19 - What Type of Fool?

09/26 - Wisdom; How to Get it – Tim Keller

10/03 - Haughty Eyes

10/10 - Choosing Our Words

10/17 - Friendship

10/24 - Repairing Relationships

10/31 - Anger

Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
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9:30am Discussion

10:30am Worship

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We are glad you're here!

This is a community which strives to worship and serve God together. Within this community, people freely explore their personal questions about God and the Bible. It's together that we can better learn the breadth and depth of the Gospel and how it works out in our lives. Then, through the grace and hope of the gospel, we serve those in need and work together towards a thriving community.

This program is organized under five headings as described below:

Gathering: We remember God of Creation. The creator is amazing, perfect, powerful, good and is worthy of our worship and praise. This helps center and prepare our hearts for a time of worship.

Confession and Renewal reminds us that this world is not as God originally intended it. We express our grief and sorrow over the brokenness of this world and of our own lives. Our need for grace never goes away, and it is only by faith in Jesus that we can be made right with God. Within these words of renewal we recognize the truth that God's redemption of his people has been accomplished in Jesus.

Thanksgiving is our response to the redemptive plan of God. It is also an opportunity to express our thanks tangibly.

Ministry of the Word is expressed through reading our scripture passage for the day, listening to the Word preached, and responding with words of prayer from the congregation.

The **Benediction** is a good word to be sent out on.

We encourage you to spend some time before the service begins and note how it flows. You are also encouraged to take this bulletin with you to use for personal devotional time throughout the week.

Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 25:17,20; 26:18-19; 27:5-6,9,14,17; 28:23; 29:5

A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for a time of adversity.
One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house —
too much of you, and they will hate you.
Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day,
or like vinegar poured on a wound,
is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.
Like a maniac shooting
flaming arrows of death
is one who deceives their neighbor
and says, "I was only joking!"
Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.
Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses.
Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart,
and the pleasantness of a friend
springs from their heartfelt advice.
If anyone loudly blesses their neighbor early in the morning,
it will be taken as a curse.
As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.
Whoever rebukes a person will in the end gain favor
rather than one who has a flattering tongue.
Those who flatter their neighbors
are spreading nets for their feet.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
A Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

- L God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
~ from Micah 6:8, NIV

**Life in the Body*

Send Out

- L May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
~ based on 2 Corinthians 13:13 [14]

A Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus Christ, there is nothing I can do that would make you love me more, and nothing I have done that makes you love me less. Your presence and approval are all I need for everlasting joy. As you have been to me, so I will be to others. As I pray, I'll measure your compassion by the cross and your power by the resurrection. Amen.

Reflection:

Why did you do all this for me?' he asked. 'I don't deserve it. I've never done anything for you.' 'You have been my friend,' replied Charlotte. 'That in itself is a tremendous thing.'
~ E.B. White, 1899-1985, *Charlotte's Web*

Friendship ... is born at the moment when one man says to another "What! You too? I thought that no one but myself . . ." Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art.... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things which give value to survival.
~ C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow
Don't walk behind me... I may not lead
Walk beside me... just be my friend
~ Albert Camus, 1913-1960, *French Philosopher*

No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow.
~ Alice Walker, 1944- , *Author*

Words are easy, like the wind; Faithful friends are hard to find.
~ William Shakespeare, 1564-1616, *The Passionate Pilgrim*

PRELUDE

A *All Sing: Blessed be the Lord Our God*

Blessed be the Lord, our God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds,
who alone does wondrous deeds.

Blessed be his glorious Name, His glorious Name forever,
and may all be filled with his glory, alleluia!
(Blessed be his glorious name. – 1st time through)
(Amen, amen, Amen, amen! - 2nd time through)

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 47)*

L Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise! For
the Lord Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth.

A *He subdues the nations before us, putting our enemies beneath our feet. He
promises an inheritance.*

L God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with
trumpets blaring. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our
King, sing praises!

A *For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm. God reigns
above the nations, sitting on his holy throne. He is highly honored everywhere.*

Pastoral Prayer

L God Calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our
praise, thanksgiving, and intercession to God.

Open Petition

After each petition the Leader will say:

L Lord in your mercy

A *Hear our prayer. (Response from Congregation)*

~or~

L *Let us Give God Thanks*

A *We give You thanks O Lord.*

L Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be
glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for
ever and ever! Amen. *(Eph 3:20-21)*

The Lord's Table *(Offered 1st Sunday of Month)*

Invitation to the Table

L This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

A *We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our lifegiving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.*

Prayer of Thanks

A *Almighty God, Source of all life and love,
we live in your world, which you are always
creating and sustaining by your power,
You have so made us that we can know and love you,
trust and serve you.*

*We give you thanks, that you loved the world so much
that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him
may not die but have eternal life. Amen.*

Words of institution

L The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Cor 11:23-26, NIV

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Adoration *(followed by Lord's Prayer)*

L All-knowing God,
We gather together with praise and thanksgiving
for who You are, and for all that You have done for us.

You know us better than we know ourselves—
all our thoughts and actions— and yet You love us.

No matter where we go or what we do,
Your love encircles us— ahead and behind—
gently leading and guiding and blessing.
We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives.

May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together:
examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess,
challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life.

For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.
~ Christine Longhurst, based on Psalm 139

A *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen*

All Sing: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



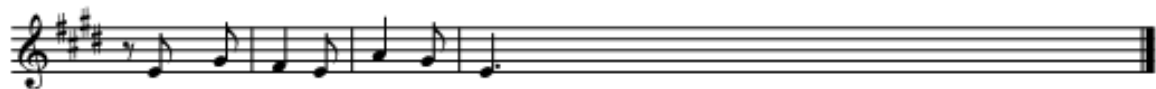
Praise, my soul, the King of heav-en; to his feet thy tri-bute bring;
Praise him for his grace and fa-vor to our fa-thers in dis-tress;
Fa-ther-like, he tends and spares us; well our fee-ble frame he knows;
An-gels, help us to a-dore him; ye be-hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more his prais-es sing:
praise him still the same for ev-er, slow to chide and swift to bless:
in his hand he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be-fore him, dwel-lers all in time and space.



Al-le-lu- - ia, al-le-lu- - ia! Al-le-lu- - ia,



Praise the e-ver-last-ing King
Glo-rious in his faith-ful-ness.
Wide-ly yet his mer-cy flows.
Praise with us the God of grace.

Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the everlasting King!

All Sing: Make Me a Captive Lord



Make me a ca-ptive, Lord, and then I shall be free; force
My heart is weak and poor un-til its mas-ter find; it
My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine; if



me to ren-der up my sword, and I shall con-queror be. I
has no spring of ac-tion sure, it var-ies with the wind. It
it would reach a mon-arch's throne, it must its crown re-sign; it



sink in life's a-larms when by my-self I stand; im-
can-not free-ly move till thou hast wrought its chain; en-
on-ly stands un-bent a-mid the clash-ing strife, when



- pris-on me with-in thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.
- slave it with thy match-less love, and death-less it shall reign.
on thy bo-som it has leant, and found in thee its life.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Proverbs - Various Passages (found on Page 15)

Series Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series

Sermon Wisdom: Friendship

Profession of Faith

L The Lord be with you.

A *And also with you.*

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

A *Eternal God of all grace and mercy,
You have blessed your people with signs of your presence.*

*From the beginning you have given your promises
and have been faithful to those promises.*

*When your people were in bondage,
you rescued them through the sea
and led them into the land of promise.*

*We praise you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ,
born of the virgin Mary, baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
and anointed by your Holy Spirit.*

*We praise you for his ministry of teaching and healing,
and for his death and resurrection in victory.*

*We praise you that through his death and resurrection
you set us free from the bondage of sin and death.*

You give us baptism as a sign of the cleansing and rebirth.

*And we rejoice that you are renewing us by your Spirit,
leading us to be ambassadors of your love,*

until that day when your kingdom will fully come.

To you be all glory, now and forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The apostle John wrote:
My little children, I am writing these things to you
so that you may not sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
In the strength of this assurance, let us enter a time of contemplation of
ourselves before God. *—based on 1 John 2:1-2, NRSV*

All Sing: Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart oh God

Make it ever true

Change my heart oh God

May I be like You

You are the potter

I am the clay

Mold me and make me

This is what I pray

Prayer of Confession

A *Almighty God,
we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles
preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.
Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. – *Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18, NRSV*

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

A *Lord, we thank for Your faithfulness.
Thank you that we can always trust in You.
You are an abundant God and out of your great kindness
you have given us so much.*

*We give you this offering today, and with it we also give ourselves.
Use this congregation, for your kingdom and your glory.
Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray.
And may we be a great blessing to many. Amen.*