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## A Glance at the Week

### Monday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (*Zoom*)

6:30 pm Small Group

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## Looking Ahead

### Study in Proverbs: Finding Wisdom & Living Wisely

11/21 -	Christ the King Sunday	
11/28 -	Hope in Sorrow	Isaiah 40:1-11
12/05 -	Light in Darkness	Isaiah 9:1-7
12/12 -	Healing from Brokenness	Isaiah 11:1-10
12/19 -	Home from Exile	Isaiah 35:1-10
12/26 -		

## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

## December 12, 2021

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.*

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## Scripture from Isaiah 11:1-10

Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—  
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.  
And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
He will delight in obeying the LORD.  
He will not judge by appearance nor make a decision based on hearsay.  
He will give justice to the poor  
and make fair decisions for the exploited.  
The earth will shake at the force of his word,  
and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.  
He will wear righteousness like a belt and truth like an undergarment.  
In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;  
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.  
The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,  
and a little child will lead them all.  
The cow will graze near the bear.  
The cub and the calf will lie down together.  
The lion will eat hay like a cow.  
The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra.  
Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm.  
Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,  
for as the waters fill the sea,  
so the earth will be filled with people who know the LORD.  
In that day the heir to David's throne  
will be a banner of salvation to all the world.  
The nations will rally to him,  
and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.

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

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## 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, forever and ever! Amen. (*Eph 3:20-21*)

### \*Life in the Body

### Benediction

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]

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## Reflections

God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from himself because it is not there. There is no such thing.

~ C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), British writer and theologian

...All the evil in this world Can be traced back to not fearing the Lord...  
And if fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, then not fearing the Lord must lead to death. And that's where we all stand... We find a prophecy about a Savior to come and it says that His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. Jesus feared God perfectly so that we might have a life in him that will not lead to death.

~ Eshon Burgundy w/ Shai Linne, contemporary hip-hop artists

The Christian message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity – hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory – because at the Father's will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross.

~ J.I. Packer, 1926-2020, Theologian, and author

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## PRELUDE

Micah 6:6 – *With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?*

### *Come, Lord Jesus, Come*

Steve Thorngate

Musical notation for the prelude. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: 'Come, Lord Jesus, come.' The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and the second staff begins with a '4' above the first measure, indicating a fourth measure rest.

### Call to Worship *(Fr. Psalm 72)*

- L Give your love of justice to the king, O God, and righteousness to the king's son. Help him judge your people in the right way; let the poor always be treated fairly. May the mountains yield prosperity for all, and may the hills be fruitful.
- A *Help him to defend the poor, to rescue the children of the needy, and to crush their oppressors.*
- L May they fear you as long as the sun shines, as long as the moon remains in the sky. Yes, forever! May the king's rule be refreshing like spring rain on freshly cut grass, like the showers that water the earth.
- A *May all the godly flourish during his reign. May there be abundant prosperity until the moon is no more.*
- L Praise the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does such wonderful things. Praise his glorious name forever!
- A *Let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen!*

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*All Sing: I saw Three Ships*

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day  
I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning

*(Interlude)*

And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day  
And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning

Our Savior Christ and His Lady on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day  
Our Savior Christ and His Lady on Christmas Day in the morning

*(Interlude)*

Pray wither sailed those ships all three on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day  
Pray wither sailed those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning

Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem on Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem on Christmas day in the morning

*(Interlude)*

And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day  
And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas Day in the morning

And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day  
And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning

*(Interlude)*

## Good Christian's All Rejoice

tr. John Mason Neale

Medieval Latin Carol

Good Christ-ian's all, re - joice With heart and soul and  
Good Christ-ian's all, re - joice With heart and soul and  
Good Christ-ian's all, re - joice With heart and soul and

6  
voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to - day;  
voice; Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je-sus Christ was born for this!  
voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!

11  
Ox and ass be - fore Him bow; And He is in the  
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, And man is blessed for-  
Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er-

14  
man-ger now. Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
- ev - er - more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
- last - ing hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

<Trad>

O come, O come em - man - u - el, And ran som cap-tive  
O come thou, day - spring come and cheer, Our spi - rits by thine  
O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's

6  
Is - ra - el That mourns in low - ly ex - ile here, Until  
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night And Deat  
ty - ran - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And give

11  
the son of God - Ap - pear Re - joice! Re - Joice! Em - man - u - el shal  
dark sha-dow put to flight  
them vic-t'ry o' - er the grave.

18  
come to thee, O Is - ra - el

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## Advent Candle Lighting

L Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Now we light the third candle of Advent. This is the candle of JOY. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the Book of Isaiah we read the words of our Lord:

A *"But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight." – Isaiah 65:18*

L From the New Testament, the words of Paul to the people of the church at Galatia:

A *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." – Galatians 5:22-25*

L. Let us join together with these words:

A *We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.*

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

L Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; we praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and for ever. Amen.

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Isaiah 11:1-10 (found on Page 15)

**Series** Advent 2021

**Sermon** King who brings Healing

### **Profession of Faith**

A *In love you came to a stable in Bethlehem to become one with us.  
In love you walked the plains and hills of Galilee and Judea  
to teach us how to live.  
In love you were nailed on a cross on Calvary to bear away our sin.  
In love you rose from a tomb in Joseph's garden to defeat death's power over us.  
In love you ascended beyond the clouds to be our reigning Lord.  
You came to love us so that we need never feel unloved,  
deserted, alone, condemned*

*Our only hope is Jesus Christ.  
After we refused to live in the image of God,  
he was born of the virgin Mary,  
sharing our genes and our instincts,  
entering our culture, speaking our language,  
fulfilling the law of God.*

*Being united to Christ's humanity,  
we know ourselves when we rest in him.  
Come, Lord Jesus: We are open to your Spirit.  
We await your full presence.  
Our world finds rest in you alone.*

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## Doxology

L Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen. – *Psalm 72:18-19, NRSV*

*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.*

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: A Candle is Lit*

*A candle is lit in the Darkness,  
A Light to prepare the way.  
A Candle is lit in the darkness,  
The light of Christ is our way!*

*Open up your heart, let him in  
There love and faithfulness will meet, Oh  
Open up your heart, let him in  
There peace and righteousness, will embrace*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

— Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

A *Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.*

## Silent and Personal Confession

### WORDS OF RENEWAL

L As we hear the ancient prophecies of the coming of the Messiah, we long for the day when death will be swallowed up and every tear will be wiped away. As we wait expectantly for Christ's promised return, I commend you to live in the assurance of God's gracious forgiveness.

A *Thanks be to God!*

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## *Puer Natus Est - A Child is Born*

Daniel Justice Snoke

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