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## 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

### Galatians— Freedom, Family, Gospel

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| 01/02/22 | Salutations       | 1:1-5   |
| 01/09/22 | No Other Gospel   | 1:6-12  |
| 01/16/22 | Testimony         | 1:10-24 |
| 01/23/22 | Gospel Fellowship | 2:1-10  |
| 01/30/22 | Guest Speaker     |         |
| 02/06/22 | Heart of Gospel   | 2:10-16 |
| 02/13/22 | Not I who Live    | 2:14-21 |
| 02/20/22 | Justified Sinner  | 2:17-21 |
| 02/27/22 | Spiritual Power   | 3:1-5   |



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

### January 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 Galatians 1:8-24

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles — only James, the Lord's brother. I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.

Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they praised God because of me.

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

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## 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 The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. – *Numbers 6:24-26, NIV*

## 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.

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## Reflections

The gospel is the power of God for salvation for all who believe, not just old, black grandmothers or not just old, white Republican guys.  
~ *William Lee Barefield III, contemporary poet and author*

Seek not the favor of the multitude; it is seldom got by honest and lawful means. But seek the testimony of few; and number not voices, but weigh them.  
~ *Immanuel Kant, 1724-1804, German Philosopher*

[May] you never cease to be the most amazed person on earth at what God has done for you on the inside.  
~ *Oswald Chambers, 1874-1917, My Utmost for His Highest*

Spiritual pain is when you can't stand another moment not knowing the real truth, and when you finally do know you can't let go.  
~ *Shannon I. Alder, Contemporary American Author*

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## PRELUDE

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

*All Sing: Step by Step*

Oh God, You are my God And I will ever praise you (2x)

I will seek You in the morning / And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me / And I will follow You all of my days  
(Repeat Section)

I will follow You all of my days / And I will follow You all of my days  
And step by step You'll lead me / And I will follow You all of my days

### Call to Worship *(from Psalm 146)*

L Praise the LORD! Let all that I am praise the LORD. I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God. Don't put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there. When they breathe their last, all their plans die with them.

A *But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the LORD their God.*

L He made heaven and earth, and everything in them. He keeps His promises forever. He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

A *The LORD frees the prisoners. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.*

L The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down. The LORD loves the godly. The LORD protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

A *The LORD will reign forever. He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations. Praise the LORD!*

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

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## 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 life-giving 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

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## 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.

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.*

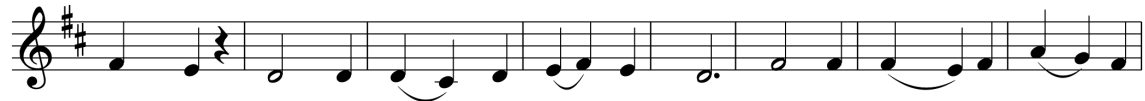
*Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

*Holy God We Praise Thy Name*



Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be-  
Hark, the glad cel - est - ial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are  
All a - post - les join the strain join the sa - cred name to  
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we



- fore you; All on earth your sce-pter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a-  
rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing chor-us  
hal - low; Pro-phets swell the glad re - frain, and the bless - ed mar-tyrs  
name you; While in ess - ence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we



- dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do-main, ev - er - last - ing  
prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac-cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
fol - low; And from morn to set of sun, through the church the  
claim you, And a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this



is your reign. ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
ho - ly Lord." "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."  
song goes on. through the church the song goes on.  
mys - ter - y. while we sing this mys - ter - y.

*All Sing: You Shine*

Why should I fear man, when You made the heavens  
Why should I be afraid. when You put the stars in place

Why should I lose heart, when I know how great you are  
Why should I give up, when Your plans are full of love

In this world we will have trouble

But You have overcome the world

You shine, brighter than the brightest star  
Your love, purer than the purest heart  
You shine, filling us with courage and strength  
To follow You

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Galatians 1:8-24 (found on Page 15)  
**Series** Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom  
**Sermon** Testimony

### ***Profession of Faith***

L Now, as you publicly declare your faith, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which you were baptized.

A *We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:10)*

*We are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,*

*built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.*

*In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;*

*in whom you also are built together spiritually*

*into a dwelling place for God. (Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV)*

*There is one body and one Spirit,*

*just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,*

*one Lord, one faith, one baptism,*

*one God and Father of all,*

*who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6, NRSV)*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

*~ 1 John 1:5-7, NIV*

A *Gracious God,  
you have given us your Word,  
the teachings of Jesus,  
to direct us in the way of life.  
You offer us your Holy Spirit  
so that we can be born to new life, as your children.  
Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death  
have a strong attraction, and that we often  
succumb to their lure.  
Give us the vision and courage  
to choose and nurture life,  
that we may receive your blessing. Amen.*

### **Silent and Personal Confession**

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## WORDS OF RENEWAL

- L I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (*Ezekiel 36:25-27*)

### *On This Day*

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On this day earth shall ring with the song let us sing;  
On this day we shall sing; with our song earth shall ring,  
5  
To the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us;  
9 prai-sing Christ, hea-ven's King, born on earth to save us;  
16  
Him the Fa-ther gave us.  
peace and love he gave us. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, glo-ry to the

Son, Glo-ry to the Ho-ly Ghost, to the three in one.

- A *Thanks be to God!*

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## Doxology

- L Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen. –*Revelation 7:12, 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.*