
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

03/27/22	A Startling Word	4:8-11	
04/03/22	Always Re-forming	4:12-20	
04/10/22	Child of Promise	4:19-31	
04/17/22	Resurrection 1	5:1-8	(Easter)
04/24/22	Resurrection 2	5:5-18	
05/01/22	Resurrection 3	5:16-25	
05/08/22	To Sow & To Reap	6:1-10	
05/15/22	The Main Thing	6:11-14	
05/22/22	Two Challenges	6:4-8;16-18	



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
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May 15, 2022

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.

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:11-14

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

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 Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do. May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. ~ based on Hebrews 13:20-21

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.

Reflections

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.
~ Stephen Covey, 1932-2012, *Speaker/Educator/Author*

To live by grace means to acknowledge my whole life story, the light side and the dark. In admitting my shadow side, I learn who I am and what God's grace means
~ Brennan Manning, *Author/Speaker*

A.W. Pink once said, "The greatest mistake made by people is hoping to discover in themselves that which is to be found in Christ alone." Or as Tullian Tchividjian says, "The most dangerous thing that can happen to you is that you become proud of your obedience." Think about that. Our greatest danger, our greatest mistake, is that we look to ourselves and our obedience rather than to Jesus Christ.

The gospel changes what I fundamentally boast in – it changes the whole basis for my identity. Therefore, nothing in the whole world has any power over me – I am free at last to enjoy the world, for I do not need the world. I feel neither inferior to anyone nor superior to anyone, and I am being made all over into someone and something entirely new.
~ Tim Keller, 1950- , *Pastor/Author*

PRELUDE

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

All Sing: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You (Repeat Section)

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy
holy, holy, holy, I want to see you

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 66)*

L Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your mighty power.

A *Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs.”*

L Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people! He made a dry path through the Red Sea, and his people went across on foot. There we rejoiced in him. For by his great power he rules forever.

A *He watches every movement of the nations; let no rebel rise in defiance.*

L Let the whole world bless our God and loudly sing his praises.

A *Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling.*

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 May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

– from Psalm 19:14, NIV

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

Invitation to the Table

L Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

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 *Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.*

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 God: Father, Son and Spirit,

Jesus is the brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer, nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. For you are the Resurrection and the Life. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the living one, our immortal Savior and Lord. 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*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trad. Spanish Melody

Christian H. Batean

Come, Christ-ians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

5
Loud praise to Christ our King; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

9
Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - jice;
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
On hea - ven's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

13
Praise is His gra-cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
His love shall ne - ver end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!"

Before the Throne of God Above

Arr Vicki Cook

Charitie Lees Bancroft

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me of the guilt with -
Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb My per - fect, spot - less Right-eous-

5
plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ev - er lives and pleads for
- in Up - ward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my
- ness The great un - change - a - ble I AM The King of glo - ry and of

9
me My name is gra - ven on His hands My name is writ - ten on His
sin Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace One with Him - self, I can - not die My soul is pur - chased with His

13
heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can
free For God the Just is sat - is - fied To look on
blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my

16
bid me thence de - part No tongue can bid me thence de - part
Him and par - don me To look on Him and par - don me
Sav - ior and my God With Christ my Sav - ior and my God

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Galatians 6:11-14 (found on Page 15)
Series Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom
Sermon The Main Thing is ...

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 In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

—from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

—based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

Agnus Dei

Bast

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.



Have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer - cy, on us.

Confession & Renewal

A *Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
Lord, bring new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
Lord, bring forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
Lord, may we find the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are
prisoners of ourselves. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten
by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your
sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.
— Isaiah 44:21-22, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L *Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At
the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love.
As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond
with gratitude.*

*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.*