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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

### Knowing God-

09/11/22 - To Know God	Jeremiah	31:31-34
09/18/22 - The Only One	Exodus	20:1-6
09/25/22 - God's Holiness	Isaiah	6:1-13
10/02/22 - God's Covenant	Hebrews	6:12-20
10/09/22 - God's Majesty	Psalms	33:6-22
10/16/22 - God's Love	Hosea	3:1-5;11-1-11
10/23/22 - God's Justice	Matthew	11:20-30
10/30/22 - God's Face	Psalms	27
11/06/22 - God's Grace		
11/13/22 - God's Righteousness		

## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

## September 11, 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.*

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## Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The days are coming," declares the Lord,  
"when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.  
It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,"  
declares the Lord.  
"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time," declares the Lord.  
"I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.  
No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,"  
declares the Lord.  
"For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more."

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

God cannot be Word-less, for the Word is God.... Since God cannot be without this Word, he simply could not ever be reclusive.  
~*Michael Reeves, president of Union School of Theology (Oxford)*

Be sure to taste your words before you spit them out." ~*Anonymous*

The greatest sorrow and burden you can lay on the Father, the greatest unkindness you can do to him is not to believe that he loves you. ~ *John Owen, 1616-1683*

It were a good [contest] amongst Christians, one to labor to give no offence, and the other to labor to take none. The best men are severe to themselves, tender over others.  
~ *Richard Sibbes 1577-1635, English theologian*

The strength of a person's character would then be measured by how much 'truth' he could tolerate, or more precisely, to what extent he needs to have it diluted, disguised, sweetened, muted, falsified. ~ *Friedrich Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil*

Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity. The greatest problem with communication is we don't listen to understand. We listen to reply. When we listen with curiosity, we don't listen with the intent to reply. We listen for what's behind the words. ~ *Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart*

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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  
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 119:9-16)*

L How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

A *Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.*

L With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

A *I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.*

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## Pastoral Prayer

L The prayer our Savior taught us begins with the words “Our Father in heaven.” With this address, Christ aims to stir in our hearts a childlike awe and trust because through Christ God has become our Father. God, our Father, loves us and desires what is best for us. God, our Father, answers our prayers. So let us come with reverence and confidence, trusting in our Father’s mercies through Jesus Christ.

*– based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 120*

We join our hearts and voices to offer our prayers 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 O God, give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ, so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened. Help us to know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of your power at work in us. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*– based on Ephesians 1:17-19, NRSV*

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## 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*

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

L O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. ~ 1 Chronicles 29: 10-12

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*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

W. Chatterton Dix



Al-le - lu-ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the throne; Al-le-  
Al-le - lu-ia! Bread of hea-ven, here on earth our food, our stay; Al-le-  
Al-le - lu-ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now; Al-le-



- lu-ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - tor - y a - lone. Hark! The  
- lu-ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day. In - ter -  
- lu-ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques-tions how. Though the



songs of peace-ful Zi - on thun - der like a might-y flood: "Je - sus,  
- cess - or, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re-deem-er, hear our plea where the  
cloud from sight re - ceived him when the fort - y days were o'er, shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood." "Je - sus,  
songs of all the sin-less sweep a - cross the crys-tal sea. where the  
hearts for-get his pro-mise: "I am with you ev - er - more"? shall our



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*O God Our Help in Ages Past*

KINGSFOLD (Tune)

Isaac Watts



Un - der the sha-dow of your throne your saints have dwelt se-  
Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its  
A thou-sand age-s in your sight are like an ev' - ning



- cure; suf - fi-cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is  
frame, from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end-less years the  
gone, short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ri - sing



sure. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will  
same. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will  
sun. O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, Will



be our guard while troub-les last, and our e - ter-nal home:  
be our guard while troub-les last, and our e - ter-nal home:  
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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Jeremiah 31:31-34 (found on Page 15)

**Series** Fall Series: Knowing God

**Sermon** How Shall We Know Him?

### *Profession of Faith*

L Brothers and sisters, from time to time we experience a new beginning in our faith journey, when the Holy Spirit breaks into our lives to inspire us, to lead us, and to deepen our commitment to Christ. May today be such a day!

A *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 we also are built together spiritually  
into a dwelling place for God.*  
– Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. People of God, let us acknowledge who and whose we are; let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord.

### *Lamb of God (Grant us Your Peace)*

Welcome Wagon

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us your peace, grant us your  
peace, Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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A *Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences; wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgment, remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception. But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom.*

*God, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit, do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness. Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise. Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire. Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn. ~Psalm 51:1-6, 10-12, 15-17, NJB*

## 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

A *Thanks be to God!*

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## Doxology

L Our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!  
~ 1 Chronicles 29:13

*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.*