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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		



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights  
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

**September 25, 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 Isaiah 6:1-10

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."  
At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

He said, "Go and tell this people:

"Be ever hearing, but never understanding;  
be ever seeing, but never perceiving."

Make the heart of this people calloused;

make their ears dull

and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their hearts,

and turn and be healed."

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

When we preach the love of God there is a danger of forgetting that the Bible reveals not first the love of God but the intense, blazing holiness of God, with His love at the center of that holiness. ~ *Oswald Chambers, 1874-1917, Evangelist*

Paul would not only be astonished by our lackadaisical attitude towards holiness, but he would be horrified that mostly we just don't care – unity and holiness to Paul, is the greatest thing. Unity is easy if you don't care about holiness. Holiness is easy if you don't care about unity. ... Paul was trying to hold these two things together throughout his ministry. ~ *N.T. Wright, Research Fellow, Oxford*

Deep in our timid hearts is a desire to be loved mildly, nothing more. That way, we retain control, we set the terms, we avoid risk. Our loving God, in His ferocious intensity, will have none of it.

~*Ray Ortlund, contemporary pastor and author*

My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes. ~ *Job 42:5-6*

... The Resurrecting power of God is at the Christian's fingertips, yet they never access it because they are afraid to tell the truth about themselves.

~ *Scott Sauls, Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church*

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ~ *Luke 5:8*

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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: 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 the earth 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 138)*

- L I give you thanks, O LORD, with all my heart; I will sing your praises  
before the gods. I bow before your holy Temple as I worship. I praise  
your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness;  
A *For your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.*
- L As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me  
strength. Every king in all the earth will thank you, LORD, for all of them  
will hear your words.  
A *Yes, they will sing about the LORD's ways, for the glory of the LORD is very great.*
- L Though the LORD is great, he cares for the humble, but he keeps his  
distance from the proud. Though I am surrounded by troubles, you will  
protect me from the anger of my enemies.  
A *You reach out your hand, and the power of your right hand saves me. The LORD  
will work out his plans for my life – for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever.*

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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, an  
swers 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*

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*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.

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*All Sing: Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Isaiah 6:1-10 (found on Page 15)

Series Fall Series: Knowing God

Sermon The *Holy One*

### *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 *As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world – which some seek to control, and others view with despair – we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! Remembering the promise, to reconcile the world to himself, God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ – the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

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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*

Jess Alldredge



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



O have mer - cy on us.



Lord have mer - cy on us.



Grant us peace Lord.



Grant us peace Lord.

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A *Lord, you said that if we love you, we will obey what you command. Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.  
Lord, you said that we may ask for anything in your name. Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.  
Lord, you said not to let our hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.  
Lord, you said that if we remain in you and you in us, we will bear much fruit. Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.  
Lord, you said that we must testify, for you have been with us. We confess, Lord, that we have too often been silent.  
Lord, you said to love each other as I have loved you. In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.*

## Silent and Personal Confession

### WORDS OF RENEWAL

L *Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. – Psalm 32:1-2, NRSV*

A *Thanks be to God!*

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## Doxology

L *The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. – Psalm 24:1, 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.*