
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Wednesday

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

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Looking Ahead

Gospel of John

01/01/23 - Growth in Grace	15:1-11	
01/08/23 - The Vine	15:1-8	
01/15/23 - Friends	15:9-17	
01/22/23 - The World Hates You	15:16-16:1	
01/29/23 - The Great Mentor	16:12-15	(Annual Meeting)
02/05/23 - Mission of the Spirit	16:5-11	
02/12/23 - Joy in Mourning	16:16-22	
02/19/23 - Peace	16:27-33	
02/26/23 - Holy Father	17:1-20	



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

February 12, 2023

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: John 16:16-22

Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

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 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

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

Without pain, how could we know joy?' This is an old argument in the field of thinking about suffering and its stupidity and lack of sophistication could be plumbed for centuries but suffice it to say that the existence of broccoli does not, in any way, affect the taste of chocolate. ~ *John Green, The Fault in Our Stars*

Some of you say, "Joy is greater than sorrow," and others say, "Nay, sorrow is the greater." But I say unto you, they are inseparable. Together they come, and when one sits alone with you at your board, remember that the other is asleep upon your bed.
~ *Kahlil Gibran, 1883-1931, Author, The Prophet*

So, [can] joy be joy and sorrow can be sorrow, with neither of them casting either light or shadow on the other? ~ *Marilynne Robinson, Author, Lila*

When you numb your pain you also numb your joy.
~ *Brené Brown, Lecturer/Author*

I fear joy more than sorrow. Let me be clear, sorrow is not preferable, nor without dread, it's that joy intensifies the awareness of other losses and increases our desire for what is to come. Joy boosts our sensitivity to life and death. But heartache, more often than not, dulls our senses and limits our vision of what is yet to come.
~ *Dan Allender, Psychologist / Author*

PRELUDE

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

All Sing: You are With Me (Ps 139)

How precious are Your thoughts, O God.

How vast is the sum of them.

I would spend days and nights counting them

and never reach the end; And when I awake - You are with me. (repeat)

So search me; know my heart.

Test me; know my thoughts.

Lead me in your ways.

Search me, test me, lead me... In Your ways.

Words & Music by: The Crossing Music

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 9)*

L I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.

A *I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.*

L My enemies retreated; they staggered and died when you appeared.

A *For you have judged in my favor; from your throne you have judged with fairness.*

L The LORD reigns forever, executing judgment from his throne. He will judge the world with justice and rule the nations with fairness.

A *Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you. Save me so I can praise you publicly at Jerusalem's gates, so I can rejoice that you have rescued me.*

Pastoral Prayer

L O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggles. Have mercy on its weaknesses, give strength and courage to love the truth...

Look also upon the ministry of this congregation. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to those in our sphere of influence and beyond, even to the ends of the earth. Have courage to join in Jesus' mission build and strengthen one-another.

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior.

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, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

– based on Ephesians 3:18-19

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

Invitation to the Table

L Come to this table: you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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 *With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

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 Blessed are you, Lord God. In your wisdom you have made all creation to worship you. You call us to worship you now in this time and place, in unity with prophets, martyrs, and saints from all times and places. As we worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. You are God, who stirs our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus. You are God, that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you. We praise you this morning in the name of Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit is one God, blessed forever. 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*

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Cruger

Martin Rinkart, tr Catherine Winkworth

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voi-
 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near
 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be gi-
 ces, Who won - drous things has done, in Whom this world re-
 us, With e - ver joy - ful hearts and bles - sed peace to
 ven, The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in high - est
 - joi - ces; Who from our mo - thers' arms has
 cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and
 hea - ven; The one e - ter - nal God, Whom
 blessed us on our way With count - less gifts of love, and
 guide us when per - plexed, And free us from all ills in
 earth and heav'n a - dore; For thus it was, is now, and
 still is ours to - day.
 this world and the next!
 shall be ev - er - more.

The Strife is O're

Jeff Koonce

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done,
 The powers of death have done their worst,
 The three sad days are quick - ly sped,
 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell,
 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee,
 the vic - tor - y of life is won;
 but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed:
 he ris - es glo - rious from the dead:
 the bars from heav'n's high port - als fell;
 from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,
 the song of tri - umph has be - gun.
 let shout of ho - ly joy out - burst.
 all glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
 let hymns of praise his tri - umphs tell!
 that we may live and sing to thee.
 Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu!
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 Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!
 Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture John 16:16-22 (found on Page 15)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Joy & Mourning

Profession of Faith

A *This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.*

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;

he is our Lord and our God. –

~ based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. (*Psalm 32:5*)

A *Holy God, help us and heal us. We are stubborn people who stray from you. In our blindness, even our ability to confess is distorted. Forgive us for our lack of confidence in your love and mercy.*

Jesus, you have looked down on our helpless estate and shed your own blood for our souls. In You, we have the confidence to confess our failures and shortcomings. Forgive us where we fail to approach you with honesty and sincerity.

. *Holy Spirit, create within us clean hearts that truly break over our struggles with sin, yet are also confident that your love is more than enough to cover us. Help us to trust in your abundance as we wrestle through our earthly journeys. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

Confession & Renewal

Gloria Patri

Karl Digerness, 2009

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to the Son,



Glo-ry be to the Spi-rit, Three in One. As it was in the be-gin-ing it



will be for-ev-er A-men, A-men, A-men.

L We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And this is God's gospel promise: To grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross.

– *Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 66*

A *Thanks be to God!*

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 *God of hope,
you gave your Son to free a lost world.
You give your Spirit to comfort and encourage.
You give us hope for a future free of pain, sorrow, and tears.
You promise us a future with you.
In gratitude, we bring you our time, talents, and tithes.
May our gifts be used so that many others will taste and see
the goodness of knowing you.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.*

L Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
– *based on Psalm 25:4-5, NRSV*