
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

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 - Our Lord's Prayer	17:1-20
03/05/23 - To be Sanctified	17:6-19
03/12/23 - To be On Mission	17:13-19
03/19/23 - His Children, Defined	17:6-24
03/26/23 - One in Love	17:20-26
04/02/23 - Eternal Life	17:1-5
04/09/23 - Easter Sunday	

Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

February 26, 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 17:1-20

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message...

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

Be a good listener. Your ears will never get you in trouble.
~ Frank Tyger (1929-2011), editorial cartoonist, columnist and humorist

There are certain mortal moments and minutes that matter. Certain hinge points in the history of each human. Some seconds are so decisive they shrink the soul, while others are spent, so as to stretch the soul.
~ Neal A. Maxwell, 1926-2004, Scholar/Educator

Being holy . . . does not mean being perfect but being whole; it does not mean being exceptionally religious or being religious at all; it means being liberated from religiosity and religious pietism of any sort; it does not mean being morally better, it means being exemplary; it does not mean being godly, but rather being truly human.
~ William Stringfellow, 1928-1985, A Keeper of the Word: Selected Writings

Keep in mind that when sin is viewed superficially, it is dealt with superficially.
~ Erwin W. Lutzer, Author/Speaker

The crowning evidence that he lives is not a vacant grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled-away stone, but a carried-away church.
~ Clarence Jordan, 1912-1969, Farmer/Scholar

Folks, if we could lose our salvation, we would.
~ Voddie Baucham, Dean at African Christian University (Lusaka, Zambia)

PRELUDE

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



O sing to the Lord, and sing God a new song. O sing to the
By His ho-ly pow'r our God has done won-ders. By His ho-ly
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spi - rit, O shout to our



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sing God a new song. O sing to our God, Yes! sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. Oh sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
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Call to Worship (from Psalm 68)

L Rise up, O God, and scatter your enemies. Let those who hate God run for their lives. Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds.

A *Let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in God's presence. Let them be filled with joy. His name is the LORD – rejoice in his presence! Father to the fatherless, defender of widows – this is God, whose dwelling is holy.*

L God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. The Lord gives the word, and a great army brings the good news. Enemy kings and their armies flee, while the women of Israel divide the plunder.

A *Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day he carries us in his arms. Int erlude Our God is a God who saves! The Sovereign Lord rescues us from death.*

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*

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
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Holy, Holy, Holy

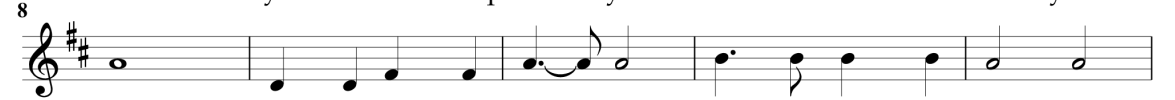
Reginald Heber



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to
Cast - ing down their gold en crowns a - round the glass - y
Though the eye of sin ful man Thy glo - ry may not
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and



Thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
sea; Cher - u - bim and ser a - phim, fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
see; On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Trin - i - ty.
Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Trin - i - ty.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture John 17:1-20 (found on Page 15)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Lord's Prayer – Salutations

Profession of Faith

A You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
You existed before time and created everything that exists.
You are our God and we submit our loyalty to You.

We acknowledge that You are the only living God
and that there are no other gods.

Father, You are compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
You shower compassion on all Your creation.

Revering You is pure, lasting forever.

Father, Your Word is more desirable than gold,
yes, even the finest gold.

Your Word is sweeter than honey
dripping from the honeycomb.

Father, You are great
and greatly to be praised and we bless You today.

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Lent is a journey of deepening reflection and renewal, an opportunity to make new commitments in faith. We prepare for the journey by setting aside burdens that would weigh us down.

But the Lord watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine.

We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.

~ Ps 33:18-22

A *Heavenly Father, we confess our ingratitude towards you. We hesitate to put our hope fully in you. We often demand answers now, rather than wait for your timing. Forgive us.*

Jesus, thank-you for dying in our place. You had unshakable hope in the midst of life's worst circumstances. Because of this, you will not point out our mountain of sin, for you have leveled the mountain.

Holy Spirit, help us to cling to the cross and find shelter by his side. Cause us to place our hope in our savior and his righteousness. And when our souls give way to fear and temptation, root us again, upon our firm foundation, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

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.

Words of Renewal

L God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. —John 3:16,

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give us contrite hearts. May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal us by his wounds. May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak words of pardon and peace to our hearts.

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
—from Hebrews 13:16, 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 turn our hearts to you and hear what you will speak,
for you speak peace to your people through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
—based on Psalm 85:8