
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

March 05, 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 17:6-19

"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.

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

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

Love calls you to be silent when you want to speak, and to speak when you would like to be silent. Love calls you to act when you would really like to wait, and to wait when you would really like to act. Love calls you to stop when you really want to continue and it calls you to continue when you feel like stopping. Love requires you to lead when you really would like to follow, and to follow when you really want to lead. Love again and again calls you away from your instincts and your comfort. Love always requires personal sacrifice. Love calls you to give up your life.

~Paul David Tripp (1950-present), American pastor, author and speaker

The strewn and tangled wreckage that litters our lives is the precious raw material from which great beginnings are forged. ~ Craig D. Lounsbrough, Counselor/Author

The secret is Christ in me, not me in a different set of circumstances.

~Elisabeth Elliot (1926-2015), author, speaker, missionary

"But how?" my students ask. "How do you actually do it?"

You sit down, I say. You try to sit down at approximately the same time every day. This is how you train your unconscious to kick in for you creatively. So you sit down at, say, nine every morning, or ten every night. You put a piece of paper in the typewriter, or you turn on the computer and bring up the right file, and then you stare at it for an hour or so. You begin rocking, just a little at first, and then like a huge autistic child. You look at the ceiling, and over at the clock, yawn, and stare at the paper again. Then, with your fingers poised on the keyboard, you squint at an image that is forming in your mind -- a scene, a locale, a character, whatever -- and you try to quiet your mind so you can hear what that landscape or character has to say above the other voices in your mind."

~ Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*

What Paul understands by sanctification (is) the learning in the present of the habits which anticipate the ultimate future.

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 1)

L Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.

A *They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.*

L Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in what they do. But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.

A *For the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.*

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 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*

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.

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-



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



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



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



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 John 17:6-19 (found on Page 15)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Lord's Prayer – Wholly, Holy

Profession of Faith

A *Blessed is the church
that regularly celebrates the Lord's Supper
as a feast of thanksgiving, communion, and hope.
Blessed is the congregation
that not only gratefully remembers
God's creating and redeeming work in Jesus Christ,
knowing his presence in the breaking of the bread,
but also gratefully receives the gift of union with Jesus Christ
and Christ's body, and looks forward to the feast of the coming kingdom.
Blessed is the congregation that shares this meal
by "discerning the body of Christ" in its manifold oneness,
by expressing hospitality for one another
with grace and truth (1 Cor. 11:29-33),
and by reflecting God's hospitality for us
in ministries of hospitality in the world.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

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

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

Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

Melt My Soul To Love

Benj Pocta & Brian Murphy

Joseph Swain



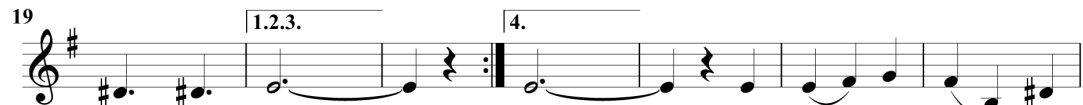
Hark! From the cross a gra - cious voice, Sa - lutes my
A - mazed, I turn, grown strange - ly bold; This won - drous
'Sin - ner', he cried, 'be - hold the head, This thorn - y
The pow'r, the sweet - ness of that voice My ston - y



ra - vished ears; Re - joice, thou ran - somed soul, re -
thing to see; And there the dy - ing Lord be -
wreath en - twine; Look on those wound - ed hands and
heart does move; Makes me in Christ my Lord re -



- joice! And dry those fal - ling tears! And dry those
- hold, Stretched on the blood - y tree. Stretched on the
- read Your name in crim - son lines. Your name in
- joice And melts my soul to love. And melts my



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Renewal

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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

A *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.

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.

Preparation

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.