
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
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Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

March 19, 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 17:6-24

"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, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

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

True, a man will often have to wrestle with his God -- but not for growth. The Christian life is a composed life. The Gospel is Peace. Yet the most anxious people in the world are Christians -- Christians who *misunderstand* the nature of growth. Life is perpetual self-condemning because they are not growing. And the effect is the loss of tranquility to the individual. ~ *Henry Drummond, 1851-1897, Scottish evangelist/Author*

The irony is that while God doesn't need us but still wants us, we desperately need God but *don't* really *want* Him most of the time. / But God doesn't call us to be comfortable. He calls us to trust Him so completely that we are *unafraid* to put ourselves in situation where we will be in trouble if He doesn't come through.

~ *Francis Chan, Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*

No one enjoys being cross-examined, or accused of having something wrong in their lives. But as we grow as Christians we come to the painful recognition that we have an almost unlimited capacity for self-deception. We slowly learn that we need to be stopped in our tracks by God. He uses Scripture to do this... We cannot reach our destination if we are travelling in the wrong direction.

~ *Sinclair B. Ferguson, Pastor/Author*

The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. *Complacency* is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people.

~ *A. W. Tozer, 1897-1963, Pastor/Author, Christian Missionary Alliance*

And how often pursuit after spiritual growth originates in the natural self perhaps only because we cannot bear the thought of falling behind or because we seek some personal gain. Bluntly stated, the doing of good is not sin but the manner, methods, or motive in such good-doing may be surfeited with our self.

~ *Watchman Nee, 1903-1972, Chinese Church leader/teacher*

PRELUDE

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

All Sing: Not to Us, O Lord

Not to us, O Lord, Not to us, O Lord
But to Thy name give glory
To Thy name give praise

We were weak, You made us strong
You gave us hope when hope was gone
So, when we lift our song of praise
With single voice and mind, Our thankful hearts will say... *(Refrain)*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 115)

L Why let the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens,
and he does as he wishes.

A *Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your
unfailing love and faithfulness.*

L O Israel, trust the LORD! He is your helper and your shield. O priests,
descendants of Aaron, trust the LORD! He is your helper and your shield.

A *All you who fear the LORD, trust the LORD! He is your helper and your shield.*

L The LORD remembers us and will bless us. He will bless the people of
Israel and bless the priests, the descendants of Aaron. He will bless those
who fear the LORD, both great and lowly.

A *The heavens belong to the LORD, but he has given the earth to all humanity. The
dead cannot sing praises to the LORD. But we can praise the LORD both now and
forever! Praise the LORD!*

Pastoral Prayer

L Great God, glorify yourself in all the earth. Be glorified in creation, be glorified in your church. Though we are small, and you are so grand, help us to magnify your name. Help us to make your name and the nature of your grace larger and easier for people to see. Help us to live and to worship in such a way that we become like magnifying glasses through which our neighbors and coworkers and children and friends can see you come into focus in ways they may not have seen before. When people ask for an explanation of the hope we have, give us the words to answer thoughtfully and well. When people wonder out loud who Jesus is and why he matters, help us to reply in words that will echo the sweetness of your gospel. Help us to magnify your name, O Lord, so that you may be glorified in all the earth. Be glorified in all we do. We pray it ever and only in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

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 Almighty and ever present God, you uphold heaven and earth and all creatures. All things come from your generous hand: You send the nourishing rain, the refreshing wind, the warming sun, the blustering snow. You make buds appear, flowers bloom, fruit grow, and harvests mature. Through each day of our lives, whether in sickness or health, prosperity or poverty, joy or sorrow, you are in control. Help us to be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and always confident that nothing could ever separate us from your love. For your unending faithfulness, we thank and praise you. To you be glory, now and forever.

~ based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 27-28

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*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trad. Spanish Melody

Christian H. Batean

Come, Christ-ians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

5
Loud praise to Christ our King; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

9
Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - jice;
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de-scend;
On hea-ven's bliss - ful shore, His good-ness we'll a - dore,

13
Praise is His gra-cious choice. Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
His love shall ne-ver end. Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!"

Not What My Hands Have Done

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Not what my hands have done can save my guil - ty soul,
Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin,
I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love di - vine,
I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and might.

not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spi - rit whole.
thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
and with un - falt - ring lip and heart I call this Sa - vior mine.
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.

Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God, not
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee, can
His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bu - ry in his tomb each
My Lord has saved my life, and free - ly par - don gives; I

all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
rid me of this dark un - rest and set my spi - rit free.
thought of un - be - lief and fear, each ling - ring shade of gloom.
love be - cause he first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture John 17:6-24(found on Page 15)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Lord's Prayer – Christian, Defined

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 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
– Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

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 *O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Send out your light, send out your truth, and let them lead us to our home. Take from us the weight of our sin, that room might be made for the spirit of truth. If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us, and the truth will set our spirits free. Then shall we love not only in word or in speech; then shall we love in deed and in truth, and by this know that our service is faithful. O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. 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.

Renewal

L If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

— based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

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.