
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

04/02/23 - Eternal Life	17:1-5
04/09/23 - Easter Sunday	20:10-29
04/16/23 - John Meeting Jesus	20:1-10
04/23/23 - Mary Meeting Jesus	20:10-18
04/30/23 - Thomas Meeting Jesus	20:24-31
05/07/23 - Eating With Jesus	21:1-14
05/14/23 - Peter's Story	21:4-17
05/21/23 - Jesus Sends them Out	20:19-22
05/28/23 - Pentecost Sunday	
06/04/23 - Beginning Series – Summer in the Psalms	



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Presbyterian Church**

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May 14, 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 21:15-25

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") When Peter saw him, he asked,

"Lord, what about him?"

Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

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

Go in peace as the reaffirmed church of Jesus Christ. Go to be his body in a broken world. May the grace of God and the love of Christ go with you. 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

There is tremendous relief in knowing that His love to me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion Him about me, in the way I am so often disillusioned about myself, and quench His determination to bless me.

~ J.I. Packer, 1926-2020, *English-born theologian, Author*

I liked myself better when I wasn't me. ~ Carol Burnett

We're in the presence of a good story when the flaw that shatters shalom is also the doorway to redemption... Whether it be our own flaw or the sin of others, God uses the raw material of sin to create the edifice of his redeemed glory ... The point cannot be overemphasized: your plight is also your redemption. The Bible assumes that its stories are also our story... We are Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Their stories are a paradigm of our own. Each of us is called, redeemed, and exiled - again and again.

~ Dan B. Allender, *To Be Told: God Invites You to Coauthor Your Future*

I was right not to be afraid of any thief but myself, who will end by leaving me nothing.

~Katherine Anne Porter, 1890-1980, *Author, from short story "Theft"*

After conversion we need bruising so that we might remember that we are reeds and not oaks. Even reeds need bruising because of the remaining pride in our nature and to show us that we live by mercy. Such bruising may help weaker Christians not to be too much discouraged when they see stronger ones shaken and bruised. Thus Peter was bruised when he wept bitterly (Matt. 26:75). This reed, until he met with this bruise, had more wind in him than heart when he said, 'Though all forsake you, I will not' (Matt. 26:33). The people of God cannot be without these examples. The heroic deeds of great saints do not comfort the church as much as their falls and bruises do.

~ Richard Sibbes, 1577-1635, *Anglican, The Bruised Reed*

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 30)*

L O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health.
You brought me up from the grave, O Lord. You kept me from falling
into the pit of death.

A *I will exalt you, Lord, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies
triumph over me.*

L Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name. For his anger
lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime!

A *Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

L When I was prosperous, I said, "Nothing can stop me now!" Your favor,
O Lord, made me as secure as a mountain.

A *O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!*

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 Gracious God, accept all these prayers offered in Jesus' name, and give us
now the strength to wait patiently for your answer, and to live faithfully
in response to your call. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 God of all creation, you alone are God.
And you alone can satisfy our longing
for a support that earth cannot give
and that heaven will not take away.

Help us,
in recognition of our common dependence on you,
to acknowledge our need of one another.
Let the oneness of our worship
make us one in love and service. 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*

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD (Tune)

Horatius Bonar



I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un - to me and
I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am the dawn-ing



rest. Lay down, O wear-y one, lay down your head u - pon my
give the liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one; stoop down and drink and
light. Look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be



breast." I came to Je-sus as I was, so wear-y, worn, and sad. In
live." I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream. My
bright." I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun, and



him I found a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav'-ling days are done.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Fredrick Wm. Faber



There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of the



5 sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er -
mind, and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly



9 - ty. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the
kind. If our love were but more sim - ple, we should rest up - on God's



13 good. There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his
word, and our lives would be ill - u - mined by the pre - sence of our



17 blood. There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his blood.
Lord. and our lives would be ill - u - mined by the pre - sence of our Lord.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture John 21:15-25 (*found on Page 15*)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Peter & Jesus

Profession of Faith

A *The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. – Psalm 23*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L *In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!*

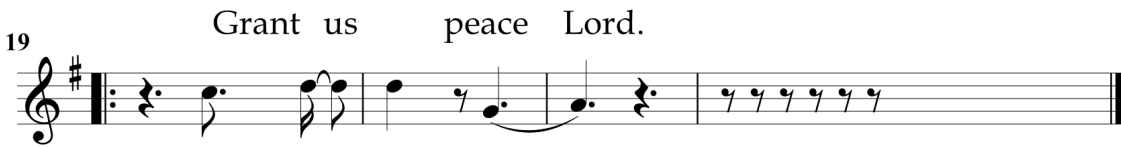
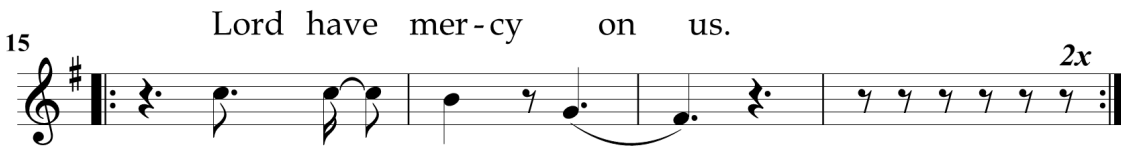
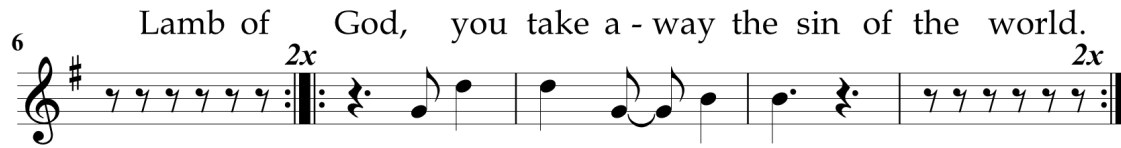
– Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

A *Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

Lamb of God

Jess Alldredge



Grant us peace Lord.

Renewal

L While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. – *Psalm 32:3-5, NRSV*

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen. – *Psalm 72:18-19, 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 *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.*

Preparation

L O God, our guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow you willingly for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.