
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

Summer in Psalms

06/04/23 - A Meditation	Psalm 1
06/11/23 - Deeply Emotional Prayer	Psalm 3
06/18/23 - Finding our Identity	Psalm 8
06/25/23 - Taking Refuge	Psalm 11
07/02/23 - Finding Certainty	Psalm 14

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Presbyterian Church**

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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: Psalm 8 *(translation by Robert Alter)*

For the lead player, on the gittith, a David Psalm

LORD, our Master,

How majestic Your name in all the earth!

Whose splendor was told over the heavens.

From the mouth of babes and sucklings

You founded strength

On account of Your foes

To put an end to enemy and avenger.

When I see Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

The moon and the stars You fixed firm,

“What is man that You should note him,

And the human creature, that You pay him heed,

And You make him little less than the gods,

With glory and grandeur You crown him?

You make him rule over the work of Your hands

All things You set under his feet.

Sheep and oxen all together,

And also the beasts of the field,

Birds of the heavens and fish of the sea,

What moves on the paths of the seas.”

LORD, our Master,

How majestic Your name in all the earth!

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

As the Spirit of God breathed life into creation, The Holy Spirit breathes life into new creation. Now go! and labor to bring new life around you. Dream dreams pursue the vision, and speak of God's goodness to those who would here. 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

When I have gazed into these stars, have they not looked down upon me as if with pity from their serene spaces, like eyes glistening with heavenly tears over the little lot of man? ~ *Thomas Carlyle, 1795-1881, Scottish writer and historian*

The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God.
~ *D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, 1899-1981, Welsh medical doctor and preacher*

Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is illusion. ~ *Brennan Manning, from Abba's Child: The Cry of the Heart*

Think about what people are doing on Facebook today. They are keeping up with their friends and family, but they are also building an image and identity for themselves, which in a sense is their brand.

~ *Mark Zuckerberg, founder of Facebook*

In fact, what is called the secular mentality consists simply of those who, so to speak, mortgage themselves to the world. They use their talents to amass wealth, carry on enterprises. They try to make a name for themselves, but themselves they have not become. Spiritually speaking, they have no self, no self with which they can venture anything, no self before God. ~ *Soren Kierkegaard*

"Who are you?"

"No one of consequence."

"I must know."

"Get used to disappointment."

~ *William Goldman, The Princess Bride*

PRELUDE

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

Opening

- L Dear God, we come to worship you today.
We come to sing, pray, and listen.
You always hear us.
- A *Help us to hear you. Amen.*

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

- L O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart.
- A *Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses.*
- L The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us,
- A *Incline our hearts to the LORD, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors.*
– 1 Kings 8:23, 56-58, NRSV

Pastoral Prayer

- L Gracious God, When you formed humanity, you breathed your spirit into us. You walked in the garden. You wanted fellowship with us. Our sin separated us from you, so we live in a world of pain and hurt. Some are hungry. Some are lonely. Some are empty.

Almighty God, giver of strength, feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, support the orphans, uplift the depressed, and free the downtrodden, protect the vulnerable.

You called a people to be your own and to be a light to the world. Throughout the world your church suffers. Some are mocked for professing your name. Some are killed for praying to you. Some pursue personal preferences rather than loving unity. God, our refuge, shield from harm those who love you, surround us with your mercy, and gird your church with the fruit of your Spirit.

With your Holy Spirit, empower your church to be a witness to your glory. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. 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 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 All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. You chose us, before the world was made, to be your holy people, without fault in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins. You have made known to us your secret purpose, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance. All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love. – based on Ephesians 1:3-18

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*

All Creatures of Our God and King

Jonathan and Ryan Baird

St. Francis of Assisi

All crea - tures of our God and King
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless
All the re - deemed washed by His blood
He shall re - turn in pow'r to reign

3
Lift up your voice and with us sing O praise Him! Al-le-
And wor-ship Him in hum-ble - ness O praise Him! Al-le-
Come and re - joice in His great love O praise Him! Al-le-
6 Hea - ven and earth will join to say O praise Him! Al-le-

9
- lu - ia! Thou, burn - ing sun with gold - en beam
- lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son
- lu - ia! Christ has de - feat - ed ev - 'ry sin
- lu - jah! Then who shall fall on bend - ed knee?

12
Thou, sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam O praise Him! O
And praise the Spi - rit, Three-in - One O praise Him! O
Cast all your bur - dens now on Him O praise Him! O
All crea - tures of our God and King O praise Him! O

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How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my God! When I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

4
all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the
die, I scarce can take it in; That on the
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall

6
stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through -
cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, He bled and pro -
bow in hum - ble ad - or - a - tion, And there pro -

8
- out the u - ni - verse dis - played. Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
died to take a - way my sin:
- claim, my God, how great Thou art!

11
Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my

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soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 8 (*found on Page 15*)

Series Summer in the Psalms

Sermon The Self (Who are we?)

Profession of Faith

A *God was pleased, in his eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son,
to be the mediator between God and human beings.
As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king,
the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things,
and the judge of the world. God gave to him, from all eternity,
a people to be his seed and to be by him, in time, redeemed,
called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.
The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself –
which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God –
has fully satisfied the justice of his Father.
He purchased not only reconciliation
but also an everlasting inheritance, in the kingdom of heaven,
for all those whom the Father has given to him.*

– from Westminster Confession (MESV), Chap. VIII, Sec. 1, 5

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

A *Loving God,
We confess before you and each other,
that our lives are not pure and holy,
apart from the cleansing we have, from the work of Christ.
And we confess, that too often Christ in us is hidden,
by our actions that wound rather than heal,
that tear down rather than build up.
Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say we love.
Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.
Open our mouths, to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.
Open our hands in generosity, and help us let go of clenched fists.
Open our hearts, to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience
to your will and your way.
We pray, trusting in your forgiveness
and in the power of your Holy Spirit,
to lead and guide us, in paths of justice and righteousness,
for your name's sake. Amen*

Silent and Personal Confession

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.

Renewal

L The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed
down. – Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L With joy, we offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and
covenant faithfulness.

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 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who
belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
– 2 Timothy 3:16-17, NRSV