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## A Glance at the Week

### Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

### Tuesday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (*Zoom*)

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## Looking Ahead

*Sermon on the Mount*

*Jesus and The Law*

*Spiral of Anger*

*Education Weekend (Special Speaker)*

*Keeping Your Word (integrity)*

*Turn Your Cheek*

*More than a Prayer*

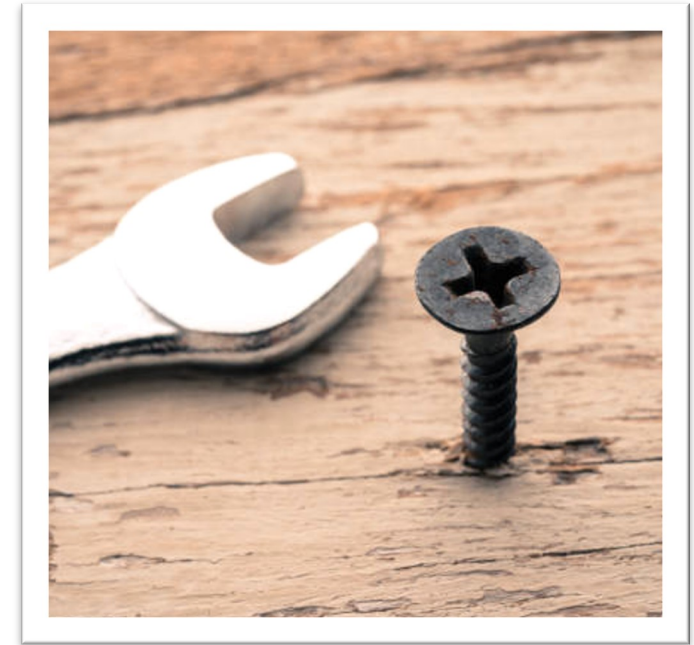
*Treasures*

*Seek the Kingdom*

*New Community*

*The Way*

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## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

## March 09, 2025

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.*

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Scripture Reading Matthew 6:5-15

5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 “This, then, is how you should pray:

“‘Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

L This is the Word of the Lord.  
A Thanks be to God!

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## BENEDICTION

*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—Sending 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.

The blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you,  
and through you with all those to whom he sends your way. Amen.

### 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.

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## Reflect, Resonate, Reevaluate, Respond

If weak in prayer,  
we are weak everywhere.  
~ Leonard Ravenhill

All I did was pray to God, every day. In prison camp, the main prayer was, 'Get me home alive, God, and I'll seek you and serve you.' I came home, got wrapped up in the celebration, and forgot about the hundreds of promises I'd made to God.  
~ Louis Zamperini, 1917-2014, distance runner, evangelist

Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn't act the way we want God to, and why I don't act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where those themes converge."  
~ Philip Yancey, 1949- , American Author

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We all have a tendency to use prayer to dictate to God.  
~ Jen Pollock Michel, Author and Contributor to Christianity Today

What this means is that prayer can be learned only in the vocabulary and grammar of personal relationship: Father! Friend! It can never be a matter of getting the right words in the right order. It can never be a matter of good behavior or proper disposition or skillful manipulation. It can ever be a matter of acquiring some information about God or getting in touch with myself. It is a relationship, exclusively and unendingly personal. And so it is imperative that we watch our language gauge, for the personal is constantly and increasingly in danger of suppression by the arrogant and blasphemous claims of technology, the very apotheosis of the impersonal. ~ Eugene Peterson, 1932-2018, minister and author 'Tell it Slant'

We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties. ... See that you do not use the trick of prayer to cover up what you know you ought to do.  
~ Oswald Chambers, 1874-1917, Teacher & Evangelist

Study your prayers, a great part of my time is spent getting in tune for prayer.  
~ Robert McCheyne, 1813-1843, Scottish Minister

The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays. ~ Soren Kierkegaard, 1813-1855, Danish Philosopher, theologian

PRELUDE

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

L Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving.  
A In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

All People that on Earth do Dwell

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William Kethe, Thomas Ken



All peo - ple that on earth do dwell Sing to the  
For God is Lord of heav'n and earth; He gave us  
O come in - to His gates with praise; Ap - proach His  
The Lord our God is al - ways good; His mer - cy

5  
Lord with cheer-ful voice Serve Him with fear, tell forth His  
breath by His com-mand; We are the peo - ple of His  
courts with thank-ful - ness. And praise and laud His ho - ly  
is for - e - ver sure. His truth from the be - gin - ning

9  
praise. Come kneel be - fore Him and re - joice!  
word, The flock He feeds by His own hand.  
name, Ex - alt - ed and for - e - ver blessed.  
stood, and shall from age to age en - dure!

Pastoral Prayer

L Almighty God, Father of mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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 Journey with us, holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

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**The Lord's Table** *(Offered 1st Sunday of Month)*

***Invitation to the Table***

L Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.*

L Let us give thanks together:

***Prayer of Thanks***

A *Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.*

*By His wounds, his wounds, will we be healed  
And for our transgression, His passion, has made us well  
Let us come again, and feed on Him our Lord Emmanuel*

***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,

***Distribution of the Elements***

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**Call to Worship**

L I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

A *I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.*

L Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. Come, my children, listen to me; Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

A *The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;*

**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

Hear us now, as we pray together, the words Jesus taught his disciples:

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*

*Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

Jeff Koonce, 2013

Henry Lyte, 1834



Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet thy  
Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers  
Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him



tri - bute bring; ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; praise him still the same for ev - er,  
frame he knows; in his hand he gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,



ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
res - cues us from all our foes.  
dwel - lers all in time and space.



- ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Praise the e - ver - last - ing King  
Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Praise with us the God of grace.

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

William Moore

John Newton



How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - lie - ver's  
O Je - sus, sheph - erd, guar - dian, friend, my Pro - phet, Priest, and



ear! It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and  
King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac -



drives a - way our fear. It makes the wound - ed spi - rit  
- cept the praise I bring. How weak the ef - fort of my  
Till then I would your love pro -



whole and calms the troub - led breast; 'tis man - na to the  
heart, how cold my warm - est thought; but when I see you  
- claim with ev - 'ry fleet - ing breath; and may the mu - sic



hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.  
as you are, I'll praise you as I ough.  
of your name re - fresh my soul in death.

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# MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## 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.

**Scripture** Matthew 6:5-15 (*Found on Page 15*)  
**Series** Sermon on the Mount  
**Sermon** Prayer

## Response

L This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

A *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*

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# 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 *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



The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done,  
The powers of death have done their worst,  
The three sad days are quick - ly sped,  
He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell,  
Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee,



the vic - tor - y of life is won;  
but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed:  
he ris - es glo - rious from the dead:  
the bars from heav'n's high port - als fell;  
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,



the song of tri - umph has be - gun.  
let shout of ho - ly joy out - burst.  
all glo - ry to our ris - en Head!  
let hymns of praise his tri - umphs tell!  
that we may live and sing to thee.



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu!  
Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu!  
Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu!  
Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu!  
Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu!



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu!



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu!  
Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu!



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!  
Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

## Renewal

- L Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose  
spirit there is no deceit. — Psalm 32:1-2, 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.

Gloria Patri

Karl Digerness, 2009



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.

## Dedication

- A *Lord, we thank you 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.*