
A Glance at the Week

Monday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (Zoom)

6:30 pm Small Group (Zoom)

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Looking Ahead

Study in Proverbs: Finding Wisdom & Living Wisely

09/05-	What is Wisdom— Tim Keller
09/12-	Wisdom: Begins with...
09/19-	Two Types of Fools
09/26-	Wisdom; How to Get it— Tim Keller
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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.

Proverbs 1:1-9,22,32-33

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:
for gaining wisdom and instruction;

for understanding words of insight;
for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,

doing what is right and just and fair;
for giving prudence to those who are simple,

knowledge and discretion to the young –
let the wise listen and add to their learning,

and let the discerning get guidance –
for understanding proverbs and parables,

the sayings and riddles of the wise.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

They are a garland to grace your head
and a chain to adorn your neck.

"How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?

How long will mockers delight in mockery
and fools hate knowledge?

For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

but whoever listens to me will live in safety
and be at ease, without fear of harm."

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 the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
~ based on 2 Corinthians 13:13 [14]

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.

Reflection:

Knowledge is flour, but wisdom is bread. ~ *Austin O'Malley (1858-1932)*

The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.
~ *Isaac Asimov, (1920-1992)*

By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.
~ *Kong Qiu (551-479 bc, otherwise known as Confucius)*

Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar.
~ *William Wordsworth, 19th century English poet*

Because sometimes things happen to people and they're not equipped to deal with them. ~ *Suzanne Collins, from Catching Fire (The Hunger Games, Book 2)*

(The most highlighted passage of all books read on Kindle – highlighted almost twice as often as any other passage)

PRELUDE

A *All Sing: Blessed be the Lord Our God (Ps 72)*
Blessed be the Lord, our God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds,
who alone does wondrous deeds.

Blessed be his glorious Name, His glorious Name forever,
and may all be filled with his glory, alleluia!
(Blessed be his glorious name. – 1st time through)
(Amen, amen, Amen, amen! - 2nd time through)

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 11)*

L The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship.
Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him
known.

A *They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard.*

L Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the
world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. It bursts forth
like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete
eager to run the race.

A *The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of
the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.*

L The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The
commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living.

A *Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever.*

L The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair. They are more desirable
than gold, even the finest gold.

A *They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. They are a
warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them.*

Pastoral Prayer

L God Calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our
praise, thanksgiving, and intercession to God.

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 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be
glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for
ever and ever! Amen. *(Eph 3:20-21)*

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

Invitation to the Table

- L O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
— Psalm 34:8, NRSV
- L God meets us in the sacraments, communicating grace to us by means of water, bread, and wine. In baptism, whether of the newly born or newly converted, God reminds and assures us of our union with Christ in covenant love, the washing away of our sin, and the gift of the Holy Spirit— expecting our love and trust in return. In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup.
- 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 *Holy God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup. We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord, our God.*

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 We come before you, Master, our helper and defender. You rescue those of our number in distress; You raise up the fallen; assist the needy; heal the sick; turn back those of your people who stray; feed the hungry; release our captives; revive the weak; encourage those who lose heart. Let all the nations realize that you are the only God, that Jesus Christ is your Child, and that we are your people and the sheep of your pasture. *(1 Clement c. 96)*

- 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 Sing: Ancient of Days

Blessing and Honor
Glory and Power
Be unto the Ancient of days
From every nation
All of creation
Bow before the Ancient of days

Every tongue in heaven and earth
shall declare your glory
Every knee shall bow at your throne
in worship
You shall be exalted oh God
and your kingdom will not pass away
oh ancient of days

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth
Sing to the Ancient of days
For none can compare to your matchless worth
Sing to the Ancient of days

Songwriters: GARY EDWARD SADLER / JAMES K HARVILL



1 This is my Fa-ther'sworld, And to my list'-ning ears All
2 This is my Fa-ther'sworld: The birds their ca - rols raise, The
3 This is my Fa-ther'sworld: O_ let me ne'er for - get That



na - ture sings, and_ round me rings The mu - sic of thespheres.
mor - ning light, the_ li - ly white, De - clare their Ma ker'praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is_ the Rul - er_ yet.



This is my Fa-ther'sworld; I_ rest me in the thought Of_
This is my Fa-ther'sworld: He_ shines in all that's fair; In the
This is my Fa-ther'sworld: Why should my heart be sad? The_



rocks and trees, of_ skies and seas— His
rust - ling grass I_ hear Him pass, He
Lord is King. - let the hea - ven's ring! God



hand_ the won - ders_ wrought.
speaks_ to me ev - ery - where.
reigns;_ let earth be_ glad!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Proverbs 1:1-9,22,32-33 (found on Page 15)

Series Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series

Sermon Wisdom: What is it?

Profession of Faith

A *If Christ is in you,
though the body is dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead will give life
to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit
that dwells in you.*

*So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors,
not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh –
for if you live according to the flesh, you will die;
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live.
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery
to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.
When we cry, “Abba! Father!”
it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children,
then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ –
if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.*

~ Romans 8:10-17, NRSV

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us enter a time of contemplation and confession before God. – *based on Hebrews 4:14, 16*



1 Not what my hands have done can save my guilt-y
2 Your voice a-lone, O Lord, can speak to me of
3 I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love di-
soul; not what my toil-ing flesh has borne can
grace; your power a-lone, O Son of God, can
vine; and with un-fal-tering lip and heart I
make my spir-it whole. Not what I feel or do can
all my sin e-raise. No oth-er work but yours, no
call this Sav-ior mine. My Lord has saved my life and
give me peace with God; not all my prayers and
oth-er blood will do; no strength but that which
free-ly par-don gives; I love be-cause he
sighs and tears can bear my aw-ful load.
is di-vine can bear me safe-ly through.
first loved me, I live be-cause he lives.

RENEWAL

A *Faithful God,*

You are better to us than we deserve. You are faithful to fulfill your commitment in giving us the goodness of Christ. Yet we are quick to forget the wonderful gifts you have given. We are impatient, forgetting your goodness and power. Forgive us.

Jesus,

Thank you for your faithfulness. You had unwavering faith and unshakable hope in your father's goodness. You took refuge in him in your times of need and never turned away. We have no other sure hope than in you.

Holy Spirit,

May your power work within us to stir up our hope. Help us to know and worship God as He truly is. Cause us to know with certainty, God's love for us, until we are transformed into people, who love deeply, and run the race with confidence. Looking forward to the triumphant coming of our heavenly King. Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

L While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God's love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him all crea-tures here be - low; O



Praise Him! O Praise Him! Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly



Ghost. O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Prayer of 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.*