
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

09/12 - Wisdom: Begins with...

09/19 - Two Types of Fools

09/26 - Wisdom; How to Get it – Tim Keller

10/03 - Proud Eyes

10/10 - Choosing Our Words

10/17 - Friendship

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Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
Saint Paul, MN 55105

September 12, 2021

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 3:5-6,9:10,16:6,19:23,20:9,23:17,28:14

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for;
through the fear of the LORD evil is avoided.

The fear of the LORD leads to life;
then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure;
I am clean and without sin"?

Do not let your heart envy sinners,
but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD.
There is surely a future hope for you,
and your hope will not be cut off.

Blessed is the one who always trembles before God,
but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.

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:

By the time you've reached your sixties, you do know that one day you will die, and knowing that is at least the beginning of wisdom.
~ *Terry Pratchett, Author, 1948-2015*

Awareness of ignorance is the beginning of wisdom. ~ *Socrates*
Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom. ~ *Aristotle*
Logic is the beginning of wisdom, not the end ~ *Spock, Star Trek*

Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom. ~ *Bertrand Russell, 1872-1970*

The fear of men weakens, but the fear of the Lord strengthens.
~ *Remigius, 437-533, Apostle to the Franks*
We fear men so much because we fear God so little.
~ *William Gurnall, 1617-79, English Author and Clergyman*

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, and they that lack the beginning have neither middle nor end. ~ *John Bunyan, 1628-88, Author & Pastor*

The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.
~ *Oswald Chambers, 1874-1917, Evangelist & Teacher*

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 19)*

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: This is My Father's World



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!

All Sing: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

Alleluia

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Proverbs - Various Passages (found on Page 15)

Series Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series

Sermon Wisdom: Begins with ...

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 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

All Sing: Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

RENEWAL

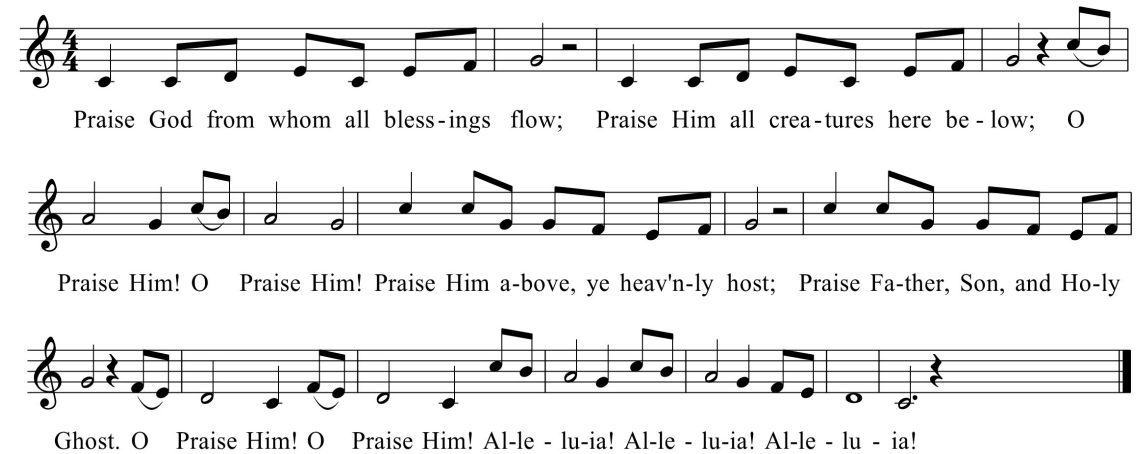
A *Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. 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.*