
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 - What Type of Fool?

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

10/03 - Proud Eyes

10/10 - Choosing Our Words

10/17 - Friendship

10/24 - Repairing Relationships

10/31 - Anger



Randolph Heights 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.

Proverbs 1:22,32-53;8:27-32;14:15;15:5;16:25;19:25;21:24

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."

I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

Then I was constantly at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.

Now then, my children, listen to me;
blessed are those who keep my ways.

The simple believe anything,
but the prudent give thought to their steps.

A fool spurns a parent's discipline,
but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.

There is a way that appears to be right,
but in the end it leads to death.

Flog a mocker, and the simple will learn prudence;
rebuke the discerning, and they will gain knowledge.

The proud and arrogant person – "Mocker" is his name –
behaves with insolent fury.

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:

The first principle is that you must not fool yourself and you are the easiest person to fool. ~ Richard P. Feynman, (1918-1988), theoretical physicist

People do not wish to appear foolish; to avoid the appearance of foolishness, they are willing to remain actually fools. ~ *Alice Walker, (1944-), Author*

Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something. ~ *Plato (427-348), Philosopher*

There are three types of fools as found in the Proverbs: Can you recognize them?

Any fool can criticize, complain, and condemn – and most fools do. But it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving.

~ *Dale Carnegie, (1888-1955), How to Win Friends and Influence People*

There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true. ~ *Soren Kierkegaard, (1813-1855), Philosopher*

The foolish and the dead have one thing in common; they alone never change their opinions. ~ *James Russell Lowell, (1819-1891), Poet*

Live in the moment... but don't be led by the moment, or the people who belong to it. ~ *J. Aleksandr Wootton, (1994-), Author - Her Unwelcome Inheritance*

PRELUDE

A *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 / And 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

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 92)*

L It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the Most High. It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening,

A *You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me! I sing for joy because of what you have done. O LORD, what great works you do! And how deep are your thoughts.*

L Only a simpleton would not know, and only a fool would not understand this: Though the wicked sprout like weeds and evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever.

A But you, O LORD, will be exalted forever. Your enemies, LORD, will surely perish; all evildoers will be scattered.

L The godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted to the LORD's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God.

A *Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. They will declare, "The LORD is good!"*

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, forever 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 Heavenly Father, we come before Your presence praising You, and thanking You, for all Your blessings. You are Almighty, King of Kings, Lord of Lords. We can see Your glory all around, in the sun, the moon, the ocean, on all the earth. We pray that we never take Your love and blessings for granted, that each day as I bow down and worship You, we will never forget the privilege of coming to You in prayer. You are our shelter in times of need; You are our strength, our rock. Thank you that You are always there, forgiving and loving. Help us to listen for Your Holy Spirit to guide us as Your sheep, may we hear Your voice. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen. ~ Barbara Budlong
- 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: Blessed be the Name

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Bridge: Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Refrain: Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge2: You give and take away (2x)
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name

Words&Music:Ben & Matt Redman

All Sing: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.
In him I found a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Refrain:

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.
In him I found my resting place, and he has made me glad.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Proverbs - Various Passages (found on Page 15)

Series Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series

Sermon Wisdom: What Kind of a Fool?

Profession of Faith

A God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
— *Psalm 46, 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: Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world. (repeat section)

Have mercy on us;

Mercy on us;

Mer-cy ...,

On us. (repeat section)

Prayer of Confession

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.*

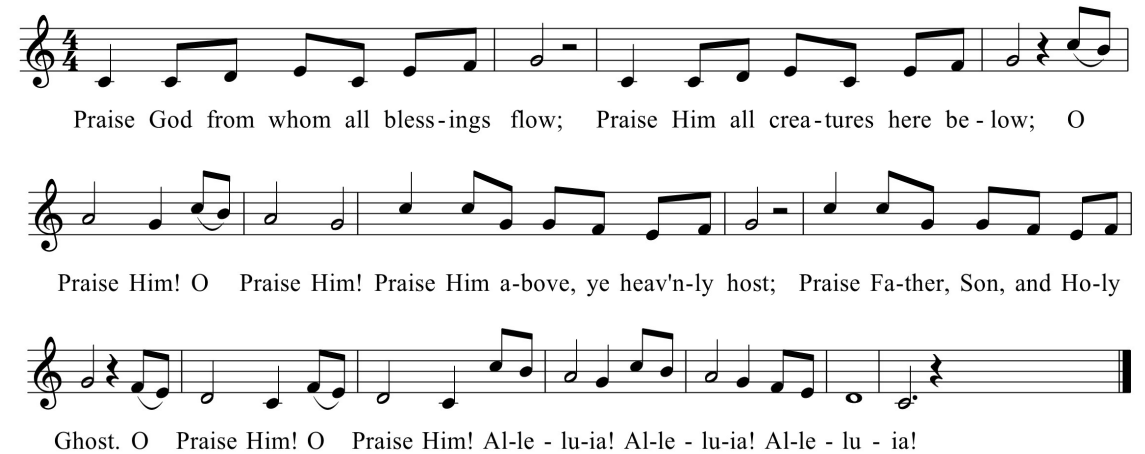
Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

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.*