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## 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

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

## September 26, 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.*

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## Proverbs 3:1-8,11--12

My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but keep my commands in your heart,  
for they will prolong your life many years  
and bring you peace and prosperity.  
Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
Then you will win favor and a good name  
in the sight of God and man.  
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.  
Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord and shun evil.  
This will bring health to your body  
and nourishment to your bones.

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline,  
and do not resent his rebuke,  
because the Lord disciplines those he loves,  
as a father the son he delights in.

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

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## 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.

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## Reflection:

To attain knowledge, add things everyday. To attain wisdom, remove things every day. ~ *Lao Tzu, 571 bc, Chinese Philosopher*

Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.  
~ *Albert Einstein, 1879-1955, Theoretical Physicist*

Every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different than it was before. And taking your life as a whole, with all your innumerable choices, all your life long you are slowly turning this central thing into a heavenly creature or a hellish creature: either into a creature that is in harmony with God, and with other creatures, and with itself, or else into one that is in a state of war and hatred with God, and with its fellow creatures, and with itself. To be the one kind of creature is heaven: that is, it is joy and peace and knowledge and power. To be the other means madness, horror, idiocy, rage, impotence, and eternal loneliness. Each of us at each moment is progressing to the one state of the other.  
~ *C.S. Lewis, Professor of English Literature, Author, 1898-1963*

If you want the answer – ask the question. ~ *Lorii Myers, motivational author*

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## PRELUDE

A *All Sing: Come Now is the Time to Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time, to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God... Come

One day every tongue will confess you are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now

### Call to Worship *(from Psalm 1)*

- L Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.
- A *They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*
- L But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.
- A *For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.*

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## 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)*

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## 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

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## 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*

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*All Sing: God Has Spoken*

God has spoken by the prophets,  
Spoken his unchanging word,  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil,  
One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God eternal reigns forever,  
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory,  
With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God from God, before time was;  
Light from Light, to earth descending,  
Christ reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by the Spirit,  
Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith is holding fast:  
God abides, his word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.

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*All Sing: Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest heaven;  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Proverbs - Various Passages (found on Page 15)

**Series** Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series

**Sermon** Wisdom: How to Get it

### *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

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## 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.

### 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.*

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## Silent and Personal Confession

### WORDS OF RENEWAL

L All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. —from Acts 10:43, NRSV

A *Thanks be to God!*

*All Sing: Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son,

Glory be to the Spirit three in One.

As it was in the Beginning it will be forever Amen, Amen, Amen.

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## 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.*