
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

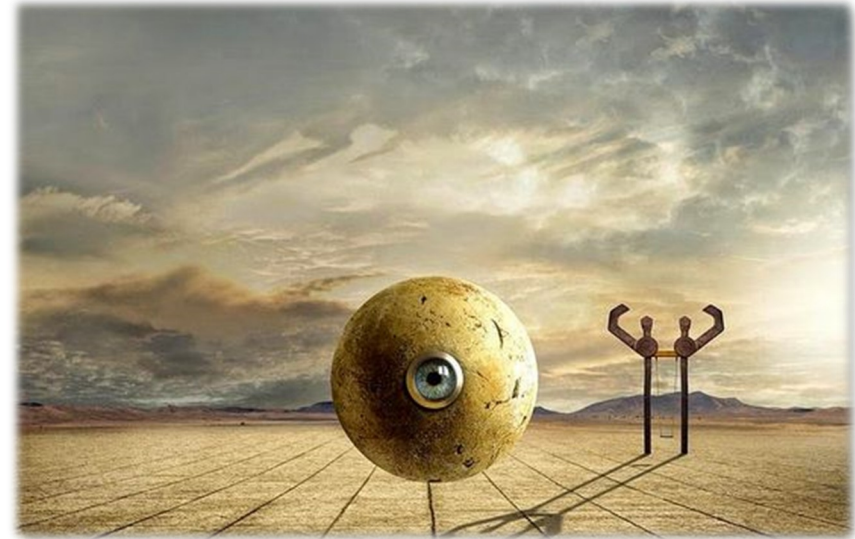
10/03 - Haughty Eyes

10/10 - Choosing Our Words

10/17 - Friendship

10/24 - Repairing Relationships

10/31 - Anger



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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 11:2,12; 13:10; 15:25,33; 16:18-19; 21:4; 28:26

Pride leads to disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.

It is foolish to belittle one's neighbor;
a sensible person keeps quiet.

Pride leads to conflict;
those who take advice are wise.

The LORD tears down the house of the proud,
but he protects the property of widows.

Fear of the LORD teaches wisdom;
humility precedes honor.

Pride goes before destruction,
and haughtiness before a fall.

Better to live humbly with the poor
than to share plunder with the proud.

Haughty eyes, a proud heart,
the unplowed field of the wicked – produce sin.

Those who trust their own insight are foolish,
but anyone who walks in wisdom is safe.

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:

Vanity and pride are different things, though the words are often used synonymously. A person may be proud without being vain. Pride relates more to our opinion of ourselves, vanity to what we would have others think of us.

... I could easily forgive his pride, if he had not *mortified* mine.
~ 2 by Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*, (1775-1817)

Deep Blue. She Was Beautiful, Not Merely Pretty, But There Was In Her Eyes The Haughty Disdain Of A Queen Reprimanding A Clumsy Subject.
~ Louis L'Amour, (1908-1988), Author

Through pride we are ever deceiving ourselves. But deep down below the surface of the average conscience a still, small voice says to us, something is out of tune.
~ Carl G. Jung, (1875-1961), *Swiss Psychoanalyst*

All men make mistakes, but a good man yields when he knows his course is wrong and repairs the evil. The only crime is pride ~ Sophocles, (497-406), *Antigone*

The proud wish God would agree with them. They are not interested in changing their opinions to agree with God's. ~ Ezra Taft Benson, (1899-1994), *Served as the 15th Secretary of Agriculture under Dwight Eisenhower*

(And for those who haven't been humbled by all this talk of pride yet...)

Your future self will always see your present self as unwise and immature. That means you are currently a fool right now. ~ Tim Keller

PRELUDE

- A *All Sing: You Are With Me (Ps 139)*
How precious are Your thoughts, O God.
How vast is the sum of them.
I would spend days and nights counting them
and never reach the end;
And when I awake - You are with me.
So search me; know my heart.
Test me; know my thoughts.
Lead me in your ways.
Search me, test me, lead me
In Your ways.

Words & Music by: The Crossing Music

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 130,131)*

- L *I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope in his word. I long for the Lord more than sentries long for the dawn, yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.*
- A *O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is unfailing love. His redemption overflows. He himself will redeem Israel from every kind of sin.*
- L *Lord, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty. I don't concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp. Instead, I have calmed and quieted myself;*
- A *Like a weaned child who no longer cries for its mother's milk. Yes, like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, put your hope in the Lord – now and always.*

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 This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

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 *Almighty God, Source of all life and love,
we live in your world, which you are always
creating and sustaining by your power,
You have so made us that we can know and love you,
trust and serve you.*

*We give you thanks, that you loved the world so much
that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him
may not die but have eternal life. Amen.*

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 All-knowing God,
We gather together with praise and thanksgiving
for who You are, and for all that You have done for us.

You know us better than we know ourselves—
all our thoughts and actions— and yet You love us.

No matter where we go or what we do,
Your love encircles us— ahead and behind—
gently leading and guiding and blessing.
We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives.

May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together:
examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess,
challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life.

For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.
~ Christine Longhurst, based on Psalm 139

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: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

*"Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it Ebenezer, saying,
"Thus far the LORD has helped us." ~ 1Samuel 7:12*

All Sing: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Proverbs - Various Passages (found on Page 15)

Series Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series

Sermon Wisdom: Pride

Profession of Faith

A Our Savior Jesus Christ
has ordained and instituted the sacrament of the Holy Supper
to nourish and sustain those who are already regenerated
and ingrafted into his family, which is his church.
Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread
as the sacrament of his body
and wine as the sacrament of his blood.
Just as truly as we take and hold the sacraments in our hands
and eat and drink it with our mouths,
by which our life is then sustained,
so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life,
the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior.
We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls.
This banquet is a spiritual table
at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits.
By the use of this holy sacrament
we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors.
~ from *Belgic Confession, Art. 35*

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.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
— *Psalm 103:8-13, 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.

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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.*