
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

- 10/24 - Jonathan & David
- 10/31 - Repairing Relationships
- 11/07 - Planning
- 11/14 - Generosity (Tim Keller)
- 11/21 - Gratitude
- 11/28 - Advent Wk 1



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
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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 10:18;11:12-13;12:9;24:17-18,28-29; 25:7b-10,21-22; 27:5-6

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool.

Whoever derides their neighbor has no sense,
but the one who has understanding holds their tongue.
A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.
He who covers over an offense promotes love,
but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

Do not gloat when your enemy falls;
when they stumble, do not let your heart rejoice,
or the LORD will see and disapprove
and turn his wrath away from them.

Do not testify against your neighbor without cause –
would you use your lips to mislead?
Do not say, "I'll do to them as they have done to me;
I'll pay them back for what they did."

it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.
What you have seen with your eyes
do not bring hastily to court,
for what will you do in the end
if your neighbor puts you to shame?
If you take your neighbor to court,
do not betray another's confidence,
or the one who hears it may shame you
and the charge against you will stand.
If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;
if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head,
and the LORD will reward you.

Better is open rebuke than hidden love.
Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

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:

Often those that criticize others reveal what he himself lacks.
~ Shannon L. Alder, Author

We are called to grow in skill at entering the kinds of conflicts that in the past have only led to more heartache, that actually have the potential to lead to redemptive goodness – if we are willing to become more wise.
~ Dan Allender, Counseling Psychologist

We forget that God's primary goal is not changing our situations or relationships so that we can be happy, but changing us through our situations and relationships so that we will become like him.
~ Paul David Tripp, pastor & author of: *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*

If Jesus were to evaluate your relationship with God based on the way you treat others, how would you score? Better yet, how would you score if it was based on your relationships with those who are not your friends, who are maybe even your enemies.
~ Anon.

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 47)*

- L O LORD, I have come to you for protection; don't let me be disgraced.
Save me, for you do what is right. Turn your ear to listen to me; rescue
me quickly.
- A. *Be my rock of protection, a fortress where I will be safe.*
- L You are my rock and my fortress. For the honor of your name, lead me
out of this danger. Pull me from the trap my enemies set for me,
- A *I entrust my spirit into your hand. Rescue me, LORD, for you are a faithful God.*
- L I will be glad and rejoice in your unfailing love, for you have seen my
troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul.
- A *You have not handed me over to my enemies but have set me in a safe place.*
- L Praise the LORD, for he has shown me the wonders of his unfailing love.
He kept me safe when my city was under attack.
- A *You heard my cry for mercy and answered my call for help.*

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 Loving God, Heavenly Father,
Creator of all things; and all things being sustained by you.
You hold all creation in the palm of your hand.
We praise you God,
Because out of the vastness of this creation,
You seek out sheep for your own.
You are a rescuing God!
And the universe is not too vast for you to find your sheep
You lead, guide, feed and direct the paths of your own.
May we look forward to entering the final rest
Where we meet our Great Shepherd, Heavenly Father
Our Prince, face to face. Amen.

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: Holy God we Praise Your Name

Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be-
Hark, the glad cel - est - ial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are
All a - post - les join the strain join the sa - cred name to
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we

- fore you; All on earth your sce - pter claim, all in heav'n a -
rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing
hal - low; Pro - phets swell the glad re - frain, and the bless - ed
name you; While in ess - ence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed

- bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er -
chor - us prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly,
mar - tyrs fol - low; And from morn to set of sun, through the
God we claim you, And a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we

- last - ing is your reign. ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord." "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
church the song goes on. through the church the song goes on.
sing this mys - ter - y. while we sing this mys - ter - y.

All Sing: Let us love and sing and wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood, (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Proverbs - Various Passages (found on Page 15)

Series Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series

Sermon Wisdom: Entering the Bind

Profession of Faith

A *In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Let us express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent time of confession. — based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

All Sing: Lamb of God (Grant Us Your Peace)

The musical score is written on three staves in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. It contains a series of rests followed by a melodic line starting on a whole note G4. The second staff starts at measure 8 and continues the melody. The third staff starts at measure 14 and features a more complex rhythmic pattern with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us your peace,
grant us your peace, Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Prayer of Confession

A *Heavenly Father,
We are often confused by the sin that remains in us, even as your Spirit dwells within us. We do not love others well, and do not love as we have been loved by you in Jesus. Help us, even as we are quick to anger.*

*Jesus,
You called us to love one-another, yet we find it often difficult to do so. We often struggle with impatience and we're quick to form judgments. We struggle to control our tongues. Forgive us for the lack of love we show others.*

*Holy Spirit,
Fill our souls with deep gratitude for Christ. Help us to see the work of your hand in our lives. Strengthen us to obey, humble us to point others away from ourselves and towards Christ. Give us grace to admit what is true about Christ and about ourselves. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L *Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.*

A *Thanks be to God!*

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.*