A Glance at the Week

Monday7:00 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 & David10/31 -Repairing Relationships11/07 -Understanding Anger11/14 -Generosity (Tim Keller)11/21 -Christ the King Sunday

11/28 - Advent Wk 1



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

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9:30am Discussion 10:30am Worship www.randolphheights.org

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 14:29-30; 15:1,18;16:32;19:11,19;24:28-29;25:21-22.

People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great foolishness.

A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like cancer in the bones.

A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

A hot-tempered person starts fights; a cool-tempered person stops them.

Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.

Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.

Hot-tempered people must pay the penalty.

If you rescue them once, you will have to do it again.

Don't testify against your neighbors without cause; don't lie about them.

And don't say, "Now I can pay them back for what they've done to me! I'll get even with them!"

If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat.
If they are thirsty, give them water to drink.
You will heap burning coals of shame on their heads, and the LORD will reward you.

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

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:

Anybody can become angry — that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way — that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.

~ Aristotle, 384-322, Greek Philosopher

Anger is a surgical weapon, designed to destroy ugliness and restore beauty. In the hands of one who is trained in love and who can envision beauty, the knife of righteous anger is a weapon for restoration. ... Righteous anger warns, invites change, and wounds. True anger is paradoxical in that it has the strength to inflict pain, but it burns with the desire for reconciliation. It is bold, but it is also broken.

~ Dan B. Allender & Tremper Longman III

Anger is not only inevitable, it is necessary. Its absence means indifference, the most disastrous of all human failings.

~ Arthur Ponsonby, 1871-1946, British Politician, writer, social activist

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 (Repeat Section)

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 25)

- L O LORD, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God! Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.
- A No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.
- L Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow.
- A Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me.
- All day long I put my hope in you. Remember, O LORD, your compassion and unfailing love, which you have shown from long ages past.
- A Remember me in the light of your unfailing love, for you are merciful, O LORD.
- L The LORD is good and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those who go astray. He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way.
- A The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.

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

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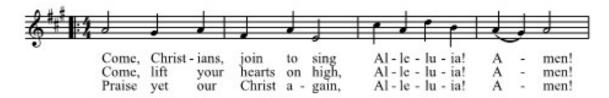
Prayer of Adoration (followed by Lord's Prayer)

- 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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trad. Spanish Melody christian H. Batean









Fairest Lord Jesus

Silesian Folk Song

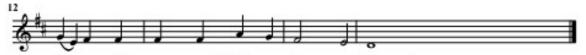
Munster Gesangbuch



Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Ru - ler of all na - ture, O Thou of Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, Robed in the Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light And all the Beau-ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord - of the na - tions! Son of -



God and man the Son! Thee will I che - rish, Thee will I bloo - ming garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is twink-ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, ad - or-



ho - nor, Thou, my soul's Glo-ry, Joy, and Crown!
pu - rer, Who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
pur-er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
a - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Proverbs - Various Passages (found on Page 15)

Series Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series
Sermon Wisdom: Understanding Anger

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,

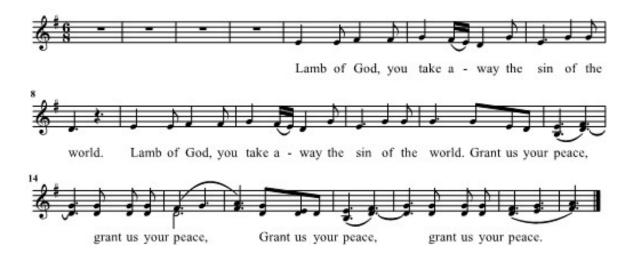
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us enter a time of contemplating our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

— based on Matthew 22:37-40, NRSV

All Sing: Lamb of God (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

"In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the Lord your Redeemer. "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." — Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22, NIV

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.