
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

11/14 -	Generosity (Tim Keller)	
11/21 -	Christ the King Sunday	
11/28 -	Hope in Sorrow	Isaiah 40:1-11
12/05 -	Light in Darkness	Isaiah 9:1-7
12/12 -	Healing from Brokenness	Isaiah 11:1-10
12/19 -	Home from Exile	Isaiah 35:1-10
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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 10:16; 11:1,4,24;18:10-11;30:8-9

The wages of the righteous is life,
but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death.

The Lord detests dishonest scales,
but accurate weights find favor with him.

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.

One person gives freely, yet gains even more;
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

The name of the Lord is a fortified tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe.
The wealth of the rich is their fortified city;
they imagine it a wall too high to scale.

Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.
Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, "Who is the Lord?"
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonor the name of my God.

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.

Reflections are from Today's Sermon:

Money has a great power over us. In itself, money is neither good nor bad. The problem is money never exists in itself. It always exists in somebody's life, and there it magnifies and amplifies whatever is in the heart. For example, Proverbs 10:16, is a fascinating verse and says, "The wages of the righteous is life, but the earnings of the wicked are sin and death." It's a very striking statement.

It says in verse 11, "The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it a wall too high to scale." We're being told that of all the things of the world you could look to, to give you what only God can give you, of all the possible God substitutes, of all the things that most seem to offer what God can give you, it's money. We should be running into the name of the Lord for our significance and security, but we use money. How so? Money offers to be not just money. It offers to be your god by giving you a false sense of security, giving you an inflated identity, and fueling your idolatries.

The more you sow your seed, the more you will reap fruit, but the more you hoard your seed, the less you'll eat. The more you sow, the more you reap. The less you sow, the less you eat. It's an agricultural metaphor and it's crucial to realize that. ... When you scatter your gifts to the poor, you're uniting society. If the well-off hold on to their money and spend it all on themselves, you have a divided society. Gathering, which means hoarding, scatters, but scattering gathers. If you give your money away to the church, the job of the church is to bring God and humanity together. We're going to sing about it in "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" in a few weeks. "God and sinners reconciled." It's uniting God and humanity.

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 112)*

L Praise the Lord! How joyful are those who fear the Lord and delight in obeying his commands. Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed.

A *They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever.*

L Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous. Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly.

A *Such people will not be overcome by evil. Those who are righteous will be long remembered.*

L They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them. They are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly.

A *They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.*

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: 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

This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther'sworld, And to my list'-ning ears All
2 This is my Fa-ther'sworld: The birds their ca - rols raise, The
3 This is my Fa-ther'sworld: O_ let me ne'er for - get That



na - ture sings, and_ round me rings The mu - sic of thespheres.
mor - ning light, the_ li - ly white, De- clare their Ma ker'praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is_ the Rul-er_ yet.



This is my Fa-ther'sworld; I_ rest me in the thought Of_
This is my Fa-ther'sworld: He_ shines in all that's fair; In the
This is my Fa-ther'sworld: Why should my heart be sad? The_



rocks and trees, of_ skies and seas— His
rust - ling grass I_ hear Him pass, He
Lord is King. - let the hea - ven's ring! God



hand_ the won - ders_ wrought.
speaks_ to me ev - ery - where.
reigns;_ let earth be_ glad!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Proverbs - Various Passages (found on Page 15)

Series Book of Proverbs: Wisdom Series

Sermon Wisdom: And Generosity

Profession of Faith

A *With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us –
even when we fell into sin.
We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who by his life, death, and resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
Therefore we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.*

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 enter a time of reflection and offering our prayers to God.

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 *O God, in your goodness you “defend the weak” and “uphold the cause of the poor.” In our unholy carelessness, we let the poor struggle on their own, not seeing them, not caring about them, seldom asking about them. O God, friend of the helpless, you sent your Son to “proclaim good news to the poor.” But we care much more about those who already have enough and ignore those who lack even the simplest essentials of life. Holy judge of all, convict and correct us, we pray. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
– Ezekiel 36:25-26, NRSV

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.*