
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

11/21 - 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

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.

Revelation 1:4-8; 12-16

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:
Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

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]*

Bells Postlude ‘Change-Ringing’

(Developed in 16th century England, change ringing is the art of ringing a set of tuned bells in a controlled manner to produce variations in their successive striking, known as the *change*. The method of *call changing* is used to end today’s service in which the ringers are instructed how to generate each change by “calls” from the conductor.)

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

“Those who have a 'why' to live, can bear with almost any 'how'.”
~ *Viktor E. Frankl, 1905-1997, Man's Search for Meaning*

“Some people say we’re just an accident, just a chance collocation of molecules and nothing means anything” Frasier Crane, “Boy, that’s a cheerful thought,” Woody.

I was drawn to all the wrong things: I liked to drink, I was lazy, I didn't have a god, politics, ideas, ideals. I was settled into nothingness; a kind of non-being, and I accepted it. I didn't make for an interesting person. I didn't want to be interesting; it was too hard. What I really wanted was only a soft, hazy space to live in, and to be left alone.

~ *Charles Bukowski, 1920-1994, Poet, Writer*

Do you not see how they are thrown to wild beasts to make them deny the Lord, and yet they are not conquered? Do you not see that as more of them are punished, the more others increase? These things do not look like human works; they are the power of God, they are proofs of his presence.

~ *Letter to Diognetus 7:7-9*

PRELUDE

Micah 6:6 – With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?

Bell Choir

Simple Gifts – *arr. Carl Wiltse*

A All Sing: Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Blessed be the Lord, our God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds,
who alone does wondrous deeds.

Blessed be his glorious Name, His glorious Name forever,
and may all be filled with his glory, alleluia!

(Blessed be his glorious name. – 1st time through)

(Amen, amen, Amen, amen! - 2nd time through)

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 93)*

L The LORD is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.

A *Your throne, O LORD, has stood from time immemorial. You yourself are from the everlasting past.*

L The floods have risen up, O LORD. The floods have roared like thunder; the floods have lifted their pounding waves. But mightier than the violent raging of the seas, mightier than the breakers on the shore – the LORD above is mightier than these!

A *Your royal laws cannot be changed. Your reign, O LORD, is holy forever and ever.*

L Father, hear our prayers and the prayers of all your people.
Help us to be faithful in ordinary ways,
loving and caring for your people whom we meet every day.
We ask this through Jesus, your Son and our King.

A *Amen.*

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, forever and ever! Amen. *(Eph 3:20-21)*

Prayers of the People

- L That each of us will understand
that our ordinary lives are pleasing to Christ, our King,
Lord in your mercy,
A *hear our prayer.*
- L That all leaders in government will realize
that the ordinary people in our country are important,
Lord in your mercy,
A *hear our prayer.*
- L For all those people who are very ordinary but also are extraordinary
because of the way they care for God's people,
Lord in your mercy,
A *hear our prayer.*
- L We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss,
that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others,
or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage.
We pray for those in need . . . (*Leader will invite Names from Congregation*)
Lord in your mercy,
A *hear our prayer.*
- L Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break
down the barriers that divide so that, united in your truth and love,
the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one
table, and serve you in one common ministry.
Lord in your mercy,
A *hear our prayer.*

Prayer of Adoration (*followed by Lord's Prayer*)

- L Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth,
in you we live and move and have our being.
You are the one who does good to all people,
making your sun to rise on the evil and on the good
and sending rain on the just and on the unjust.
- Favorably behold us your servants, who call upon your name,
and send us your blessing from heaven,
giving us fruitful seasons, and satisfy us with food and gladness.
May both our hearts and our mouths be continually filled with your praise,
giving thanks to you in your holy church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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*

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Cruger

Martin Rinkart, tr Catherine Winkworth

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voi-
O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near
6 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be gi-
- ces, Who won - drous things has done, in Whom this world re-
us, With e - ver joy - ful hearts and bles - sed peace to
10 - ven, The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in high - est
- joi - ces; Who from our mo - thers' arms has
cheer - us; And keep us in His grace, and
14 hea - ven; The one e - ter - nal God, Whom
blessed us on our way With count - less gifts of love, and
guide us when per - plexed, And free us from all ills in
18 earth and heav'n a - dore; For thus it was, is now, and
still is ours to - day.
this world and the next!
shall be ev - er - more.

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

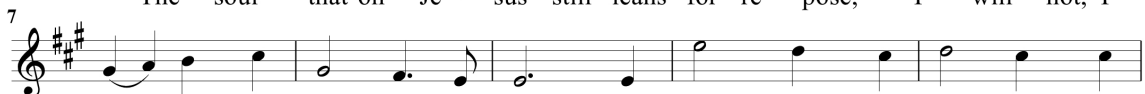
How Firm a Foundation

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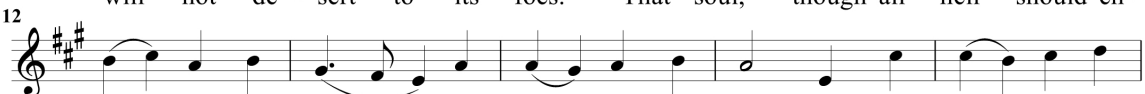
George Keith & R. Keen



How firm a foun-da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for you
“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dis - mayed, for I am your
“When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the ri - vers of
“When through fie - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all suf -
“The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose, I will not, I



faith in his ex - cell - ent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid. I'll strength - en you, help you, and
sor - row shall not ov - er - flow, for I will be with you, you
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply. The flames shall not hurt you. I
will not de - sert to its foes. That soul, though all hell should en -



you he has said, to you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have
cause you to stand, up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you the deep - est dis -
on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re -
- dea - vor to shake, I'll ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for -



fled? to you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
hand. up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
- tress. and sanc - ti - fy to you the deep - est dis - tress.
- fine. your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.
- sake!” I'll ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake!”

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

- L The psalmist testifies:
Come and hear all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his
steadfast love from me.
In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

— based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV

- A *Righteous God,*
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

- L Do not weep!
See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.
With his blood he has purchased people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.

— based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10, NIV

Doxology

L Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen. – *Revelation 7:12, NRSV*

Bell Choir:

Antiphon – Donald Allured

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.*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Revelation 1:4-8;12-16 (found on Page 15)

Series Christ the King Sunday

Sermon Christ our first, Our Last, Our Life

Profession of Faith

A *As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world –
which some seek to control, and others view with despair –
we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!*

*From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever:
Our world belongs to God!*

*God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun!
The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!*

*Jesus ascended in triumph, raising our humanity to the heavenly throne.
All authority, glory, and sovereign power are given to him.
There he hears our prayers and pleads our cause before the Father.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

*Our hope for a new creation is not tied
to what humans can do, for we believe that one day
every challenge to God's rule, He will sort.
His kingdom will fully come, and our Lord will rule.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. – Our World Belongs to God, st. 1-2, 27, 5*