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## 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

**Galatians— Freedom, Family, Gospel**

01/02/22	Salutations	1:1-5
01/09/22	No Other Gospel	1:6-12
01/16/22	Testimony	1:10-24
01/23/22	Gospel Fellowship	2:1-10
01/30/22	Guest Speaker	
02/06/22	Heart of Gospel	2:10-16
02/13/22	Not I who Live	2:14-21
02/20/22	Justified Sinner	2:17-21
02/27/22	Spiritual Power	3:1-5



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

**January 23, 2021**

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.*

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## Scripture from Galatians 2:1-10

Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

As for those who were held in high esteem – whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism – they added nothing to my message. On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God!

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## 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 The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

## 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.

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## Reflections

You don't have to be a sociologist to know that we live in a culture of asphyxiating 'performancism.' Performancism is the mindset that equates our identity and value directly with our performance. It casts achievements not as something we do or don't do but as something we are (or aren't).  
~ *Op-Ed in The Washington Post (10-17-2013)*

Theology is like a map. Merely learning and thinking about the Christian doctrines, if you stop there, is less real and less exciting than the sort of thing my friend got in the desert. Doctrines are not God: they are only a kind of map. But that map is based on the experience of hundreds of people who really were in touch with God--experiences compared with which many thrills of pious feelings you and I are likely to get on our own are very elementary and very confused. And secondly, if you want to get any further you must use the map.  
~ *C.S. Lewis, 1898-1963, Professor/Author*

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
~ *Martin Luther, 1483-1546, Pastor/Theologian*

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## PRELUDE

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

*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 111)*

- L I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
- A *He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He remembers his covenant forever.*
- L He has shown his people the power of his works. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
- A *He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever – holy and awesome is his name.*

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## *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 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*- Romans 15:13*

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## 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

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

L Blessed are you, Lord our God.  
How sweet are your words to the taste,  
sweeter than honey to the mouth.  
How precious are your commands for our life,  
more than the finest gold in our hands.  
How marvelous is your will for the world,  
Unending is your love for the nations.  
Our voices shall sing of your promises  
and our lips declare your praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.  
*(An Anglican 'Prayer of Thanksgiving')*

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: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. (refrain)

On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
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All other ground is sinking sand.

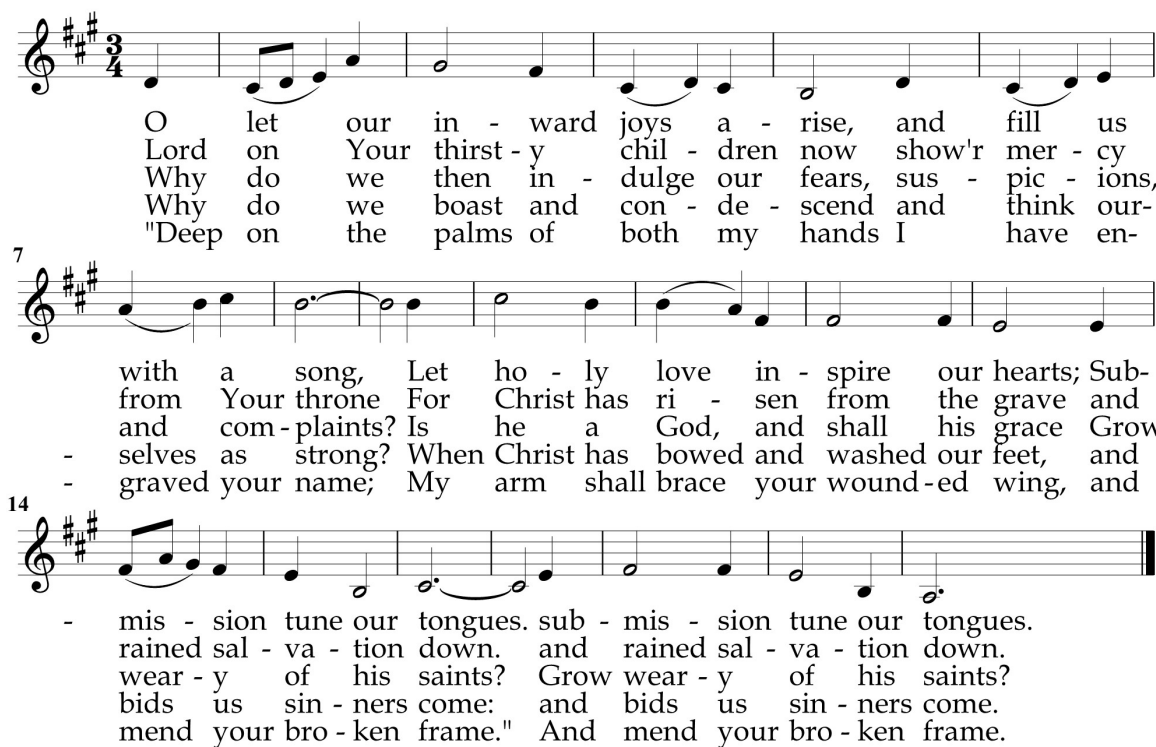
His oath His covenant and His blood  
Support me in the 'whelming flood:  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless we stand before His throne. (refrain)

*O Let Our Inward Joys Arise*

Isaac Watts (Adpt)

Tune (Africa Arr.)



O let our in - ward joys a - rise, and fill us  
Lord on Your thirst - y chil - dren now show'r mer - cy  
Why do we then in - dulse our fears, sus - pic - ions,  
Why do we boast and con - de - scend and think our -  
"Deep on the palms of both my hands I have en -  
with a song, Let ho - ly love in - spire our hearts; Sub -  
from Your throne For Christ has ri - sen from the grave and  
and com - plaints? Is he a God, and shall his grace Grow  
- selves as strong? When Christ has bowed and washed our feet, and  
- graved your name; My arm shall brace your wound - ed wing, and  
- mis - sion tune our tongues. sub - mis - sion tune our tongues.  
rained sal - va - tion down. and rained sal - va - tion down.  
wear - y of his saints? Grow wear - y of his saints?  
bids us sin - ners come: and bids us sin - ners come.  
mend your bro - ken frame." And mend your bro - ken frame.

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Galatians 2:1-10 (found on Page 15)  
**Series** Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom  
**Sermon** Maps

### ***Profession of Faith***

L Now, as you publicly declare your faith, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which you were baptized.

A *We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:10)*  
*We are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.*  
*In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. (Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV)*  
*There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6, NRSV)*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need.  
In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.  
*— based on Hebrews 4:14, 16*

A *Gracious God,  
you have given us your Word,  
the teachings of Jesus,  
to direct us in the way of life.  
You offer us your Holy Spirit  
so that we can be born to new life, as your children.  
Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death  
have a strong attraction, and that we often  
succumb to their lure.  
Give us the vision and courage  
to choose and nurture life,  
that we may receive your blessing. Amen.*

### **Silent and Personal Confession**

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## WORDS OF RENEWAL

- L I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. *(Ezekiel 36:25-27)*
- 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.

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## Doxology

- L What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God's people.  
*— from Psalm 116:12, 14, NRSV*

*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.*