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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
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## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

### January 30, 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 Reading: Galatians 3:23-4:7

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

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 ought to live your life with such freedom and joy that uptight Christians will doubt your salvation.

~ Steve Brown, 1940- , Author, Radio Host, Seminary Professor

The good news is that Christ frees us from the need to obnoxiously focus on our goodness, our commitment, and our correctness. Religious has made us obsessive almost beyond endurance. Jesus invited us to a dance...and we've turned in into a march of soldiers, always checking to see if we're doing it right and are in step and in line with the other soldiers. We know a dance would be more fun, but we believe we must go through hell to get to heaven, so we keep marching.

~ Steve Brown

Not being changed by prayer is sort of life standing in the middle of a spring rain without getting wet. It's hard to stand in the center of God's acceptance and love without getting it all over you.

~ Steve Brown

The only people who get better are people who know that, if they never get better, God will love them anyway.

~ Steve Brown

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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 62)*

- L I wait quietly before God, for my victory comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken.
- A *Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.*
- L O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.
- A *He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone.*

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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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.  
In him I found a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am the dawning light.  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Refrain:

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.  
In him I found my resting place, and he has made me glad.

*Make Me a Captive, Lord*

Leominster

George Matheson



Make me a ca - ptive, Lord, and then I shall be free; force  
My heart is weak and poor un - til its mas - ter find; it  
My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine; if



me to ren - der up my sword, and I shall con - queror  
has no spring of ac - tion sure, it var - ies with the  
it would reach a mon - arch's throne, it must its crown re -



be. I sink in life's a - larms when by my - self I stand; im -  
wind. It can - not free - ly move till thou hast wrought its chain; en -  
- sign; it on - ly stands un - bent a - mid the clash - ing strife, wher



- pris - on me with - in thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.  
- slave it with thy match - less love, and death - less it shall reign.  
on thy bo - som it has leant, and found in thee its life.

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Galatians 3:23-4:7 (found on Page 15)  
**Series** Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom  
**Sermon** If it's Finished... So What!?

### ***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 *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 The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. — *based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV*

A *Forgive us our sins, O Lord.  
Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,  
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,  
our secret and our whispering sins,  
our presumptuous and our careless sins,  
the sins we have done to please ourselves,  
and the sins we have done to please others.  
Forgive us the sins that we know,  
and the sins that we know not;  
forgive them, O Lord,  
forgive them all because of your great goodness.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### **Silent and Personal Confession**

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## WORDS OF RENEWAL

L You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

– Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

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.*