
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

02/06/22 Heart of Gospel 2:10-16

02/13/22 Not I who Live 2:14-21

02/20/22 Spiritual Power 3:1-5

02/27/22



Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South
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February 13, 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.

Scripture Reading: Galatians 2:14-21

When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

"But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

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 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.

Reflections

The word *gospel* or *good news* is the essential core, the thing that makes Christianity, Christianity. It's the essential core. There are a lot of things that are true of a Christian. A Christian is [hopefully] a good person. A Christian is [hopefully] a loving person. But that's not the gospel. I mean, if somebody said to you, "You're a surgeon. What is it that surgeons do?" and you said, "Surgeons wear green shirts," that's true, but that doesn't tell you what a surgeon is. That's not the core. That's not the essence. There are other people who wear green shirts who are not surgeons. ~ *Tim Keller, Pastor/Author*

Your real, new self (which is Christ's and also yours, and yours just because it is His) will not come as long as you are looking for it... Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.
~ *C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), writer, lay theologian and professor*

How much larger your life would be, if your self could become smaller in it.
~ *G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), English writer and journalist*

A well-known story is told of Margaret Thatcher during the time she was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. She was visiting an old people's home, going from room to room and meeting senior citizens who had lived there a long time. One old lady showed no sign of realizing that she was shaking hands with a world-famous politician. 'Do you know who I am?' asked Mrs Thatcher. 'No, dear,' replied the old lady, 'but I should ask the nurse if I were you. She usually knows.'
~ *Illustrated from N.T. Wright in his commentary on Galatians*

PRELUDE

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

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 *(Various Passages)*

L O LORD, hear me as I pray; pay attention to my groaning. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you. Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

A *Because of your unfailing love, I can enter your house; I will worship at your Temple with deepest awe. Lead me in the right path, O LORD, Make your way plain for me to follow.*

L Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.

A *For you bless the godly, O LORD; you surround them with your shield of love.*

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

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 Blessed are you, Lord God. In your wisdom you have made all creation to worship you. You call us to worship you now in this time and place, in unity with prophets, martyrs, and saints from all times and places. As we worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. You are God, who stirs our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus. You are God, that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you. We praise you this morning in the name of Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit is one God, blessed forever. 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

1
Come, Christ-ians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

5
Loud praise to Christ our King; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

9
Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - jice;
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
On hea - ven's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

13
Praise is His gra-cious choice. Al - le-lu-ia! A - men!
His love shall ne - ver end. Al - le-lu-ia! A - men!
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!"

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on
When dark - ness veils His
His oath His cov - en -
When He shall come with

10
no - thing less Than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; I
love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In
- ant, His blood Sup - port me in the 'whel - ming flood: When
trum - pet sound, O may I then in him be found. Dressed

13
dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
ev - ery high and storm - y gale My an - chor holds with -
all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault - less we stand be -

17
in the veil. On Christ the so - lid rock I stand; All o - ther ground is
fore His throne.

21
sink - ing sand. All o - ther ground is sink - ing sand.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Galatians 2:14-21 (found on Page 15)
Series Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom
Sermon No Longer I

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 *This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.*

*We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. —*

~ based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. (*Psalm 32:5*)

A *Holy God, help us and heal us. We are stubborn people who stray from you. In our blindness, even our ability to confess is distorted. Forgive us for our lack of confidence in your love and mercy.*

Jesus, you have looked down on our helpless estate and shed your own blood for our souls. In You, we have the confidence to confess our failures and shortcomings. Forgive us where we fail to approach you with honesty and sincerity.

Holy Spirit, create within us clean hearts that truly break over our struggles with sin, yet are also confident that your love is more than enough to cover us. Help us to trust in your abundance as we wrestle through our earthly journeys. In Jesus' name, amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. *- Isaiah 55:6-7*

A *Thanks be to God!*

Zion (Isaiah 12:1-6)

Stephen Wozny

You will say on that day: I will give thanks to the
 Be - hold, my God is sal - va - tion; I will not be - a -
 Lord, Though you were an - gry with me, Your
 - fraid; The Lord, my God, is my song; I will
 an - ger turned a - way, and you com - fort - ed me.
 sing of all He's done, and make ev - ry - thing known.
 So give thanks to the Lord, and call on His name,
 Shout, and sing for joy, all you daugh - ters of Zi - on,
 He is with you now, the Son of God. He is with you now,
 the Son of God. I will sing His Name! I will
 sing His Name! For all the world and ev - ry one sing his name I will
 sing His Name! For all the world and ev - ry one.

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.*