
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

03/06/22	Law & the Promise	3:10-22	
03/13/22	Adoption	3:26-4:7	
03/20/22	A Greater Freedom	5:1-8	(Guest Speaker)
03/27/22	A Startling Word	4:8-11	
04/03/22	Always Re-forming	4:12-20	
04/10/22	Child of Promise	4:19-31	
04/17/22	Resurrection 1	5:1-8	(Easter)
04/24/22	Resurrection 2	5:5-18	
05/01/22	Resurrection 3	5:16-25	



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.

Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:12-20

I plead with you, brothers and sisters, become like me, for I became like you. You did me no wrong. As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you, and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. Where, then, is your blessing of me now? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them. It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you. My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!

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

Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble, attempts what is above its strength, pleads no excuse of impossibility; for it thinks all things lawful for itself, and all things possible.

~ *Thomas a Kempis (or 'of kempen'), 1380-1471, Author/Scribe*

A change Agent has the ability to play the right role and know which to play, and when.

~ *Pearl Zhu, Innovative Strategic Planning for Business*

People don't resist change; they resist being changed.

~ *Frank Sonnenberg, Author, Self-Improvement*

How often one talks not to hear what the other person has got to say, but to hear what one has got to say oneself!

~ *Mary Elizabeth Coleridge, 1861-1907, British Novelist/Poet/Essayist*

PRELUDE

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

All Sing: You are With Me (Ps 139)

How precious are Your thoughts, O God.

How vast is the sum of them.

I would spend days and nights counting them

and never reach the end; And when I awake - You are with me. *(repeat)*

So search me; know my heart.

Test me; know my thoughts.

Lead me in your ways.

Search me, test me, lead me... In Your ways.

Words & Music by: The Crossing Music

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 16)*

L Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge. I said to the Lord, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you."

A *The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them! Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.*

L I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood or even speak the names of their gods.

A *Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine.*

L I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

A *No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.*

L For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.

A *You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.*

Pastoral Prayer

L God Calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving, and intercession to God.

A *Jesus the Christ, you refused to turn stones into bread. Save us from using our power, however little, to satisfy the demands of selfishness in the face of the greater needs of others.*

Jesus the Christ, you refused to leap from the temple top. Save us from displaying our skills, however modest, to win instant popularity in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.

Jesus the Christ, you refused to bend the knee to a false god. Save us from offering our devotion, however weak, to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path on which you bid us to follow you.

Jesus the Christ, give us wisdom to discern evil, and in the face of all that is deceptively attractive help us to choose the will of God. Amen.

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 words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

– from Psalm 19:14, NIV

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 O God, in creation you fashion us in your image,
in Christ you reveal to us your love,
through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers;
we bow in gratitude before you.
We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it.
We daily betray your love, but still you extend it.
We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it.
Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord,
that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned,
and our fellowship in Christ renewed. 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*

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,
"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.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Isaac Watts



When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On
See from His head, His hands, His feet Sor -
Were the whole realm of na - ture mine That
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Al -



which the Prince of glo - ry died My rich - est gain I
- row and love flow min - gled down Did e'er such love and
were an off - 'ring far too - small Love so a - mazing, -
- le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, Al -



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown
so di - vine De - mands my soul, my life, my all
- le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Galatians 4:12-20 (found on Page 15)
Series Galatians Series—New Life—New Freedom
Sermon Always Reforming

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 *The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:*

That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sin, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

~ from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. May we accept his power to become new persons in Christ, let us contemplate, so that we may confess our sin before God and one another.

Agnus Dei

Bast



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.



Have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer - cy, on us.

Confession & Renewal

A *Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us.
You took what we are so that we might become what you are.
But we confess that often we ignore our sin.
We confess that too often we do not confess.
We keep silent about the sin that clings to us.
But our sins are too great a burden for us.
Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity.
You are our stronghold, our hiding place.
May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice
and be glad in you and in the righteousness
that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. In Christ, Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L *Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them
and show them my salvation.
Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
~based on Psalm 91:14-15, NRSV*

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L *Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At
the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love.
As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond
with gratitude.*

*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.*