
A Glance at the Week

Monday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (*Zoom*)

6:30 pm Small Group

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Looking Ahead

Book of Acts -

07/10/22	16:1-19	A Merchant, a Slave and a Soldier Pt 1
07/17/22	16:20-40	A Merchant, a Slave and a Soldier Pt 2
07/24/22	17:16-34	Paul @ Mars Hill
07/31/22	19:23-41	Idolatry
08/07/22	20:36-21:8	Needing Others
08/14/22	22:1-22	Courage
08/21/22	26:15-32	Persuasion
08/28/22	27:13-33	Lord in the Storm
09/04/22	28:30-31	Finishing Well (Special Guest) <i>New Series Beginning ...</i>



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

August 14, 2022

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: Acts 21:30-40;22:1-2,21-22

The whole city was aroused, and the people came running from all directions. Seizing Paul, they dragged him from the temple, and immediately the gates were shut. While they were trying to kill him, news reached the commander of the Roman troops that the whole city of Jerusalem was in an uproar. He at once took some officers and soldiers and ran down to the crowd. When the rioters saw the commander and his soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

The commander came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. Then he asked who he was and what he had done. Some in the crowd shouted one thing and some another, and since the commander could not get at the truth because of the uproar, he ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks. When Paul reached the steps, the violence of the mob was so great he had to be carried by the soldiers. The crowd that followed kept shouting, "Get rid of him!"

As the soldiers were about to take Paul into the barracks, he asked the commander, "May I say something to you?"

"Do you speak Greek?" he replied. "Aren't you the Egyptian who started a revolt and led four thousand terrorists out into the wilderness some time ago?" Paul answered, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no ordinary city. Please let me speak to the people."

After receiving the commander's permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the crowd. When they were all silent, he spoke to them in Aramaic:

"Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense." When they heard him speak to them in Aramaic, they became very quiet. ...

"And the Lord said to me, 'Leave Jerusalem immediately, because the people here will not accept your testimony about me. Go; I will send you far away to the gentiles.'

The crowd listened to Paul until he said this. Then they raised their voices and shouted, "Rid the earth of him! He's not fit to live!"

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

Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity. The greatest problem with communication is we don't listen to understand. We listen to reply. When we listen with curiosity, we don't listen with the intent to reply. We listen for what's behind the words.
~ Roy T. Bennett

We need to cultivate the courage to be uncomfortable and to teach the people around us how to accept discomfort as a part of growth. ~ Brené Brown, Professor/author/Speaker

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

We have faith when we are confident of God's goodness as experienced through his provision and protection of us. Hope frees the heart to risk in the present, knowing that victory is assured, and no loss today can be measured against the gain of heaven. Love is making known the character of God in order to invite others to the joy of relationship with him. All love is in essence symbolic of a greater love and sacrifice.
~ Dan Allender, Psychologist/Author

In the world it is called Tolerance, but in hell it is called Despair...the sin that believes in nothing, cares for nothing, seeks to know nothing, interferes with nothing, enjoys nothing, hates nothing, finds purpose in nothing, lives for nothing, will remain alive because there is nothing for which it will die.
~ Dorothy L. Sayers (1893-1957), English writer

Evil will win if good people do nothing. ~ P.C. and Kristin Cast, Author, *Tempted*

There is always a danger that we will make it appear externally that we believe in God when internally we don't. We say with our mouths that we believe in him, but we live with our lives like he never existed. That is the ever-present danger confronting religion. That's a dangerous type of atheism.

PRELUDE

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

All Sing: God Our Help in Ages Past

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Refrain *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Will be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home:*

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same. *(Refrain)*

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun. *(Refrain)*

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 80)*

L Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who
sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin
and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.

A *Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.*

L You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and
planted it. You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the
land.

A *The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.
Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.*

L Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you
have raised up for yourself.

A *Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.*

Pastoral Prayer

L O Lord and Father of the household of faith, we thank you for the gift of
faith worked within us by your Holy Spirit. We thank you for having
called us to yourself, for consecrating us to your service, for having set us
apart to the sacred ministry of prayer.

We pray for the church this morning in all her breadth and variety,
gathered out of every nation, family, people, and tongue, to be a kingdom
of priests serving you. Grant to the church genuine humility where there
is pride, unity where there is division. Grant to her truth where there is
error and wisdom where there is folly, that you might fulfill your purposes
for her.

Grant that in our own community and those to whom we have influence,
for those who are troubled, those who suffer, and those who are discouraged
might find support in time of need especially from your church.

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 O God, give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of
Christ, so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened. Help us to
know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of the glorious
inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of your power
at work in us. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

– based on Ephesians 1:17-19, NRSV

The Lord's Table *(Offered 1st Sunday of Month)*

Invitation to the Table

L Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

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 *Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.*

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 Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise the Lord in the heights
Praise the Lord, all his angels;
Praise the Lord, all his hosts.
Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
Sovereigns and all judges of the earth,
Young men and maidens as well,
The old and the young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
For God's name alone is exalted,
Whose splendor rises above heaven and earth.
The Lord exalts the strength of the people,
And is the praise of all the faithful
The praise of the children of Israel,
Of the people to whom our God is close.
Alleluia! - *from Psalm 148*

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*

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Jeff Koonce, 2013

Henry Lyte, 1834



Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet thy
Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers
Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him



tri - bute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; praise him still the same for ev - er,
frame he knows; in his hand he gent - ly bears us,
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,



ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
slow to chide and swift to bless:
res - cues us from all our foes.
dwel - lers all in time and space.



ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Praise the e - ver - last - ing King
Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Praise with us the God of grace.

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



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



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



Je - sus' name.
- hope and stay. in the veil. On Christ the so - lid rock I stand; All
- fore His throne.



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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Acts 21:30-40;22:1-2,21-22 (found on Page 15)

Series Summer Series in Acts

Sermon Courage

Profession of Faith

L As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude, let us proclaim our faith together:

A *“Oh, that my words could be recorded.*

*Oh, that they could be inscribed on a monument,
carved with an iron chisel and filled with lead,
engraved forever in the rock.*

*“But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
and he will stand upon the earth at last.*

*And after my body has decayed,
yet in my body I will see God!*

I will see him for myself.

Yes, I will see him with my own eyes.

I am overwhelmed at the thought!

Job 19:23-27

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about our own story of who we are, about how we recognize our personal brokenness, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us enter a time of contemplation before God and one-another.

Confession & Renewal

A *Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom.*

Build up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now. Give us a joy and peace to flow out into a broken world, to be instruments in building your kingdom.

We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent and Personal Confession

Gloria Patri

Karl Digerness, 2009

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to the Son,



Glo-ry be to the Spi-rit, Three in One. As it was in the be-gin-ing it



will be for-ev-er A-men, A-men, A-men.

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you. – 1 Peter 1:3-4

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” – from Acts 20:35, NIV

*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.*