
A Glance at the Week

Monday

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

6:30 pm Small Group

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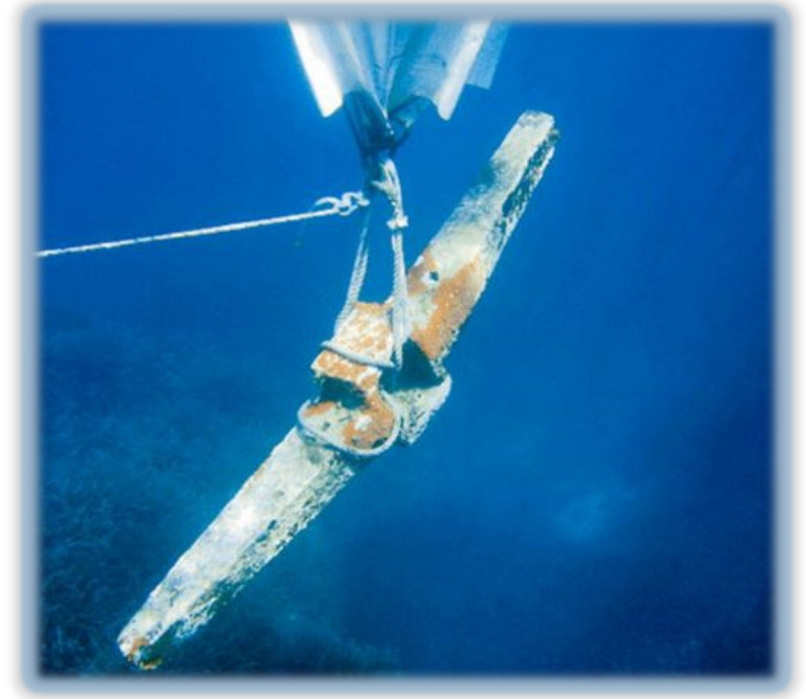
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Looking Ahead

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 28, 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 27: 13-38 (Con't)

After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. Earing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved." So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it drift away.

Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. "For the last fourteen days," he said, "you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food – you haven't eaten anything. Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head." After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves. Altogether there were 276 of us on board. When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea.

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.

Scripture Reading: Acts 27: 13-38

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally

Reflections

Man makes his plans (*selah*) and God laughs. ~ *Yiddish Proverb*

The wound is the place where the Light enters you. ~ *Rumi, 13th century Persian poet*

Paul paid dearly for his loyalty to the freeness and universality of the gospel.
~ *John Stott (1921-2011), British theologian and pastor*

...as concerning faith, we ought to be invincible, and more hard, if it might be, than a stone; but as touching charity, we ought to be soft, and more flexible than the reed or leaf that is shaken with the wind, and ready to yield to everything.
~ *Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

This horror of pain is a rather low instinct and...if I think of human beings I've known and of my own life, such as it is, I can't recall any case of pain which didn't, on the whole, enrich life. ... I can say that I never knew what joy was like until I gave up pursuing happiness, or cared to live until I chose to die. For these two discoveries I am beholden to Jesus.

~ *Malcolm Muggeridge (1903-1990), English journalist*

The Church is the Lord's bride whom He so loves that in her no spot or wrinkle is enduring. For the truth which this analogy serves to emphasize is that Love, in its own nature, demands the perfecting of the beloved; that the mere 'kindness' which tolerates anything except suffering in its object is, in that respect, at the opposite pole from Love...You asked for a loving God: you have one...not a senile benevolence that drowsily wishes you to be happy in your own way...not the care of a host who feels responsible for his guests, but the consuming fire Himself, the Love that made the worlds, persistent as the artist's love for his work and despotic as a man's love for a dog, provident and venerable as a father's love for a child, jealous, inexorable, exacting as love between the sexes.

~ *C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain*

PRELUDE

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

*All Sing: Not to Us, O Lord
Not to us, O Lord, Not to us, O Lord
But to Thy name give glory
To Thy name give praise*

*We were weak, You made us strong
You gave us hope when hope was gone
So, when we lift our song of praise
With single voice and mind, Our thankful hearts will say... (Refrain)*

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 71)*

- L O LORD, I have come to you for protection; don't let me be disgraced.
Save me and rescue me, for you do what is right.
- A *Turn your ear to listen to me, and set me free. Be my rock of safety where I can
always hide.*
- L Give the order to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. My God,
rescue me from the power of the wicked, from the clutches of cruel
oppressors.
- A *O Lord, you alone are my hope. I've trusted you, O LORD, from childhood.*
- L Yes, you have been with me from birth; from my mother's womb you
have cared for me. No wonder I am always praising you! My life is an
example to many, because you have been my strength and protection.
- A *That is why I can never stop praising you; I declare your glory all day long. In
my old age, don't set me aside. Don't abandon me when my strength is failing.*

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 O Lord, You are our strength.
The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies."

God – Your ways are perfect;
the Word of the Lord proves true;
You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You.
For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?
"The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock;
And exalted be the God of my salvation"
~ based on Psalm 18

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 to the Lord

Joachim Neander tr. Catherine Wolf

Musical score for 'Praise to the Lord' in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion! Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth, Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a-dore Him! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-va-Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gent-ly sus-tain-All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore - tion! All ye who hear, now to His tem-ple draw near; - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-sires e'er have been Him. Let the a-men sound from His peo-ple a-gain, Join me in glad a-dor-a-tion. Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth? Glad-ly for-e'er we a-dore Him.

Begone Unbelief

Kevin Twitt

John Newton

Musical score for 'Begone Unbelief' in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of nine staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Be-gone un-be-lief, My Sa-voir is Though dark be my way, Since he is my Why should I com-plain, Of want or dis-Since all that I meet will work for my near, And for my re-lief Will sure-ly ap-guide, 'Tis mine to o-bey, and His to pro-tress Temp-ta-tion or pain? He told me no good, The bit-ter is sweet, The med-i-cine - pear: By faith let me wrest-le, with God in the - vide; Though cis-terns be bro-ken, And crea-tures all less The heirs of sal-va-tion, I know from his food; Though pain-ful at pre-sent, will cease be-fore storm And help me my Sa-voir, the faith to a-fail, The word he has spo-ken will sure-ly pre-word Through much trib-u-la-tion Must fol-low their long, And then, O! how glo-rious, The con-quer-or's - dorn And help me my Sa-voir, the faith to a-dorn - vail. The word he has spo-ken will sure-ly pre- vail. Lord Through much trib-u-la-tion Must fol-low their Lord song! And then, O! how glo-rious, The con-quer-or's - song!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Acts 27:13-38 (found on Pages 14-15)

Series Summer Series in Acts

Sermon Storms

Profession of Faith

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

A *Wise is the congregation
in which the proclamation of the gospel
is accepted as the Word of God,
which is at work in you who believe (1 Thess. 2:13),*

*leading to both confession and praise,
both repentance and a commitment to service,
both compassion and a passion for justice,
both personal and communal actions,
both new obedience and profound gratitude.*

*Blessed is the congregation
that invites believers to testify to the goodness of God
by expressing the faith of the church
that transcends and forms our individual experiences
and unites us with believers across cultures and centuries,
and by testifying to the work of God in the life of the local community.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession & Renewal

A *Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often
we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.*

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have
done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

- L The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. – *Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18, NRSV*
- A *Thanks be to God!*

Glory Be to God the Father

Horatio Bonar

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther,
Glo - ry be to him who loved us,
Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!

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Glo - ry be to God the Son, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Hear the choir of an - gels sing; Glo - ry be to God the Spir -
Glo - ry be to him who bought Glo - ry to the King of na -

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- it: Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One!
us, Heav'n and earth your prais - es bring! Sing - ing glo -
- tions; Hear the praise cre - a - tion brings. Sing - ing glo -

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- ry, sing - ing glo - ry. Glo - ry to the Lamb that once was slain!
- ry, sing - ing glo - ry. Glo - ry, glo - ry to the King of kings!

Doxology

- L Wise is the church that gratefully practices the giving of gifts, time, and talent, as an act of dedication and worship. Wise is the church which affirms that all of life is lived in service to God and neighbor, and that believers are called to be stewards of every gift of God.

*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.*