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## A Glance at the Week

### Monday

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

6:30 pm Small Group

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## Looking Ahead

### Knowing God-

09/11/22 - To Know God	Jeremiah	31:31-34
09/18/22 - The Only One	Exodus	20:1-6
09/25/22 - God's Holiness	Isaiah	6:1-13
10/02/22 - God's Covenant	Hebrews	6:12-20
10/09/22 - God's Majesty	Psalms	33:6-22
10/16/22 - God's Love	Hosea	3:1-5;11-1-11
10/23/22 - God's Justice	Matthew	11:20-30
10/30/22 - God's Face	Psalms	27
11/06/22 - God's Grace		
11/13/22 - God's Righteousness		



## Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

435 Hamline Ave. South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

## September 04, 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.*

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## Scripture Reading Acts 28:30-31; 2 Timothy 4:6-13

For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ – with all boldness and without hindrance!

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For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

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

It is not length of life, but depth of life. ~ *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

No one has a problem with the first mile of a journey. Even an infant could do fine for a while. But it isn't the start that matters. It's the finish line.  
~ *Julien Smith, Author*

Our duty is to encourage everyone in his struggle to live up to his own highest idea, and strive at the same time to make the ideal as near as possible to the Truth.  
~ *Swami Vivekananda, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Indian Philosopher*

How to get rid of ego as dictator and turn it into messenger and servant and scout, to be in your service, is the trick.  
~ *Joseph Campbell, Author*

Curly: Do you know what the secret of life is?

Mitch: No, what?

Curly (holding up one finger): This.

Mitch: Your finger?

Curly: One thing. Just one thing. You stick to that and everything else don't mean nothin'.

Mitch: That's great but, what's the one thing?

Curly: That's what you gotta figure out.

~ *City Slickers*

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" ~ *John 1:37*

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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: 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 1)*

- L Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.  
A *But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.*
- L They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.  
A *Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*
- L But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.  
A *For the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.*

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## 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*

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## 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*

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## Prayer of Adoration *(followed by Lord's Prayer)*

L O Lord,

How we marvel at the depth of your love. How we wonder at the waves of your grace. How we are astounded by the glorious balance of the earth. We are in awe of the vastness of the universe. We are so privileged to be called your children. We are accepted and forgiven and embraced. You are almighty, above and beyond everything. You are victorious. Darkness, sin and death are under your feet. You are holy, beautiful and full of love. How we adore thee.

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*



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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Scripture** Acts 28:30-31; 2 Timothy 4:6-13 (found on Page 15)

**Series** Summer Series in Acts

**Sermon** Finishing Well

### *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.*

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## 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

*Generous God,*

*You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.*

*You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.*

*You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.*

*Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts,*

*set our souls on fire with your love:*

*send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.*

*We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,  
and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love.*

*Amen.*

### Silent and Personal Confession

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## WORDS OF RENEWAL

L There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us. —from Romans 8:1-2, 11, NIV

A Thanks be to God!

### *Glory Be to God the Father*

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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,      Glo - ry be to God the Spir -  
Washed us from each spot and stain;      Glo - ry be to him who bought  
Hear the choir of an - gels sing;      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!  
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## 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.*