
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	Deuteronomy	29:9-20
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
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11/13/22 - God's Righteousness		



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

October 02, 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 Deuteronomy 29:9-20

Carefully follow the terms of this covenant, so that you may prosper in everything you do. All of you are standing today in the presence of the Lord your God – your leaders and chief men, your elders and officials, and all the other men of Israel, together with your children and your wives, and the foreigners living in your camps who chop your wood and carry your water. You are standing here in order to enter into a covenant with the Lord your God, a covenant the Lord is making with you this day and sealing with an oath, to confirm you this day as his people, that he may be your God as he promised you and as he swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I am making this covenant, with its oath, not only with you who are standing here with us today in the presence of the Lord our God but also with those who are not here today.

You yourselves know how we lived in Egypt and how we passed through the countries on the way here. You saw among them their detestable images and idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold. Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the Lord our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison. When such a person hears the words of this oath and they invoke a blessing on themselves, thinking, "I will be safe, even though I persist in going my own way," they will bring disaster on the watered land as well as the dry. The Lord will never be willing to forgive them; his wrath and zeal will burn against them. All the curses written in this book will fall on them, and the Lord will blot out their names from under heaven.

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

...creating our own version of god means we can tame it. A created thing can only do what we allow it to do unlike the true God who isn't manageable. He can't be put on a shelf or told to hush. We want to worship what we can control.

~ *Jackie Hill Perry, Contemporary writer and hip-hop artist*

The promise of the new covenant is not that we're liberated from God's word, but that we're liberated to keep it. ... Our desires are to mature, so that our souls, brought to life by the Spirit, move us to pursue real treasure and eternal glory with passion.

~ *Peter Leithart, The Ten Commandments: A Guide to the Perfect Law of Liberty*

The list of blessings and curses in the Torah reminds us that we must choose each and every day to be active partners with God working to repair the world.

~ *Abraham Heschel, Rabbi and leading 20th Century Jewish Theologian*

Nations pass away, thrones crumble, but the church remains. What is then the power which has protected this church, thus assailed by the furious billows of rage and the hostility of ages? Whose is the arm which, for eighteen hundred years, has protected the church from so many storms which have threatened to engulf it? ... I marvel that whereas the ambitious dreams of myself, Caesar, and Alexander should have vanished into thin air, a Judean peasant – Jesus – should be able to stretch His hands across the centuries and control the destinies of men and nations.

~ *Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821), During his exile on the island of St. Helena*

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 25)*

L O LORD, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God! Do not let me be
disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.

A *Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow.*

L Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me.
All day long I put my hope in you.

A *Remember, O LORD, your compassion and unfailing love, which you have
shown from long ages past.*

L The LORD is good and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those
who go astray. He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way.

A *The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant
and obey his demands.*

L Who are those who fear the LORD? He will show them the path they
should choose. My eyes are always on the LORD, for he rescues me from
the traps of my enemies.

A *The LORD is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant. May
integrity and honesty protect me, for I put my hope in you.*

Pastoral Prayer

L I am no longer mine but wholly yours,
so wield me as you will: assign my rank
among the great or small; fling wide the doors
to honor or humiliation, thanks
or accusation – take my hand and lead
me through; permit me influence and fame
or have me follow you unseen and freed
from weights I cannot bear – but let your name
be glorified; spare me from suffering
or let it shape me; bless or break my plans;
extend my days or martyr me; I bring
my life into your scarred and sovereign hands.
Whatever comes, my heart will rest content
for you are mine – your blood my covenant.

~ Michael Stalcup

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 Ever-faithful God, you have knit together as one body in Christ those
who have been your people in all times and places. Keep us in communion
with all your saints, following their example of faith and life, until that
day when all your saints will dwell together in the joy of your eternal
kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Invitation to the Table

L Come to this table: you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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 *With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

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 Covenant God,

You have shown yourself faithful to your people, throughout all Scripture. Thank you for being faithful in our lives. Prompt us in our moments of doubt to never forget all the things you have done in our life. To never forget that you sent your very own son to die a brutal death on the cross. To never forget all the answered prayers and comfort you have provided. To never forget that you are God, and we will one day spend eternity with you. Lord, we trust you today because you are faithful, and we know your faithfulness never runs dry. We love you and we remember all that you are, and all you have done.

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*

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness (Tune)

Thomas O Chisholm



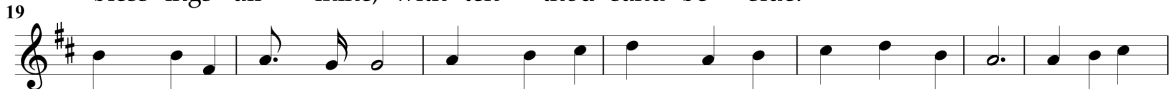
Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no sha-dow of
Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and stars in their
Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear pre-sence to



turn-ing with thee. Thou chang-est not, thy com-passions, they fail not;
cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,



as thou hast been, thou for-e-ver wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have



need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

All Sing: Let us love and sing and wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood, (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Deuteronomy 29:9-20 (found on Page 15)

Series Fall Series: Knowing God

Sermon Covenant God

Profession of Faith

L Brothers and sisters, from time to time we experience a new beginning in our faith journey, when the Holy Spirit breaks into our lives to inspire us, to lead us, and to deepen our commitment to Christ. May today be such a day!

A *As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world – which some seek to control, and others view with despair – we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! Remembering the promise, to reconcile the world to himself, God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ – the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

– 1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Calmer of My Troubled Heart

Charles Wesley

Mathew Smith

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a 6/8 time signature. The melody starts on a G4 note, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The third staff continues with a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, and a quarter note D6. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Calm-er of my troub-led heart Bid my un - be-lief de - part
Com - fort me when - e'er I mourn With the hope of Thy re - turn

5 Speak and all my sor-rows cease Speak and all my soul is peace Hal-le-
And till I Thy glo-ries see Help - me be - lieve in Thee

9 - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah Hal-le-lu - jah, Hal - le-lu - jah

* coda – *Calmer of my troubled heart, bid my unbelief depart...*

A *Lord, you said that if we love you, we will obey what you command. Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.
Lord, you said that we may ask for anything in your name. Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.
Lord, you said not to let our hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.
Lord, you said that if we remain in you and you in us, we will bear much fruit. Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.
Lord, you said that we must testify, for you have been with us. We confess, Lord, that we have too often been silent.
Lord, you said to love each other as I have loved you. In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L *Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and the people of his covenant in the name of Jesus Christ.*

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L *The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. – Psalm 24:1, 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.*