
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
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11/13/22 - God's Righteousness		



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

October 09, 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 Psalm 33:6-22

The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created.
He breathed the word, and all the stars were born.
He assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs.
Let the whole world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of him.
For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command.
The Lord frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes.
But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken.
What joy for the nation whose God is the Lord,
 whose people he has chosen as his inheritance.
The Lord looks down from heaven and sees the whole human race.
From his throne he observes all who live on the earth.
He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do.
The best-equipped army cannot save a king,
 nor is great strength enough to save a warrior.
Don't count on your warhorse to give you victory –
 for all its strength, it cannot save you.
But the Lord watches over those who fear him,
 those who rely on his unfailing love.
He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine.
We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.

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

There is a universal need to exercise some kind of power, or to create for one's self the appearance of some power, if only temporarily, in the form of intoxication.
~ Friedrich Nietzsche, 19th Century German Philosopher

It is folly for a man to pray to the gods for that which he has the power to obtain by himself. ~ Epicurus, 341-270 BC, Greek Philosopher

For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountain of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.

~Robert Jastrow (1925-2008), leading astronomer and planetary physicist

Courage, curiosity, kindness ... I like people who stay with the process, not stupidly or with a kind of utter stubbornness, but maybe something akin to it with this notion of commitment. I think a lot of people live dull lives, dull meaning, small. They do little with their life other than sustain themselves and perhaps a few people around them. I think of that as insipid. We know life is dangerous, and for the people who are trying to live a safe life period, well, I'm all for safety, But if all you have in your life is a commitment to that small, safe, insipid life, already, I don't want to be like you. And I think that sense of those who live a small life often live with a level of-I don't know how to put it more kindly than this- a sort of dogmatic presumption bound into self-righteousness, that they're right, and the people they don't agree with, they're wrong, and whether that's over a particular view on sanctification for instance, they know what's right and they are right, and everybody else is pretty much wrong. That is an insipid, self-righteous life, I just want to go eh.

~ Dan Allender, Psychologist and Author

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 1 Chronicles 29:10-13)*

- L Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
A *Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.*
- L Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
A *Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.*
- L In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.
A *Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.*

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*

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Cruger

Martin Rinkart, tr Catherine Winkworth

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voi-
O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near
All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be gi-
ces, Who won - drous things has done, in Whom this world re-
us, With e - ver joy - ful hearts and bles - sed peace to
- ven, The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in high - est
- joi - ces; Who from our mo - thers' arms has
cheer us; And keep us in His grace, and
14 hea - ven; The one e - ter - nal God, Whom
blessed us on our way With count - less gifts of love, and
guide us when per - plexed, And free us from all ills in
18 earth and heav'n a - dore; For thus it was, is now, and
still is ours to - day.
this world and the next!
shall be ev - er - more.

All Sing: You Shine

Why should I fear man, when You made the heavens
Why should I be afraid, when You put the stars in place

Why should I lose heart, when I know how great you are
Why should I give up, when Your plans are full of love

In this world we will have trouble

But You have overcome the world

You shine, brighter than the brightest star
Your love, purer than the purest heart
You shine, filling us with courage and strength
To follow You

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 33:6-22 (found on Page 15)

Series Fall Series: Knowing God

Sermon God of Power

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 Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, “You must be born again.” What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit, who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness. Let us enter our time of confession before God.

– based on John 3:6-8; 16:8, NRSV

All Sing: Change My Heart Oh God

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

A *Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit: we confess before you and to each other that we have failed to recognize this most precious gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire. Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency, and open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of your hand. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

L All the promises of God find their “Yes” in Christ. That is why we utter the “Amen” through him, to the glory of God. It is God who has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed.

– based on 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

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.*