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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 Series-*

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
11/06/22 - God's Grace	Ephesians	2:1-10
11/13/22 - God's Righteousness	Psalms	19:1-14
11/20/22 - God's Sovereignty	Hebrews	12:12-13
11/27/22 - God's Incarnation	Romans	1:1-4

Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights  
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

**October 23, 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 Psalm 146:1-10

Praise the LORD !

Let all that I am praise the LORD .

I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

Don't put your confidence in powerful people;  
there is no help for you there.

When they breathe their last, they return to the earth,  
and all their plans die with them.

But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.

He keeps every promise forever.

He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

The LORD frees the prisoners.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down.

The LORD loves the godly.

The LORD protects the foreigners among us.

He cares for the orphans and widows,

but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

The LORD will reign forever. He will be your God,

O Jerusalem, throughout the generations.

Praise the LORD!

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

Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public.  
~ *Cornel West, philosopher / social critic*

Deserves it! I daresay he does. Many that live deserve death. And some that die deserve life. Can you give it to them? Then do not be too eager to deal out death in judgement. For even the very wise cannot see all ends.  
~ *J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring*

In keeping silent about evil, in burying it so deep within us that no sign of it appears on the surface, we are implanting it, and it will rise up a thousand fold in the future. When we neither punish nor reproach evildoers, we are not simply protecting their trivial old age, we are thereby ripping the foundations of justice from beneath new generations.  
– *Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, 1918-1956, The Gulag Archipelago*

Sometimes, to overcome a hurdle before us, we don't need to search for new truth or understanding of God so much as we need to live out what we already know.  
~ *Amy Layne Litzelman, worship mentor / teacher*

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.  
~ *John Newton (1725-1807), Anglican pastor*

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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 Isaiah 35:1-10)*

- L The Lord will display his glory, the splendor of our God. With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees.
- A *Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you."*
- L And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy!
- A *Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland and springs of water will satisfy the thirsty land.*
- L And a great road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness. It will be only for those who walk in God's ways; the fool will never walk there.
- A *Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.*

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## Pastoral Prayer

- L Great God, glorify yourself in all the earth. Be glorified in creation, be glorified in your church. Though we are small, and you are so grand, help us to magnify your name. Help us to make your name and the nature of your grace larger and easier for people to see. Help us to live and to worship in such a way that we become like magnifying glasses through which our neighbors and coworkers and children and friends can see you come into focus in ways they may not have seen before. When people ask for an explanation of the hope we have, give us the words to answer thoughtfully and well. When people wonder out loud who Jesus is and why he matters, help us to reply in words that will echo the sweetness of your gospel. Help us to magnify your name, O Lord, so that you may be glorified in all the earth. Be glorified in all we do. We pray it ever and only in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

### 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.

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## 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*

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

L We praise and honor you for creating this world in all its beauty, for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of the Holy Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us. We long for your Spirit to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth and to equip us for service to your world.

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*

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

W. Chatterton Dix



Al-le - lu-ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the throne; Al-le-  
Al-le - lu-ia! Bread of hea-ven, here on earth our food, our stay; Al-le-  
Al-le - lu-ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now; Al-le-



- lu-ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - tor - y a - lone. Hark! The  
- lu-ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day. In - ter-  
- lu-ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques-tions how. Though the



songs of peace-ful Zi - on thun - der like a might-y flood: "Je - sus,  
- cess - or, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem-er, hear our plea where the  
cloud from sight re - ceived him when the fort - y days were o'er, shall our



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## All Sing: Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. (*refrain*)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forbears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. (*refrain*)

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 146:1-10 (found on Page 15)

Series Fall Series: Knowing God

Sermon God's Justice

### *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 *The LORD is my shepherd;  
I have all that I need.  
He lets me rest in green meadows;  
he leads me beside peaceful streams.  
He renews my strength.  
He guides me along right paths,  
bringing honor to his name.  
Even when I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will not be afraid,  
for you are close beside me.  
Your rod and your staff  
protect and comfort me.  
You prepare a feast for me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.  
My cup overflows with blessings.  
Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the LORD  
forever.*

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## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. – *Hebrews 10:19-22, NRSV*

A *God of Grace and Mercy,  
We confess that our hearts are prone to wander from you. We do not tremble in the awe at the wonder of your majesty. Our eyes covet and our minds continue to focus on ourselves rather than our neighbor. Forgive us.*

*Jesus,  
You always revered your father, and delighted to obey his will. Thank-you for your great obedience and faithfulness, when ours is weak and small. Help us to see clearly the work you accomplished and the peace you have made between us and the Father.*

*Holy Spirit,  
Transform our hearts and renew our minds. Help us to obey out of joyful reverence for our God who has loved us so much. Teach us to see God's word as a perfect guide for our steps. And may we revel in the freedom that is ours in Christ. Have your way with us according to your good pleasure, in Christ's name we pray,  
Amen.*

### Silent and Personal Confession

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## WORDS OF RENEWAL

L When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. Interlude

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

A *Thanks be to God!*

### *Gloria Patri*

Karl Digerness, 2009



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.

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## Doxology

L Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. – *Psalm 96:8-9, 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.*