
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	Psalm	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	Psalm	27
11/06/22 - God's Grace	Ephesians	2:1-10
11/13/22 - God's Righteousness	Psalm	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 30, 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 27:1-11

The Lord is my light and my salvation — so why should I be afraid?
The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger,
so why should I tremble?
When evil people come to devour me,
when my enemies and foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.
Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid.
Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.
The one thing I ask of the Lord — the thing I seek most —
is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple.
For he will conceal me there when troubles come;
he will hide me in his sanctuary.
He will place me out of reach on a high rock.
Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me.
At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy,
singing and praising the Lord with music.
Hear me as I pray, O Lord. Be merciful and answer me!
My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me."
And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."
Do not turn your back on me. Do not reject your servant in anger.
You have always been my helper.
Don't leave me now; don't abandon me,
O God of my salvation!
Even if my father and mother abandon me,
the Lord will hold me close.
Teach me how to live, O Lord.
Lead me along the right path,
for my enemies are waiting for me.

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

Chariots of Fire, Eric Liddell justifies the importance of his running in the Olympics by saying, "God has made me for a purpose – he made me for China. But he also made me fast, and when I run, I feel his pleasure." In the same way, the Lord wants you to know that his face is turned toward you in grace and in peace. He wants you too to "feel his pleasure." ~ *Commentator*

To hear the phrase 'our only hope' always makes one anxious, because it means that if the only hope doesn't work, there is nothing left.
~ *Lemony Snicket, The Blank Book*

Mother Teresa said that she couldn't imagine doing her work for more than thirty minutes without prayer. Do you and I have work that we can't imagine doing for thirty minutes without prayer?
~ *Gary Haugen, Founder: International Justice Mission*

Home is where the heart is.
~ *Pliny the Elder, 79AD, Gaius Plinius Secundus, author, natural philosopher*

When there is a tendency to compartmentalize the spiritual and make it resident in a certain type of life only, the spiritual is apt to be gradually lost.
~ *Flannery O'Connor, 1925-1964, Mystery and Manners*

Praise is the rehearsal of our eternal song. By grace we learn to sing, and in glory we continue to sing. What will some of you do when you get to heaven, if you go on grumbling all the way? Do not hope to get to heaven in that style. But now begin to bless the name of the Lord. ~ *Charles Spurgeon, 19th Century Pastor*

PRELUDE

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

All Sing: You are With Me (Ps 139)

How precious are Your thoughts, O God.

How vast is the sum of them.

I would spend days and nights counting them

and never reach the end; And when I awake - You are with me. (repeat)

So search me; know my heart.

Test me; know my thoughts.

Lead me in your ways.

Search me, test me, lead me... In Your ways.

Words & Music by: The Crossing Music

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 16)*

L Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge. I said to the Lord, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you."

A *The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them! Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.*

L I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood or even speak the names of their gods.

A *Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine.*

L I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is beside me.

A *No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.*

L For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.

A *You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.*

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.

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 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*

O Let Our Inward Joys Arise

Isaac Watts (Adpt)

Tune (Africa Arr.)

O let our in - ward joys a - rise, and fill us
Lord on Your thirst - y chil - dren now show'r mer - cy
Why do we then in - dulse our fears, sus - pic - ions,
Why do we boast and con - de - scend and think our -
"Deep on the palms of both my hands I have en -
with a song, Let ho - ly love in - spire our hearts; Sub -
from Your throne For Christ has ri - sen from the grave and
and com - plaints? Is he a God, and shall his grace Grow
- selves as strong? When Christ has bowed and washed our feet, and
- graved your name; My arm shall brace your wound - ed wing, and
- mis - sion tune our tongues. sub - mis - sion tune our tongues.
rained sal - va - tion down. and rained sal - va - tion down.
wear - y of his saints? Grow wear - y of his saints?
bids us sin - ners come: and bids us sin - ners come.
mend your bro - ken frame." And mend your bro - ken frame.

All Sing: Blessed be Your Name

*Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name*

*Bridge: Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say*

*Refrain: Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord – Blessed be Your glorious name!*

*Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name*

*Bridge2: You give and take away (2x)
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name*

Words & Music: Ben & Matt Redman

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 27:1-11 (found on Page 15)

Series Fall Series: Knowing God

Sermon God's Face

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.*

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*

Calmer of My Troubled Heart

Charles Wesley

Mathew Smith

The musical score is written on a treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line starts with a common time signature and contains the lyrics: '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'. The second line starts with a measure rest marked '5' and contains the lyrics: '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'. The third line starts with a measure rest marked '9' and contains the lyrics: '- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal - le-lu - jah'. The score ends with a double bar line.

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

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

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!*

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.*