
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-

10/16/22 - God's Love	Hosea	3:1-5;11:1-11
10/23/22 - God's Justice	Psalm	146:1-10
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
12/04/22 - Mary's Song	Luke	1:46-55
12/11/22 - Christmas Wisdom	Luke	2:8-14
12/18/22 - High & Lofty One	Matthew	1:20-23
12/25/22 - What's in a Name	Matthew	2:1-8

Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

November 20, 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 Hebrews 12:4-13

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement

“My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined – and everyone undergoes discipline – then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

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 Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.
Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.
Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.

Postlude

Bell Choir

Animato - Cynthia Dobrinski

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

You will know as much of God, and only as much of God, as you are willing to put into practice. ~ *Eric Liddell, The Disciplines Of The Christian Life*

One painful duty fulfilled makes the next plainer and easier.
~ *Helen Keller, The Story of My Life*

The question remains and I ask people all the time: who are you when it starts to go south? Not when You get what you want. We know when you get what you want, you're gonna smile. Babies do that. Give them a bottle, they're gonna smile. Give them what they want, they're gonna smile. But when you don't get what you want, when it doesn't go the way you want it to ... who are you?

~ *Inquoris "Inky" Johnson, motivational speaker, former football player*

He who has a 'why' to live can bear almost any 'how'. ~ *Friedrich Nietzsche*

I am God's chosen snob, and if I cannot be with the aristocracy or the intelligentsia I must go down among the proletariat, . . . the natives, because I cannot live with the middle class. . . . Rich people and poor people aren't crybabies. They understand suffering, the middle class do not. The rich intrinsically know wealth doesn't buy happiness. Poor people, of course, know life is hard, but the middle class feel that because of their hard work, because of their efforts, because of their scheduling, because of their goal setting, somehow, they're shocked when they find out life is hard. Middle class people are the ones that are surprised when life goes wrong. ~ *Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen), Author*

My wife died. I give that to the Lord. My job is gone. All right, I'll give that to the Lord. But when I get up and I decide this is what I want to do with my day and here and there disappointments come on in, frustrations come in, this or that doesn't show up, by the middle of the day I am overturned spiritually .. I will not let God train me. ~ *John Newton*

PRELUDE

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

Special Music

Bell Choir

Be Thou My Vision – Peggy Thompson

L O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 128)*

L How joyful are those who fear the LORD— all who follow his ways!
You will enjoy the fruit of your labor.

A *How joyful and prosperous you will be!*

L Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine, flourishing within your home. Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees as they sit around your table.

A *That is the LORD's blessing for those who fear him.*

L May the LORD continually bless you from Zion. May you see Jerusalem prosper as long as you live. May you live to enjoy your grandchildren.

A *May Israel have peace!*

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 Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining our voices to the great chorus of those who sing your praise and depend on you alone. We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace and praise your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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*

Fairest Lord Jesus

Silesian Folk Song

Munster Gesangbuch



Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Ru - ler of all na - ture, O Thou of
Fair are the mea-dows, fair - er still the wood-lands, Robed in the
Fair is the sun-shine, Fair - er still the moon-light And all the
Beau-ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord - of the na - tions! Son of -



God and man the Son! Thee will I che - rish, Thee will I
bloo - ming garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
twink-ling star-ry host: Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, ad - or -



ho - nor, Thou, my soul's Glo-ry, Joy, and Crown!
pu - rer, Who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
pur-er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
- a - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

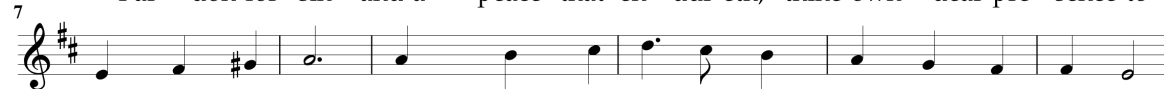
Great is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness (Tune)

Thomas O Chisholm



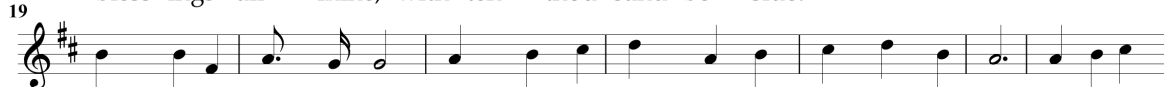
Great is thy faith-ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no sha - dow of
Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and stars in their
Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear pre - sence to



turn - ing with thee. Thou chang-est not, thy com - pass - ions, 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!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Hebrews 12:4-13 (found on Page 15)

Series Fall Series: Knowing God

Sermon God's Sovereign Wisdom

Profession of Faith

L What dost thou mean by the providence of God?

A *The almighty and everywhere present power of God; whereby, as it were by His hand, He upholds and governs heaven, and earth, and all creatures; so that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, and all things come, not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.*

L What advantage is it to us to know that God has created and by His providence doth still uphold all things?

A *That we may be patient in adversity; thankful in prosperity; and that in all things, which may hereafter befall us, we place our firm trust in our faithful God and Father, that nothing shall separate us from His love; since all creatures are so in His hand, that without His will they cannot so much as move.*

~ Questions 27&28 from the Heidelberg Catechism

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive our selves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God. – based on 1 John 1:8-9

Lamb of God

Jess Alldredge



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.



O have mer - cy on us.



Lord have mer - cy on us.



Grant us peace Lord.



Grant us peace Lord.

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

- A *Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

WORDS OF RENEWAL

- L When you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Christ, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.
— from Colossians 2:13-14, NRSV
- A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

Special Music

Bell Choir

Air - Susan Nelson

- 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.