
A Glance at the Week

Monday

6:30 pm Small Group

Wednesday

7:00 am Men's Discussion (*Zoom*)

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Looking Ahead

Gospel of John

01/01/23 - Growth in Grace	15:1-11	
01/08/23 - The Vine	15:1-8	
01/15/23 - Friends	15:9-17	
01/22/23 - The World Hates You	15:16-16:1	
01/29/23 - The Great Mentor	16:12-15	(Annual Meeting)
02/05/23 - Mission of the Spirit	16:5-11	
02/12/23 - Joy in Mourning	16:16-22	
02/19/23 - Peace	16:27-33	
02/26/23 - Holy Father	17:1-20	



Saint Paul, MN

**Randolph Heights
Presbyterian Church**

435 Hamline Ave. South

January 29, 2023

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: John 16:12-15

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.

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 May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- *based on 2 Corinthians 13:13-14*

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

If we think of the Holy Spirit only as an impersonal power or influence, then our thought will constantly be, how can I get hold of and use the Holy Spirit; but if we think of Him in the biblical way as a divine Person, infinitely wise, infinitely holy, infinitely tender, then our thought will constantly be, 'How can the Holy Spirit get hold of and use me?'

~ *R. A. Torrey, 1856-1928, Pastor, Educator, Writer*

The matter is quite simple. The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand we are obliged to act accordingly. Take any words in the New Testament and forget everything except pledging yourself to act accordingly. My God, you will say, if I do that my whole life will be ruined. How would I ever get on in the world?

~ *Soren Kierkegaard, 1830-1855, Danish Philosopher/Theologian*

A writer who says that there are no truths, or that all truth is 'merely relative,' is asking you not to believe him. So don't.

~ *Roger Scruton, Modern Philosophy: An Introduction and Survey*

Lord Peter Wimsey complains, "When I was a boy I always hated facts. Thought of them as nasty, hard things, all knobs." Bunter, replies, "My lord, facts are like cows. If you look them in the face hard enough, they generally run away." ... "A man was taken to the zoo and shown the giraffe. After gazing at it a little in silence: 'I don't believe it,' he said." Somehow, we humans interpret, dismiss or ignore the facts to keep our beliefs intact. The cows run away, and we don't believe our lying eyes as we gaze at the giraffe.

~ *Dorothy Sayers (1893-1957), English writer and essayist*

PRELUDE

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

All Sing: Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Blessed be the Lord, our God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds,
who alone does wondrous deeds.

Blessed be his glorious Name, His glorious Name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with his glory, alleluia!

(Blessed be his glorious name. – 1st time through)

(Amen, amen, Amen, amen! - 2nd time through)

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 8)*

L O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you.

A *When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers – the moon and the stars you set in place – what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?*

L Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority –

A *the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents. O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!*

Pastoral Prayer

L O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggles. Have mercy on its weaknesses, give strength and courage to love the truth...

Look also upon the ministry of this congregation. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to those in our sphere of influence and beyond, even to the ends of the earth. Have courage to join in Jesus' mission build and strengthen one-another.

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior.

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 O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.
– based on Ephesians 3:18-19

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 Blessed are you, Lord our God.
How sweet are your words to the taste,
sweeter than honey to the mouth.
How precious are your commands for our life,
more than the finest gold in our hands.
How marvelous is your will for the world,
Unending is your love for the nations.
Our voices shall sing of your promises
and our lips declare your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

(An Anglican 'Prayer of Thanksgiving')

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*

Lord, You have Searched Me

Trad. Irish Tune



LORD, you have searched me and you know
 My words from you I can not hide, you
 Where can I go a - part from Thee?
 If I the wings of morn - ing take, and
 If deep - est dark - ness cov - er me, to
 O search me, God, my heart dis - cern, and



where I rest and where I go; you
 hem me in on ev - 'ry side; O
 Where can I from your pre - sence flee? In
 far a - way my dwel - ling make, The
 you the dark - ness light shall be; to
 try me, God, my thoughts to learn and



search my thoughts and you know my plans, and
 wond - 'rous know - ledge, - awe - some might, un -
 heav'n? it is your - dwel - ling fair; in
 hand that leads me, - it is Thine And
 you both night and - day are bright. And
 lead me God, if in sin I stray, to



all my ways are in your hands.
 - fath - omed depth, un - mea - sured height!
 death's a - bode? lord, you are there.
 my sup - port Your pow'r di - vine!
 Dark - ness Shines - as the Light!
 choose the ev - er - last - ing way.

All Sing: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
 thou my best thought by day or by night,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou my great Father, I thy true son;
 thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,
 High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture John 16:12-15 (found on Page 15)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Spirit of Truth

Profession of Faith

A *We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:10)
We are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
In him the whole structure is joined together
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
in whom you also are built together spiritually
into a dwelling place for God. (Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV)
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6, NRSV)*

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

L We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about our own story of who we are, about how we recognize our personal brokenness, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us enter a time of contemplation before God and one-another.

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 *Eternal God,
you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us
to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not
your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we
do rather than seeking to do what you bless.*

*Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive
us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into
what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your
unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.*

Silent and Personal Confession

L God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose
the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly
things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are
not – to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.
It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us
wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

A *Thanks be to God!*

Doxology

L He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and
multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
Because of this, you will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.

*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 *God of hope,
you gave your Son to free a lost world.
You give your Spirit to comfort and encourage.
You give us hope for a future free of pain, sorrow, and tears.
You promise us a future with you.
In gratitude, we bring you our time, talents, and tithes.
May our gifts be used so that many others will taste and see
the goodness of knowing you.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.*

L Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in
your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we
wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

– based on Psalm 25:4-5, NRSV