
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	

Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church

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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 16:4-11

I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

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

It's easy to see God in the exceptional things, but it requires a culture of spiritual discipline to see God in the details. ~ *Oswald Chambers, 1874-1917*

A man's social and spiritual discipline must answer to his corporeal. He must lean on a friend who has a hard breast, as he would lie on a hard bed. He must drink cold water for his only beverage. So he must not hear sweetened and colored words, but pure and refreshing truths. He must daily bathe in truth cold as spring water, not warmed by the sympathy of friends. ~ *Henry David Thoreau*

The general human failing is to want what is right and important, but at the same time not to commit to the kind of life that will produce the action we know to be right and the condition we want to enjoy. This is the feature of human character that explains why the road to hell is paved with good intentions. We intend what is right, but we avoid the life that would make it reality.

~ *Dallas Willard, Philosopher / Author*

Loving our enemies also teaches us that the gospel is bigger and more important than any other issue. It trumps all divisions, prejudices, and hatred. The gospel is more important than any personal or political issues you may have with others.

~ *John S. Leonard, Get Real: Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day*

Never allow your ego to diminish your ability to listen.

~ **Gary Hopkins, The Master Within**

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 Var. Psalms)*

L *The Lord has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything.*

A *For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods.*

L Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm. God
reigns above the nations, sitting on his holy throne.

A *Honor the Lord for the glory of his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his
majesty.*

L Put on your sword, O mighty warrior! You are so glorious, so majestic!
In your majesty, ride out to victory, defending truth, humility, and
justice. Go forth to perform awe-inspiring deeds!

A *Then they will learn that you alone are called the Lord, that you alone are the
Most High, supreme over all 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*

Come, Thou Almighty King

Unknown

Arr. by Luke Morton

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Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help
 Come, Thou in - car - nate word, Gird
 Come Ho - ly Com - fort - er Thy
 To Thee great One in Three, E-



us Thy name to sing, Help us to Praise.
 on Thy Might-y sword Our Prayer at - tend,
 Sa - cred wit-ness bear In this glad hour,
 - ter - nal prais-es be Hence ev - er - more



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vict - or - i - ous
 Come and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess,
 Thou who Al - might - y art, Now rule in ev - ry heart,
 Thy sov - ri - eign ma - jest - y May we in glo - ry see,



come and reign o-ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spi - rit of ho - li - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



My hope is built on
 When dark - ness veils His
 His oath His cov - en -
 When He shall come with



no - thing less Than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; I
 love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In
 - ant, His blood Sup - port me in the 'whel - ming flood: When
 trum - pet sound, O may I then in him be found. Dressed



dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But whol - ly lean on
 ev - ery high and storm - y gale, My an - chor holds with -
 all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my
 in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault - less we stand be -



Je - sus' name.
 - in the veil. On Christ the so - lid rock I stand; All
 - hope and stay.
 - fore His throne.



o - ther ground is sink - ing sand. All o - ther ground is sink - ing sand.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture John 16:4-11 (found on Page 15)

Series Gospel of John

Sermon Spirit's Mission

Profession of Faith

A *With these words*

Christ has commanded me and all believers

to eat this broken bread

and to drink this cup in true faith

and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

In this supper

God declares to us that all our sins are completely forgiven

through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ,

which he himself accomplished on the cross once for all.

He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit

grafts us into Christ, who with his true body

is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father

where he wants us to worship him.

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 75, 80

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 (Grant us Your Peace)

Welcome Wagon

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a 6/8 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, and F#5, followed by a quarter rest and a quarter note G5. The third staff continues with quarter notes A5, B5, and C6, followed by a quarter rest and a quarter note D6. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us your peace, grant us your peace, Grant us your peace, grant us your peace." The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, the second line to the second line, and the third line to the third line. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us your peace, grant us your peace, Grant us your peace, grant us your peace."

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 We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all. And this is God's gospel promise: To grant us
forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one
sacrifice accomplished on the cross.

– Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 66

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 *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