

Randolph Street & The Weekly Observance of the Lord's Table

Observing this sacrament is an act of obedience as this is the command of Christ (1 Cor 11:23-26) and the practice of the early church (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor 11:20).

How should this weekly observance affect the church?

- (1) The Lord's Table will keep the gospel central in our church. So many things compete for our attention, but it is the gospel that is of "first importance." The Table will keep the gospel primary and call us to Christ each week.
- (2) We will be reminded weekly of the sufferings of Christ. This ordinance contains visible elements, the bread and a cup. These are given to remind us that His body was broken and His blood was shed. We need the sufferings of Christ pressed upon our conscience often lest we forget what our Savior experienced for our sins.
- (3) The Lord's Table will keep the substitutionary nature of Christ's death before us. Weekly, we will be reminded of the words of Jesus, "This is my body, which is for you" (1 Cor 11:24) and "this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matt 26:28) The Table preaches to our weary souls that Christ died in our place (Rom 5:6-8; 8:32)!
- (4) The Lord's Table, because of its concentrated focus on the gospel, will strengthen our faith as we commune with Christ (1 Cor 10:16) and are reminded of the grace God has given us in His Son. Our souls will be nourished as we feed upon the promises God has given us in Jesus.
- (5) The Lord's Table will give us a weekly opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ, the head of the Church. Instead of the contemporary replacement of the "altar," we will instead come to this Christ-ordained table and, in partaking, we will renew of our love for Him, His gospel, and His kingdom.
- (6) The Lord's Table will remind us of the unity we share in Christ (1 Cor 10:17). We live in divisive days, and it is good for us to remember that our unity as a church is not found in politics or movements, but in Christ and Christ alone!

Let me encourage you — the Table is not a place for the perfect but a place for sinners who know they need a Savior. It is here we confess together our hope, Jesus Christ! So together we approach these Tables with joy, knowing our sins are forgiven, and we approach them with a sober spirit, knowing our Savior suffered in our place. If you are a believer in Christ, we happily invite you to the Table this morning. Soli Deo Gloria!

GIVING

Offering boxes are located on the tables in the back of the Auditorium near the entrances. Gifts can also be made on our website, church mobile app, or by scanning this code with your smart phone.



Randolph Street Financial Report (as of 12/24/23)	
Fiscal Year (January - December)	
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$434,608
Fiscal Year to Date Received	\$451,083
Fiscal Year Status + or -	\$16,475
321 Project (2022 Goal = \$30,000)	\$16,030

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PRAISE
SOLUS CHRISTUS
OF HIS
SOLA GRATIA
GLORY
SOLI DEO GLORIA

LORD'S DAY LITURGY

December 31, 2023

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

PRAYER OF PREPARATION - During this time, in quiet prayer, ask the Lord to prepare you for the worship of our Holy God.

❖ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

❖ SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP - Isaiah 55:1-3,6-7

*Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!*

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?*

*Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.*

Isaiah 55:1-3

❖ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN - *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

❖ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN - *Turn Your Eyes*

OLD & NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6

Gospel: John 15:1-11

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF GRACE - As we prepare for the Lord's Table, let us come to our Lord, who is merciful and gracious, and confess our sins.

*"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Romans 5:1

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Apostles Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried.*

*The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
life everlasting. Amen.*

THE LORD'S TABLE

*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 also he took the cup, after
supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as
you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink
the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

1 Corinthians 11:24-26

❖ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN - *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

❖ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN - *How Deep the Father's Love*

SERMON - Romans 6:11-14

❖ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN - *Living Hope*

❖ THE LORD'S PRAYER

❖ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

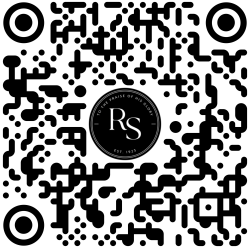
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

❖ If you are able, please stand

WELCOME TO RANDOLPH STREET!

If you are visiting with us, please scan this bar code with your smart phone and complete our Visitor Form so we can get to know you better and pray for you. If you have questions about our ministry, please feel free to contact one of our staff members.



MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training Hour

We will take a break from Training Hour during the holidays and then will resume next year on Sunday, January 21st.

Cross Conference

A meeting will be held today, directly after the Gathering, for those signed up to attend Cross Conference.

Year End Giving

We are deeply grateful for how our congregation faithfully gives to support gospel work in and through our local church. As we close out 2023, we have experienced some unusual expenses due to renovation of our facility and the 100th anniversary. Please consider a year end gift to help us finish strong and prepare for the work the Lord has before us in 2024.

Greeter Meeting

A brief informational meeting will be held for volunteer greeters on Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 11:45-12:00.

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meetings will be held on Sunday, January 21 & 28 at 9:00am. All members are encouraged to attend. These are important meetings for us as we prepare for ministry together in 2024 and beyond.

Weekly Email

If you would like to receive our weekly email, please contact Lee (lee@randolphstreet.org) and she will get you signed up.