

1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. **2** Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; **3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; **4** Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. **5** These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. **6** But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' **8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give".—*Matt. 10.*

Sunday: What is a disciple? Pray with Orlando, Fla., RPC for new moms and moms-to-be and for their little ones, that they all will be healthy, strong, and blessed by the Lord. **Pray** with Frankston (Australia) RPC for the many unbelievers who have come to worship and to hear the gospel.

Monday: Why did Jesus choose twelve disciples? Thank God with Stillwater, Okla., RPC for the sermon series Pastor Bruce Parnell is preaching on 1 Peter; **please pray** for God's sustaining mercies for him and for the Sabbath school teachers. **Pray** for the outreach efforts of Bready (Northern Ireland) RPC.

Tuesday: What is another name for these twelve disciples? Pray with White Lake, N.Y., RPC for those dealing with chronic and acute health issues. **Pray** for Trinity (Burtonsville, Md.) RPC, in great need of a pastor.

Wednesday: What do we know about these twelve disciples? Pray with Orlando, Fla., RPC for Joe Johnson, that the Lord will guide and strengthen him in the process of completing his studies toward the pastorate. **Pray** that Letterkenney (Northern Ireland) RPC would find a building suitable to its needs.

Thursday: Who were the Gentiles? Pray for spiritual maturity in the young men of Russell, Ont., RPC; **pray** that they would have opportunities to practice leadership skills, and that each one would carefully consider whether the Lord might be calling him to pursue pastoral ministry. **Pray** that the Lord would bless the recent mission outreach at Loughbrickland (Northern Ireland) RPC. **Pray** for Jonny Fitzsimons and Kenny Stephenson in their studies at Reformed Theological College (Northern Ireland), preaching opportunities, fellowship together, and marriage and family life.

Friday: Why did Jesus say that they should not go to the Gentiles but rather to the lost sheep of Israel? Pray that God will strengthen Christ (Rome, N.Y.) RPC by filling someone with the eagerness to be added to the deacons. **Pray** for the families of the RPC of Australia, that the husbands and wives would form strong marriages.

Saturday: What does it mean that the kingdom of heaven was at hand? Pray with Grace (Gibsonia, Pa.) RPC for Pastor Jeff and Tab Stivason, as Tab continues her treatments for cancer. **Pray** that Letterkenney (Northern Ireland) RPC would be

able to incorporate the numerous international visitors into the life of the congregation. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that many would attend and would find rest unto their souls through Christ.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day
October 29, 2023*

**Meeting every week at
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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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Worship at 3:30 PM**

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 46C

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

Scripture Reading

Exodus 31:12-18

*Psalm 26A

“Judge Me, O Lord, For I Have Walked in My Integrity”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 27A

“The Lord’s My Light and Saving Strength”

Scripture Text

Exodus 20:8-11

The Sermon

“The Why of Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy”

*Prayer

*Psalm 28A

“I Cry to You, O Lord, My Rock”

*Benediction

*Psalm 134B

“Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”—Colossians 3:2.

“Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.”—Psalm 114:7-8. “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”—I Timothy 1:17.

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first

day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

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Theme: God tells us why we should keep the Sabbath day holy.

I. Perpetuity

- A. Sabbath observance is a moral command
- B. This commandment is part of the ten commandments
- C. The punishment for violating it was severe
- D. Genesis 2:3—God rested as an example
- E. Exodus 16:23—the Sabbath was a well-known institution
- F. Isaiah 58—Sabbath observance is part of Christ’s reign

II. Purposes

- A. To commemorate [remember] the work of Creation
- B. To preserve the knowledge of the one, true, living God
- C. To stop the current of the outward life
- D. To turn our hearts inward and upward to the unseen
- E. To instruct the people
- F. To encourage and conduct public worship
- G. To provide recuperation for the body—Deuteronomy 5:14
- H. To protect society from the greed of others
- I. To be a type of the eternal rest
- J. To be a sign of the covenant

III. Reasons Annexed to the Fourth Commandment

- A. God’s equity and fairness
- B. God’s command/precept: a specialness to the Sabbath
- C. God’s example—God Himself rested for our example
- D. God’s blessing

Application

- A. What does your Sabbath observance tell you about your life?
- B. Are you resting in Christ?

1. He perfectly fulfilled the duties of the Sabbath
2. He is the one who perfectly rested in His Father
3. He provided the eternal rest which we anticipate