

*Readings from Matthew chapter 8—November 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

<sup>14</sup>Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. <sup>15</sup>So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. <sup>16</sup>When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, <sup>17</sup>that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore *our* sicknesses."

**Sunday:** The Roman Catholic Church claims that clergymen (such as priests and popes) must be single. How does v. 14 refute the idea that ministers should not marry? **Pray** that the Lord would grow Providence RPC (Pittsburgh, Pa.) in number with the hope that they would one day be able to plant churches. **Pray** for the meeting of the Presbytery of the RPC of Scotland on Tuesday.

**Monday:** Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law by means of a touch. In what other ways did Jesus heal people? **Give thanks** with Columbus (Ind.) RPC for the Louisville (Ky.) fellowship, led by Tre Cranford; **pray** for members' faithfulness and commitment to Jesus Christ. **Pray** that God would have mercy on our nation; pray that those politicians who oppose Jesus Christ and His church would be defeated, and that those who love and want to honor Jesus would be victorious.

**Tuesday:** How do you know that the mother-in-law recovered immediately? **Pray** with Fulton (N.Y.) RPC for those who, because of job obligations, have not attended worship in some time; **pray** that other employment might be available so they are free to attend worship. **Pray** for the RP ministry in The Gambia.

**Wednesday:** Peter's mother-in-law, when she got well, served others. When you pray for physical or financial blessing, is it so that you can serve others? **Pray** for the North American Presbyterian & Reformed Council (NAPARC), of which the RPCNA is a member, which is scheduled to meet Tuesday through Thursday. **Pray** for wisdom for the Cush4Christ team in South Sudan, especially as it deals with mercy ministries; **pray** for the building of Christ's kingdom in that new nation.

**Thursday:** Can someone who is a Christian (and thus indwelt by the Holy Spirit) be demon-possessed? **Pray** for Pastor Ryan Hemphill and the elders as they lovingly and faithfully shepherd Seattle (Wash.) RPC during these months of continued isolation and concerns over the effect of the government measures on members' lives.

**Friday:** How did Jesus cast out the evil spirits? Can you think of any other places in the Gospels where Jesus cast out demons? **Pray** for the spiritual health of families and individuals in Sycamore RPC (Kokomo, Ind.) who remain in quarantine due to the pandemic. **Pray** for the presbyters who have oversight of the RP mission in Spain.

**Saturday:** Read Isaiah 53:4-6. What is the most important thing that Jesus bore for us? **Pray** that the Lord Jesus would comfort and encourage those at Elkhart (Ind.) RPC who have suffered the pain and sorrow of the loss of loved ones. **Pray** that the Lord would bring many folks to worship tomorrow at ARPC.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day  
November 1, 2020*

Meeting every week at  
574 Western Avenue  
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Psalm 15:1-2

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 56 "Be Gracious unto Me, O God"

Scripture Reading Acts 12:6-25

Psalm 119U "Regard My Grief and Rescue Me"

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 119V "The Princes Causelessly Pursue"

Scripture Text Psalm 138

The Sermon "The Word Has Done It"

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 138B "With All My Heart My Thanks I'll Bring"

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 48B [stanzas 4-5] "Encompass Zion, Count Her Towers"  
\* Congregation will please stand.

*We are so glad that you could join us today!* This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

**"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."—John 17:17.**

**Q. 4 What is God?** A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

**Q. 46: What is required in the first commandment?** A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

**Q 47 What is forbidden in the first commandment?** A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

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*We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Steven Work. A graduate of Sterling (Kan.) College and Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pastor Work has pastored churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, California, and Kansas. Though retired from the pastorate, he remains active in ministry, serving as an elder at the Southwest Ohio Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mason, Ohio, and Moderator of the Atlanta Commission.*

**Sermon Outline**

**A. The Value of the Word**

**B. The Vitality of the Word**

**C. The Victory of the Word**