

*Readings from Matthew chapter 21—November 28<sup>th</sup>-December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ” <sup>14</sup> Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant <sup>16</sup> and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?’ ” <sup>17</sup> Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

*Sunday: What should the church be characterized by?* **Pray** that the Lord would bless Providence (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC’s search for a new building. **Pray** for Ballyclare (Northern Ireland) RPC as it seeks to elect new elders and deacons.

*Monday: Is it wrong for the church to be involved in money-making schemes? Why or why not?* **Pray** with Orlando, Fla., RPC for their homebound elderly. **Pray** for Stephen McCollum as he has accepted the call to Airdrie (Scotland) RPC.

*Tuesday: Today, how might Jesus disrupt shameful activities in the church?* **Please pray** for the officers of Stillwater, Okla., RPC, especially Pastor Bruce Parnell, moderator of Synod; **pray** for godly wisdom, understanding, compassion, discernment, and discretion. **Pray** for Stornoway (Scotland) RPC, as its pulpit will soon be vacant. **Pray** for Ian Gillies, a licensed preacher in the RPC, and his American wife Shelby, who needs to have a proper visa to return to Scotland.

*Wednesday: What shameful activities are there in churches today?* **Pray** for God to bring fruit from outreach ministries at North Hills (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC, including conversions, discipleship, and church membership. **Pray** for Rev. Isaac Berrocal, as he ministers in three locations in Spain.

*Thursday: Why were these Jewish leaders angry with Jesus?* **Please pray** with Eastvale (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC for the Bloom family as they return from their missionary work in Germany; **pray** for a smooth transition as they reacclimate to life in the States and for the congregation as they care for the family. **Pray** for the building project of the mission in Nantes, France, so that it’s soon finished.

*Friday: How does Jesus answer these religious leaders?* **Pray** for the RP Missions training cohorts that are starting in January; pray for effective, impactful, and compelling training. **Pray** for the start of morning worship at Oklahoma City (Okla.) RPC this coming Lord’s Day; the organizing pastor is Stephen Mulder.

*Saturday: How do babies and nursing infants bring about the perfection of*

**praise? Pray** with Quinter, Kan., RPC that the five churches in the Quinter community (900 people) would seek to worship the Lord “in spirit and in truth”; and that the Lord would bring people from the community to worship at Quinter RPC’s evening service. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

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*The Lord’s Day*  
*November 28, 2021*

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**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 122:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading

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Colossians 1:1-

\*Psalm 29A

Mighty”

“O Give to Jehovah, You Sons of the

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 136A [stanzas 1-8]

“O Thank the Lord, For Good Is He”

Scripture Text

The Sermon

“Twenty-Six Reasons for Thanksgiving” (Part 1)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 136A [stanzas 9-13]

“To Him Who Great Kings Overthrew”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 103D

“In the Heavens Has Jehovah”

*\* 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**

**“Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”—Romans 8:30.**

**“Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.”—Ephesians 1:4-5.**

**Q. 48. What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment? A. These words before me in the first commandment teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.**

**Q. 92. What is a sacrament? A. A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.**

**Q. 93. Which are the sacraments of the New Testament? A. The sacraments of the New Testament are, baptism, and the Lord’s Supper.**

***For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.***

“Twenty-Six Reasons for Thanksgiving” (Part 1)

Psalm 136:1-3

The psalmist gives us abundant reason for thanksgiving.

I. Three-fold Call to Give Thanks (vv. 1-3)

A. “O give thanks unto the Lord, for good is He”

B. “O give thanks unto the God of gods”

C. “O give thanks unto the Lord of lords”

## Observations

A. All thanksgiving is God-centered; thus, you must direct your thanksgiving to Him alone

B. All thanksgiving must be directed to the one, true, and living God—the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

## Application

A. Give thanks for who God is, not merely what He does

B. Give thanks to God for His merciful kindness