

fall. **Pray** for God's blessing on the service at ARPC tomorrow.

*Readings from Matthew chapter 8—November 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

<sup>18</sup> And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. <sup>19</sup> Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head." <sup>21</sup> Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>22</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead." <sup>23</sup> Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. <sup>24</sup> And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. <sup>25</sup> Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" <sup>26</sup> But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

**Sunday:** **Who is the Son of Man?** **Pray** that Atlanta (Ga.) RPC would continue to grow in knowledge and in love. **Pray** for the raising up of elders at McKinnon (Australia) RPC.

**Monday:** **What does v. 20 tell us about the humility of Jesus?** **Read Philippians 2:5-8.** **Pray** for Covenant Fellowship RPC (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and its recently elected elders and deacons; **ask God** to use them effectively for the growth of His kingdom. **Pray** for the youth at Frankston (Australia) RPC who are considering communicant membership. **Pray** for the Anugraha RPC (Bangalore, India), pastored by Venkatesh Gopalakrishnan, as there is a need for more elders and deacons; **pray also** for the training of the youth.

**Tuesday:** **What do Jesus' conversations with this scribe and this disciple teach us about the priorities we should have in our lives?** **Read Matthew 6:33.** **Pray** with Fresno (Calif.) RPC for Rev. Tim McCracken's prison ministry. **Pray** for the Girls Group at Airdrie (Scotland) RPC, resuming online this Friday.

**Wednesday:** **In Scripture, what is symbolized by the raging of the sea?** **Read Isaiah 57:20-21.** **Give thanks** that First (Cambridge, Mass.) RPC's midweek meetings continue online and that some members have been able to gather for worship; **pray** that all would be able to gather in person soon.

**Thursday:** **Why did Jesus say that His disciples were men of little faith? How big or small is your faith?** **Pray** for the police officers' Bible study that takes place in Marion (Ind.) RPC's building.

**Friday:** **How does Jesus prove that He is God?** **Pray** for the elders at Providence RPC (Pittsburgh, Pa.) to have wisdom and discernment in overseeing the flock.

**Saturday:** **Read Mark 4:35-41. Of what were Jesus' disciples more fearful—the storm on the sea, or Jesus?** **Pray** that God would bless the efforts by College Hill RPC (Beaver Falls, Pa.) in student discipleship with their new group of students this

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*The Lord's Day*  
*November 8, 2020*

Meeting every week at  
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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 Hebrews 4:15  
\*The Invocation  
\*Psalm 103A “Bless the Lord, My Soul; My Whole Heart”  
Scripture Reading Song of Solomon 7  
\*Psalm 36B “Thy Mercy, Lord, Extends to Heav’n”  
Pastoral Prayer  
\*Psalm 86A “Attend Thou and Answer; Jehovah, Give Ear”  
Scripture Text Ephesians 5:22-33  
The Sermon “Married Lovers”  
\*Prayer  
\*Psalm 145B “Jehovah Very Gracious Is”  
\*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!* 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

*“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”—Ephesians 5:25.*  
*“Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer.”—Psalm 61:1.*

*Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one? A. There is but one only, the living and true God.*

*Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment? A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshiping 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.*

*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.*

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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. Lessons from Culture

1. Wealth

2. Character

3. Perspective

4. Mortality

B. Lies from Culture

1. Romantic love has little connection with marriage

2. Romance is more important than God

C. Love in Your Romance

1. God doesn't want marriage without love or lovers without marriage

2. The ultimate in romance is when your spouse is second to God

D. Romance in Your Religion

1. True religion is a romantic relationship

2. Jesus deserves your love, and you need his love

E. Religion in Your Romance

1. Don't separate passion from permanence

2. Don't settle for permanence without passion

F. Romance in Your Realism

1. From starry-eyed romance to tough-minded realism

2. The relationship of Jesus and his church