

*Devotional for Each Day of the Week*

**Sunday:** “Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.”—Psalm 98:1. **Give thanks** that Jesus is Lord over all. **Pray** that the Terre Haute (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church would soon be a fully organized congregation. **Pray** for the Bob Shapiro family, as they grieve; the funeral will be Saturday morning at 11 o’clock.

**Monday:** “Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments, O Lord.”—Psalm 97:8. **Pray** that the Lord’s judgments would come to expression. **Pray** that Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Quigley would easily settle into their new ministry at Ottawa (Ont.) Reformed Presbyterian Church.

**Tuesday:** “But You, Lord, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.”—Psalm 97:9. **Pray** that the civil rulers would recognize Jesus as King of kings. **Pray** that the elderly and retired at Messiah’s Church (Clay, N.Y.) would be renewed in their service and fellowship in the congregation.

**Wednesday:** “You who love the Lord, hate evil!”—Psalm 97:10a. **Pray** that God’s people would hate all forms of sin. **Pray** that new deacons would be added at Cambridge (Mass.) Reformed Presbyterian Church.

**Thursday:** “He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.”—Psalm 97:10b. **Pray** for the persecuted church, especially in Muslim lands. **Pray** that there would be more laborers raised up for the spiritual harvest at Hebron Reformed Presbyterian Church (Clay Center, Kan.).

**Friday:** “Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.”—Psalm 97:11. **Pray** that God would give you light and joy. **Pray** for the young families at Higashisuma Reformed Presbyterian Church (Kobe, Japan), who want to pass their faith to their children.

**Saturday:** “Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.”—Psalm 97:12. **Pray** for the Anugraha Reformed Presbyterian Church (Bangalore, India), that that little flock would be known as a loving community that heartily serves and sacrifices for one another and the community around them. **Pray** that tomorrow many people would remember God’s name and would remember His Sabbath, to keep it holy.

# Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

*The Lord’s Day*  
*September 16, 2018*

Meeting every week at  
472-B Paines Avenue NW  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Worship at 10:45 AM and 5:30 PM  
Sunday School at 4:45 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-2

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 106A

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

Scripture Reading

Revelation 5

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 138B

“With All My Heart My Thanks I’ll Bring”

Scripture Text

Psalm 95

The Sermon

“Worship in the Presence of God”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 95A [stanzas 1-5]

“O Come and to Jehovah Sing”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 103D

“In the Heavens Has Jehovah”

*\* 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

**“And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:3.**

**“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.”—Psalm 84:1-2.**

**Q. 1 What is the chief end of man?**

**A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.**

**Q. 2 What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?**

**A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him.**

**Q. 39. What is the duty which God requireth of man?**

**A. The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.**

Psalm 95:2a “Worship in the Presence of God”

Theme: Worshipping God publicly means coming together into His special presence.

### **SDP—worship is special, dialogical, and prescribed**

#### I. Corporate Nature of Public Worship

A. worship can be public, family, or private—but worship is worship

B. notice that we worship ***together*** when we gather in a service

1. there is a mutual encouragement to worship
2. there is a mutual edification during worship
3. God is pleased when we do so

#### II. God’s Special Presence

A. different analogies/illustrations

B. none of these examples is fully adequate to describe the reality

C. nevertheless, there is a sense of specialness of worship

#### Application

A. don’t say “all of life is worship”

B. beware of hypocrisy

C. remember the connection between worship and salvation

1. our text tells us to come before God with thanksgiving
2. when we come before God in worship, it’s because of salvation
  - a. the psalmist refers to the Rock of our salvation (v. 1)
  - b. gratitude in worship is as a result of His grace in saving us
  - c. we can come before Him in worship because of Christ
    - (1) His death
    - (2) His resurrection
    - (3) His ascension
    - (4) His intercession