

Order of Service – June 20, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 138 (NKJV pg. 435)

Invocation

* Psalm: 138B

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 2:1-14 (NKJV pg. 148)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11:1-12:2 (NKJV pg. 835)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Title & Text: *Faith Leads to Good Works* – James 2:14-26 (NKJV pg. 838)
Rev. William Pihl preaching

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Psalm 73C

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology - Psalm 72C

* Pastoral Blessing

* = **PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

(Page numbers for Scripture readings are: New King James (NKJV) or English Standard Version (ESV) pew Bibles)

- Our precenter this week is Daniel Carcich, and the presiding elder is Bill Pihl – next week's precenter will be Hannah Goerner, and the presiding elder will be Bill Pihl.
- We will continue to provide the Zoom link each week for those unable to worship in-person.
- **Midweek Bible Study** is this Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Moberg home (186 Ashbourne Rd, Rochester - off Winton Rd. 5 streets north of 12 corners in Brighton) or by Zoom. We will continue to look at Philipians 2.
- **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please pray for our church in South Asia, where COVID-19 continues to be a major concern. Pray for Pushpa (an adherent of the congregation) who suffered the recent loss of her aunt and uncle and was at their home city when a hurricane struck causing major damage to their home. Pray that she will be able to return to her home soon, and protection of her children from ill health. Pray that their church doors would reopen soon and that they would get more quality times of fellowship again. Pray for their witness in a fractured society, that they may look out for others even amidst their losses.
- **Today we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.** Cherishing this sacrament and believing that it is for professing Christians as taught in 1 Corinthians 11, the Reformed Presbyterian Church believes it is the responsibility of the ordained church elders [the Session in Presbyterian church government] to oversee the observance of the sacrament.

To oversee the observance of the sacrament, the elders provide opportunity for those wishing to commune with us to speak of their faith to the Session. If you are a member in good standing of another RPCNA congregation or of a sister denomination that is part of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC - see list below), you are welcome to commune with us today without first meeting with the Session.

If you are not a member of a RPCNA or other NAPARC congregation, we ask that you let the elements pass by you today and arrange to meet with the Session to give your profession of faith before you partake of the elements of the Lord's Supper with us. The questions the Session will ask when we meet with those wishing to commune with us are:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule for faith and life?
2. Do you believe in the only living and true God – Father, Son, & Holy Spirit?
3. Have you repented of your sin, confessed Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and are you dedicate to His service? Are you living your life as a Christian, savoring His forgiveness and endeavoring to turn away from sin?
4. Have you been baptized, are a member in good standing (or active in a church with no membership roll), and involved in the life and ministry of your church?

If you are not sure of your relationship to Jesus Christ, we ask you to let the elements pass by you today, and we invite you to speak with one of our elders to hear the good news of the gospel.

The NAPARC Denominations are:

- The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC)
- The Canadian Reformed Churches (CanRC)
- The Reformed Church of Quebec (ERQ)
- The Free Reformed Churches of North America (FRCNA)
- The Heritage Reformed Congregations (HRC)
- The Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC)
- The Korean Presbyterian Church in America (Kosin) (KPCA)
- The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)
- The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
- The Presbyterian Reformed Church (PresRC)
- The Reformed Church in the United States (RCUS)
- The Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA)
- The United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA)