

Order of Service – August 8, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 111 (*ESV pg. 509*)

Invocation

* Psalm: 2B

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 73 (*ESV pg. 485*)

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:28-39 (*ESV pg. 944*)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Title: *Running the Race with Endurance*

Sermon Text: Hebrews 12:1-3 (*NKJV pg. 836*);

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (*NKJV pg. 799*)

Rev. William Pihl preaching

Pastoral Prayer

* Psalm 73C

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology - Psalm 72E

* Pastoral Blessing

* = **PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

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

Announcements

➤ This week the precentor is Jake Goerner, and the presiding elder is Greg Moberg – next week the precentor will be Daniel Carcich, and the presiding elder will be Peter Robson.

➤ We will continue to provide the Zoom link each week for those unable to worship in-person.

➤ Our pastor has been on vacation this week, so there will not be an Evening Fellowship Westminster Confession study tonight.

➤ **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 look at Philippians 3:12-4:1.

➤ **Church bike trip this coming Saturday 8/14/2021.** The rough plan is to meet at the church (probably around 9am) and bike to Stephen and Terri's house for a picnic and pool party. As usual there will be a spot on the route for younger riders or for folks that want to ride but don't want to do the whole route. Regardless, the pool will be open, and you do not need to ride in order to enjoy the party. Stay tuned for a more detailed schedule from Dan Pilling once it has been established.

➤ **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please pray for our churches in Central Asia. Praise God that their recently published book [*Our Firm Foundation: the Catechisms and Confessions of Historic Reformed Churches*](#) is getting some attention from other churches outside of the RPCNA as a means of discipling their members! Give thanks to God that two small booklets from Ligonier's Crucial Questions series have now been translated and are available on the church website. A church member in their southern mission church is praising God for his provision of a new home for his family. Thank the Lord with DB for opening the door to a new place! One of their elders from the southern mission's church asks for prayer for his mother. She is having severe respiratory problems. Pray that she will be able to receive necessary medical treatment and make a full recovery. A language teacher in one of the churches is facing significant persecution from his colleagues at a government high school. Pray for divine wisdom to know when to stand firm in the gospel, and when to avoid unnecessary offense. Proverbs 15:1 says that "a soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Pray for continued stamina and wisdom for Dr. EM as he labors in this RPGM Mission from Kansas.