

Morning Worship – December 19, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-3 (NKJV pg. 418)

Invocation

* Psalm: 42A

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7 (NKJV pg. 482)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:1-25 (NKJV pg. 834)

* Psalm 43B

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38 (NKJV pg. 717)

Luke 24:44-53 (NKJV pg. 742)

Sermon Title: *The King Has Come*

Rev. William Pihl preaching

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Psalm 40A

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology - Psalm 72E

* Benediction

* = **PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

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

Today's Schedule

Morning Worship	10:00 am
Sunday School/Sermon Discussion	11:30 am
December Fellowship Lunch	12:00 noon

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Announcements

Welcome to all as we gather in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to worship the living and true God!

➤ Our precentor this week is Greg Moberg, and the presiding elder is Peter Robson – next week's precentor will be Jake 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.

➤ Today we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service. If you are visiting today and have not met with the elders to give your profession of faith, please review the information on the back of your bulletin.

➤ **Our December Fellowship Lunch** will follow the Sunday School/Sermon Discussion today. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and fellowship. There will not be the study of the **Marrow of Modern Divinity** today since our pastor and family are away on vacation.

➤ There will not be a **Midweek Bible Study** this week.

➤ The **Reformed Presbyterian Witness** is our denominational magazine published 6 times each year. It contains articles addressing topics of current interest to the church, testimonies of God's work throughout the RPCNA, along with news from our RPCNA missions and ministries and a daily prayer calendar. It is now time to renew current subscriptions and for you to consider subscribing to the RP Witness if you do not currently have a subscription.

The rates for next year are (all subscriptions include both the print version and the online version except for the online only subscription):

- \$28 - regular subscription
- \$25 - special (students, active military, senior citizen (60+), and gifts
- \$23 - online only (no print)
- \$20 - first time subscription for those who have never subscribed

Bill Pihl is the designated agent for our congregation.

➤ **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please pray for our churches in Central Asia. Praise God for the new growth throughout this region's Reformed Presbyterian fellowships. Pray for the elders who are studying for their exams in preaching and Bible; pray for the soon-to-be-ordained deacon; praise God for the two new families and ask God for more church growth; and pray for the two upcoming weddings and the resulting Christian marriages. Pray for neighbors and friends during this holiday season, that they would be redeemed by the light of the true gospel of Jesus. Pray for the ongoing work of making doctrinally-sound, Biblical resources available to Urdu speakers. The labor of translation and printing is challenging!

What We Believe

We believe in the authority of the inerrant, infallible Word of God.

We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in Christ alone as our Savior, acknowledging our total inability to save ourselves.

We believe in Christ's sacrificial death, His bodily resurrection, our union with Him, His mediation between God and man in the heavenly places, and His return to judge the living and the dead.

We strive to advance Christ's kingdom on earth so that the whole world will acknowledge Him as covenant Lord in every area of life.

We believe only God may bind the conscience concerning His worship. Therefore, we sing only the Psalms as clearly authorized in Scripture in our formal worship.

We adhere to our denomination standards found in "The Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America" (Our Constitution is available to any who are interested in our denominational distinctives).

Participating in 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 (board of elders). If you are visiting our church for the first time, are a member in good standing in a true branch of Christ's visible church, and can answer the 4 questions below with a good conscience, you are welcome to commune with us without first meeting with the Session. If you expect to be attending here again and are a member of a congregation that is not part of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA), we ask that you arrange to meet with the Session soon so we can better know you, hear your profession of faith, and answer any questions you may have about our church. If you are a member of a RPCNA congregation, you do not need to meet with the Session.

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 dedicated 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, and we invite you to speak with one of our elders to hear the good news of the gospel.

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