

Order of Service – July 4, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 134 (*ESV pg. 519*)

Invocation

* Psalm: 134B

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 3 (*ESV pg. 528*)

New Testament Reading: John 15:1-11 (*ESV pg. 901*)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Title & Text: *The Blessed Man* - Psalm 1 (*NKJV pg. 373*),
John 1:1-17 (*NKJV pg. 742*)

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Psalm 1A

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology - Psalm 84B

* Pastoral Blessing

* = **PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

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

Announcements

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

➤ **Eldership training** is this Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the church building or by Zoom. We will be continuing our Church History course. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this – it is for both those interested in possibly becoming ruling elders and for those seeking to understand what an elder is expected to be and do as we consider who should be called to this office in Christ's Church. (*Pastor Somerville will send out the Zoom link.*)

➤ **July Fellowship Meal will be on July 25** (4th Sunday this month) and will be a picnic outside the church building following Morning Worship. Morgan Salisbury is coordinating this and will be sending out an online signup for side dishes, drinks, etc. The church will provide the meats for grilling along with rolls and condiments. We will also be collecting clothing to give to folks who come by and have need (we are particularly thinking about men living in the building on the corner across from the fire station, but other clothing items are also needed). Morgan Salisbury and Alex Carcich are the points of contact if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with this.

➤ **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please pray for our churches in South Asia. The RP Commission is pleased to report that—after more than a year of pause—the Lord opened the way for RPCNA representatives to return to one of the countries in South Asia in April and May 2021. During this time in country, the RP Commission ordained four ruling elders, established one congregation and two mission churches, and continued to build deepening relationships with believers in that country. Please pray for these new daughter churches, for their elders, and for the congregations to grow in Christ. Pray that an indigenous and organic church constitution rooted in historic, reformed theology would develop in this nation. Pray for those who are accessing online content, that they would learn more and more about the Bible and Scripture-based doctrine.

➤ **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) or can answer the 4 questions below with a good conscience, you are welcome to commune with us today without first meeting with the Session. If you expect to be attending here for an extended period of time, we ask that you meet with the session so we can better know you, hear your profession of faith, and answer any questions you may have concerning our church.

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 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)