

## Order of Service – August 15, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2 (NKJV pg. 384)

Invocation

\* Psalm: 2B

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 32 (NKJV pg. 386)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 9:1-14, 10:1-14 (NKJV pg. 834)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Title: *The King's Authority to Forgive*

Sermon Text: Matthew 9:1-8 (NKJV pg. 684),

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\* Psalm 32C

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

\* Doxology - Psalm 32B

\* 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 precentor this week is Greg Moberg, and the presiding elder is Peter Robson – next week's precentor 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.

➤ Everyone is welcome to stay for our **August Fellowship Lunch** following the sermon discussion today.

➤ **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.*)

➤ **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please pray for the churches in South Sudan and our Cush4Christ mission working with them. Pray that the Lord would be turning many away from the fruitless beliefs of animism. Pray that they would see God as being the Judge, the Healer, and the Sustainer of Life. Pray that church leaders would stand strong in teaching the truths of the Bible even when it goes against long-believed cultural practices. Pray that Christians would remain strong in the face of community pressures to turn to other things for protection and comfort. Pray for the Cush4Christ team as they continue to learn more about these cultural beliefs, that they would be wise and discerning in building bridges to help others to see the truth about God and the world.

➤ **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.

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