

Morning Worship – October 17, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 96 (NKJV pg. 417)

Invocation

* Psalm: 32C

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35 (NKJV pg. 501)

New Testament Reading: Romans 3:1-26 (NKJV pg. 786)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Matthew 11:1-24 (NKJV pg. 686)

Sermon Title: *Kingdom Expectations*

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Psalm 32B

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology - Psalm 106G

* 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
October Fellowship Brunch	12:00 noon
<i>Marrow of Modern Divinity Study</i>	1:00 pm

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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 Jake Goerner, and the presiding elder is Peter Robson – next week's precentor will be Daniel Carcich, 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 October Fellowship Brunch** will follow the Sermon Discussion today. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and fellowship, followed by our study of the ***Marrow of Modern Divinity*** (chapter 1). We will strive to have the study from 1:00 to 1:45pm. That means we'll need to trim down the fellowship time between the service and Sunday School/Sermon Discussion, as well as strive to begin lunch no later than 12 pm. We'll hold off cleaning up after lunch till after the study, except for clearing the tables so that we have clear spaces to sit for the discussion. *Pastor Somerville will set up a Zoom link if desired.*

➤ **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 our churches in Japan. Pray for the Takiura family of the Okamoto congregation as they anticipate moving into the Okamoto manse upon its construction. Pray for Kazuki Sakai and his travel plans - Kazuki, son of pastor Sakai, is supposed to be going to Indonesia to teach Japanese but is held up due to COVID-19. Pray for travel restrictions to ease and that he would have a good transition. Pray for Mrs. Hamada and others the church members have contact with for their salvation - Pray for Izumi and Ben's upcoming wedding, where many non-Christian friends will hear the gospel preached. Pray for them and the other young couples in the Japan Presbytery. Pray for Pastor Yusuke Hirata and his family. Pastor Hirata is working on his PhD in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Please also keep Elder Greg Moberg in prayer as he travels to the GMB Board meeting this week. Pray for God's rich blessing on this meeting.

What We Believe

1. We believe in the authority of the inerrant, infallible Word of God
2. We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
3. We believe in Christ alone as our Savior, acknowledging our total inability to save ourselves.
4. We believe in Christ's sacrificial death, his bodily resurrection, and our union with him in his mediation between God and man in the heavenly places, and his return to judge the living and the dead.
5. We strive to advance His kingdom on earth so that the whole world will acknowledge Him as covenant Lord in every area of life.
6. We believe in the simplicity of worship as governed by the Holy Scriptures. Therefore, we worship using only the Psalms without musical accompaniment.
7. 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. 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) or 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 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, and we invite you to speak with one of our elders to hear the good news of the gospel.

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