

## Morning Worship – October 31, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 99 (*ESV pg. 500*)

Invocation

\* Psalm: 32C

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:26-2:3 (*ESV pg. 1*),  
1 Samuel 21:1-6 (*ESV pg. 244*)

New Testament Reading: Mark 2:23-28 (*ESV pg. 838*)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Matthew 12:1-14 (*NKJV pg. 686*)

Sermon Title: *The Merciful Lord of the Sabbath*

Pastoral Prayer

\* Psalm 32B

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

\* Doxology - Psalm 41C

\* Benediction

\* = **PLEASE STAND IF ABLE**

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

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### Today's Schedule

Morning Worship	10:00 am
Sunday School/Sermon Discussion	11:30 am
Informal Fellowship Lunch	12:00 noon
<i>Marrow of Modern Divinity</i> Study	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 Elena Robson, and the presiding elder is Greg Moberg – next week's precentor will be Greg Moberg, 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.

➤ **An informal Fellowship Lunch** will follow the Sunday School/Sermon Discussion today. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and fellowship, followed by our study of the ***Marrow of Modern Divinity***.

➤ **There will not be an Eldership training** class this Wednesday evening to allow people who are interested in attending the 7:30 showing of C.S. Lewis: ***A Reluctant Convert*** to do so without a conflict of interest. This is showing at Tinseltown in Gates.

➤ **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please pray for the RP Missions program, which includes the RPGM Explore training, the Team Leadership Seminar, and our Short-Term Mission trips. Pray for God to raise up team leads, and for their development, effectiveness, and availability for leadership training. Thank God for the RPGM Explore cohorts and pray that these students will encourage one another as they progress through the coursework and the (live-via-internet) class time. Praise God for the trips that have taken place and for generous people who have given so that people can participate in these trips. Thank God for the humble obedience people have shown to God's calling on their lives.

## **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, 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.
- We strive to advance His 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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