

Morning Worship – December 5, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 122:1-4 (ESV pg. 517)

Invocation

* Psalm: 42A

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 77:1-15 (ESV pg. 488)

New Testament Reading: Matthew 27:35-46 (ESV pg. 834)

Hebrews 5:14-6:9 (ESV pg. 1003)

* Psalm: 42B

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Psalm 42 & 43 (NKJV pg. 391)

Sermon Title: *The Dark Night of the Soul*

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Psalm 43A

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
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 Hannah Goerner, and the presiding elder is Greg Moberg – next week's precentor will be Greg Moberg, and the presiding elder will be Greg Moberg. 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.

➤ **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***.

➤ **Midweek Bible Study** is this Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Moberg home (186 Ashbourne Rd, Rochester - off Winton Rd. 5 streets north of 12 corners in Brighton) or by Zoom. We will continue our study of Galatians 2.

➤ **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please pray for our church in Central Asia. Praise God for progress in the language and pray for continued motivation, self-control, and efficiency. Pray for leading to the right people for language practice and for their hearts to be soft to the good news. Pray for sustained health as their bodies adjust to their new environment. Pray for an extension for one of their visas. Praise God that the one needing the visa extension can stay in country and continue life as he waits. Pray for more laborers to join them for long-term work among this unreached people group.

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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