

## Morning Worship – December 12, 2021

Pastoral Greeting

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

Invocation

\* Psalm: 42C

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 15:4; 18:21 (ESV pg. 538, 541)

New Testament Reading: James 3:1-12 (ESV pg. 1012)

Psalm 42D

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Matthew 12:31-37 (NKJV pg. 687)

Sermon Title: *Every Useless Word*

Pastoral Prayer

\* Psalm 43B

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

\* Doxology - Psalm 117A

\* 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
Evening Fellowship – WCF Study	6:30 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 Greg Moberg, and the presiding elder is Greg Moberg – next week's precentor will be \_\_\_\_\_, and the presiding elder will be Peter Robson. Elder Pihl will be preaching next Lord's Day while the Somerville's are on vacation. We will continue to provide the Zoom link each week for those unable to worship in-person.

➤ **Evening Fellowship** will be tonight at 6:30 pm at the church building or by Zoom – we will finish looking at the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 5 – *Of Providence*. There will also be a time for prayer and singing Psalms.

➤ The **Session** will meet at the church building this Tuesday at 3:30 pm.

➤ We will be having a **cookie decorating party** at the church building on Tuesday, December 14th beginning at 5:30pm. To expedite the eating process, cookies to decorate will be provided. Please bring your favorite frosting/icing and sprinkles to share. If you plan to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible to Catherine Somerville so that sufficient cookie preparations can be made!

➤ **Eldership training** is this Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the church building or by Zoom. We will be continuing our Church History course (*Pastor Somerville will send out the Zoom link.*).

➤ The **Reformed Presbyterian Witness** is our denominational magazine published 6 times each year. It contains articles addressing topics of current interest to the church, testimonies of God's work throughout the RPCNA, along with news from our RPCNA missions and ministries and a daily prayer calendar. It is now time to renew current subscriptions and for you to consider subscribing to the RP Witness if you do not currently have a subscription.

The rates for next year are (all subscriptions include both the print version and the online version except for the online only subscription):

- \$28 - regular subscription
- \$25 - special (students, active military, senior citizen (60+), and gifts
- \$23 - online only (no print)
- \$20 - first time subscription for those who have never subscribed

Bill Pihl is the designated agent for our congregation.

➤ **RP Global Missions Prayer Request** – Please pray for those involved in the RP Global Missions Explore training program and those preparing for upcoming short-term mission trips. Continue to pray for God to raise up team leads for the trips in time for them to be assigned to trips and be effectively trained to lead the trips. Pray for the final selection of an Assistant Coordinator of Short-Term Missions who will lead the marketing and recruiting efforts.

## **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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