

*Readings from Matthew chapter 9—November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him. 10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” 14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?” 15 And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. 17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

**Sunday:** **Have you heard Jesus say to you, “Follow Me”?** **What does it mean to follow Him?** **Pray** that Elkhart (Ind.) RPC’s covenant children would come to know and to profess faith in Christ. **Pray** for the growth of the RPCNA’s rural churches.

**Monday:** **Why did Jesus eat with the undesirables?** **Pray** for a swift and successful completion of First (Cambridge, Mass.) RPC’s ramp project. **Pray** for the effort to establish an RP congregation in Boise, Idaho; **pray** for Pastor Ryan Hemphill as he heads up this mission; **pray** for people to be raised up for it. **Pray** for healing for Prof. Tom Reid, as he has developed an infection from his surgery.

**Tuesday:** **Whom did Jesus come to call?** **Pray** for RP Missions as they head into the heart of short-term mission trip planning, training, fundraising, and recruiting.

**Wednesday:** **What is meant by fasting?** **Rejoice** that Topeka (Kan.) RPC’s members have not contracted COVID-19 and God has been faithful.

**Thursday:** **When should we fast? Read I Samuel 7:6; Ezra 8:23; Esther 4:16; Matthew 17:21; and Acts 13:1-3.** **Praise the Lord** for blessing the RPCNA’s Home Mission Board’s 2020 Vision and pray for guidance moving forward.

**Friday:** **Who is the bridegroom and who are the friends of the bridegroom?** **Please pray** for Westminster (Colo.) RPC’s college and high school students.

**Saturday:** **Why did Jesus refer to putting new wine into new wineskins, rather than into old wineskins?** **Pray** for Rose Point (New Castle, Pa.) RPC’s college students who are having an elongated winter break brought about by the Wuhan virus. **Pray** for many folks to attend the service at ARPC tomorrow, and that those

who do not presently know Jesus would repent and come to faith.

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*The Lord’s Day*

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## Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 27:4

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 29A

“O Give to Jehovah, You Sons of the Mighty”

Scripture Reading

Exodus 19:10-25

\*Psalm 119M

“O How I Love Thy Law”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 63B

“O God, You Are My God”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Sermon

“The Comfort of Christ’s Coming” (Part 2)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 86B

“Thy Way Teach Me, Lord; I Will Walk in Thy Truth”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

*\* Congregation will please stand.*

**We are so glad that you could join us today!** This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

### Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

**“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”—John 17:17.**

**Q. 9. What is the work of creation?** A. The work of creation is, God’s making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

**Q. 49. Which is the second commandment?** A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

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I Thessalonians 4:15-18 “The Comfort of Christ’s Coming” (Part 2)  
Theme: Comfort of believers via the doctrine of Jesus’ second coming.

I. The Doctrine

A. Not sorrowing—we are not as those who have no hope

B. Proof of our resurrection

C. Teaching regarding the dead in Christ

1. “for this we say unto you by the word of the Lord”

2. “that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them that are asleep”

3. “for the Lord Himself with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, shall descend from heaven”

a. The Lord Himself

b. Shout—pomp and power; the shout of a king

c. Voice of the archangel

d. Trump of God: war; triumph; gathering of God's people;  
everlasting jubilee; pointing to once-for-all sacrifice

e. Shall descend from heaven

4. "and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (I Cor. 15:51-52)

D. Teaching regarding the rest of the believers

1. "then we which are alive, the remaining, shall be caught up  
together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air"

2. "and so shall we ever be with the Lord"

II.. Exhortation

A. "wherefore comfort one another"

1. The word is *parakaleo*

2. Not, "be comforted", but, "engage in comforting each other"

B. "with these words"

1. Words are important

2. These words are of comfort only to Christians

Application

A. Never forget that the second coming of Christ is a foundational,  
fundamental doctrine

B. Be ready!