

Readings from Mark chapter 14—February 9th-15th, 2020

Sunday: 66 Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. **Pray** for the Ridgefield Park (N.J.) RPC as it seeks pastoral leadership. **Pray** for Tri-Lakes Reformed Church (Monument, Colo.) as it seeks a new and larger place for worship.

Monday: 67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with Jesus of Nazareth.” **Pray** that the members of the Clarinda (Ia.) RPC would be diligent to present themselves approved to God, workers who do not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **Give thanks** for those who have returned to Stranraer (Scotland) RPC after being away for decades; **pray** that others would also return. **Pray** for the Shaftesbury Reformed Conference in Northern Ireland being held tomorrow.

Tuesday: 68 But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed. **Pray** for the grace to listen to the warnings that God gives us whenever you start to wander astray and deny Him. **Give thanks** for recent new members of Messiah’s Church (Clay, N.Y.) by baptism, profession of faith, and transfer.

Wednesday: 69 And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, “This is one of them.” **Thank the Lord** for His ongoing provision for the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary. **Pray** that the Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia would seek and do the Lord’s will when it meets on Saturday. **Pray** that all the details for the purchase by ARPC of the church building would be resolved.

Thursday: 70 But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, “Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.” Pray with Hebron RPC (Clay Center, Kan.) for newcomers inquiring about communicant membership; **with thanksgiving** for the Lord’s gracious provision, **entreat Him** to send more who are eager to be disciples.

Friday: 71 Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!” **Praise God** for the addition of babies to Elkhart (Ind.) RPC. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian ministry in Almuñécar, Spain.

Saturday: 72 A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And when he thought about it, he wept. **Pray** that our gracious God would abundantly bless Southfield (Mich.) RPC’s young married couples with faithful, fruitful, and joyful relationships; their dating couples with purity and maturity as they prepare for the possibility of marriage; and their young singles with patience, purity, diligence, and (according to His perfect will and timing) a godly spouse. **Pray** that many people would attend the service at ARPC tomorrow; **pray** that those who would come to the Lord’s table would be prepared to partake; **pray** that those who are not believers would come to Jesus.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
February 9, 2020

Meeting every week at
574 Western Avenue
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
Atlanta, Georgia
Worship at 5:30 PM
Sunday School at 4:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ
Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 37:11-21

*Psalm 40A

“I Waited Long upon the Lord”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 2:1-6

The Sermon

“God-Pleasers” (Part 1: Preaching Boldly)

*Prayer

Vows of Church Membership

*Miyoshi Umeki Robinson * Michele Ruth Haag * Stacy Reval Moton Tawana
Lashun Franklin * Jimmie Lowe Snider, Jr.*

Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism

*Michele Ruth Haag * Tawana Lashun Franklin*

*Diamonique Fantasia Franklin * Jonathan Ty'on Franklin*

*Caeden Ty'rek Franklin * Dyneshia Breyasia Franklin * Wynter Nicole Franklin*

*Psalm 23B

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

*Benediction

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

** Congregation will please stand.*

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

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

Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam’s first transgression? A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

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I Thessalonians 2:1-6 “God-Pleasers” (Part 1: Preaching Boldly)
Paul and the others assert the genuineness of their message and method.

I. Preaching Boldly

A. Entrance—it was not in vain

B. Activity

1. Circumstances—suffering and shamefully treated

2. Proclamation

a. “we were bold in our God”

b. “to speak unto you the gospel of God” (*laleo*)

c. “in much agony”

Application

A. remember that the gospel and suffering go together

1. that can be as a result of the reaction to the gospel

2. it can be as a result of the amount of labor put into proclaiming it

B. never forget the priority of speaking the gospel of God

1. this is what the church’s message is all about

2. it is the good news of salvation

C. rejoice that the proclamation of the gospel is never in vain

1. it always accomplishes what God intends for it

2. and this is because the gospel is primarily for God’s glory

a. in the damnation of those who reject the message

b. in the salvation of those who respond positively to it

Covenant of Communicant Membership

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 one living and true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as revealed in the Scriptures?
3. Do you repent of your sin; confess your guilt and helplessness as a sinner against God; profess Jesus Christ, Son of God, as your Saviour and Lord; and dedicate yourself to His service: Do you promise that you will endeavor to forsake all sin, and to conform your life to His teaching and example?
4. Do you promise to submit in the Lord to the teaching and government of this church as being based upon the Scriptures and described in substance in the Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America? Do you recognize your responsibility to work with others in the church and do you promise to support and encourage them in their service to the Lord? In case you should need correction in doctrine or life, do you promise to respect the authority and discipline of the church?
5. To the end that you may grow in the Christian life, do you promise that you will diligently read the Bible, engage in private prayer, keep the Lord's Day, regularly attend the worship services, observe the appointed sacraments, and give to the Lord's work as He shall prosper you?
6. Do you purpose to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in all the relationships of life, faithfully to perform your whole duty as a true servant of Jesus Christ, and seek to win others to Him?
7. Do you make this profession of faith and purpose in the presence of God, in humble reliance upon His grace, as you desire to give your account with joy at the Last Great Day?

The Covenant of Baptism

1. Do you believe these children are a possession of God entrusted to your care?
2. In this light, do you promise to provide for their temporal well-being, to teach them to love God and His Word, the Bible, and to provide them with a God-centered education?
3. Do you promise to teach them of their sinful nature, of the plan of salvation which centers in Jesus Christ, and their own personal need of a relationship with Christ?
4. To the end that they may grow in the Christian life, do you promise to pray for them, and to train them to read the Bible, to pray, to keep the Lord's Day and to understand the nature of the Church, the value of its worship and fellowship, and their need to seek communicant membership in the church?
5. Do you promise to lead them, by your example and parental discipline exercised in love, to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness in all the relationships of life?
6. Do you make these promises in the presence of God, in humble reliance upon His grace, as you desire to give your account with joy at the Last Great Day?

Question to the congregation: Do you, the members of this congregation, receive these children into your fellowship and promise to pray for them, and to help and encourage the parent as she seeks to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?