

Readings from Mark chapter 4—April 14th-20th, 2019

Sunday: 10 But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. **Pray** that you would want to know more about Christ and His teaching. **Pray** for John Ryce, slated to be ordained and installed as the newest ruling elder at Grace RPC, Gibsonia, Pa. **Pray** for Birmingham (Ala.) RPC, that they would grow in grace and in numbers.

Monday: 11 And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, **12** so that ‘Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.’” **Pray** that Christ would reveal to you the secret of His covenant. **Pray** for more deacons for Trinity RPC, Burtonsville, Md.

Tuesday: 13 And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? **14** The sower sows the word.” **Pray** that the gospel would be sown throughout the world, and in our area. **Pray** for wisdom for the RPCNA Education & Publication Board as it meets next week; **pray** for Daniel Howe, as he presides, and for the new Board members.

Wednesday: 15 “And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.” **Pray** that the devil would not be able to snatch away the word that is preached. **Pray** for the older members at Fulton (N.Y.) RPC.

Thursday: 16 “These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; **17** and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.” **Pray** that persecuted believers would be faithful. **Pray** that Jorge Klajnbart of Springs RPC, Colorado Springs, Colo., would be sustained in his battle with cancer.

Friday: 18 “Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, **19** and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.” **Pray** that you and your loved ones would be kept from temptation, and would be enabled to root out the weeds that would choke the good word. **Pray** for the young people and their Sabbath school teachers at Stillwater (Okla.) RPC; and **pray** for Vacation Bible School preparations.

Saturday: 20 “But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.” **Pray** for Mrs. Debra Goerner of the Orlando (Fla.) RPC who is pregnant with her sixth child; **pray** that the Lord would strengthen and sustain her, and that the child will be healthy and strong. **Pray** for the ministry of the word at APF, that it would bring forth an abundant harvest.

Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

The Lord's Day
April 14, 2019

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Morning Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 34:11

*The Invocation

*Psalm 93A “Jehovah Reigns; He’s Clothed with Majesty Most Bright”

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:1-15

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 139B

“If I the Wings of Morning Take”

Scripture Text

Acts 2:14-41

The Sermon

“Why Do We Baptize Babies?” (Part 2)

*Prayer

*Psalm 139C

“Thy Thoughts, O God, to Me are Dear”

*Benediction

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

** Congregation will please stand.*

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

Catechism Questions & Answers

Q. 94. What is baptism? A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

Q. 95. To whom is baptism to be administered? A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Q. 33. What is justification? A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Evening Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Galatians 1:3-5

*The Invocation

*Psalm 93A “Jehovah Reigns; He’s Clothed with Majesty Most Bright”

Scripture Reading

II Timothy 1

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 139B

“If I the Wings of Morning Take”

Scripture Text

John 5:19-24

The Sermon

“The Truth About Eternal Life”

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We welcome to our pulpit this evening the Rev. Dr. Ken G. Smith, a retired RPCNA minister. Dr. Smith has been a minister for 67 years, having been ordained in 1952. He served pastorates in Pennsylvania and New York, and was a missionary on the island nation of Cyprus.

Scripture Memory

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”—*John 10:11.*

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”—*I John 1:9.*

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”—*Matthew 28:19-20.*

According to the Reformed Presbyterian Testimony, “The presentation of tithes and gifts is warranted as part of worship.” A tithe box is available at the back.

Acts 2:38-39 “Why Do We Baptize Babies?” (Part 2)

Theme: The Bible tells us that children of believers should be baptized.

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II. Everyone in the Covenant Should Have the Sign of the Covenant

III. Children of Believers are Members of the Covenant Community

IV. Therefore, Children of Believers Should Be Baptized

V. Supporting Evidence

A. Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38-39)

1. the **promise** is to **you and your children**—how would a Jewish audience have understood the message?
2. the covenant ideal is assumed
3. why would the New Covenant be less gracious than the Old?

B. instances of household/family baptisms

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2. Samuel Miller’s comment

VI. Answering Objections

Application

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B. it’s not just a duty but a great joy to have one’s child baptized

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