

Readings from Mark chapter 6—June 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Sunday: 14** Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.” **15** Others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets.” **Pray** with Elkins Park (Pa.) RPC that the counselors and staff of White Lake (N.Y.) Camp would walk by the Spirit in holiness, power, and love.

**Monday: 16** But when Herod heard, he “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!” **17** For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her. **18** For John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” **Pray** for ministers to have boldness in confronting sin. **Pray** for the RPCNA Synod which begins today in Beaver Falls, Pa., and for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod which meets concurrently.

**Tuesday: 19** Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; **20** for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. **Pray** for the grace of godly, not worldly, repentance. **Pray** for Rose Point (New Castle, Pa.) RPC’s Christian education committee and their responsibilities.

**Wednesday: 21** Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. **22** And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.” **23** He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” **Pray** that you would be kept from rash and unwise promises. **Give thanks** for the ministry of Stacey Jo Schiller and Barton Briley as they oversee Sabbath school instruction for the children and youth of the Hetherton RPC (Johannesburg, Mich.).

**Thursday: 24** So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist!” **25** Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” **Pray** for a spiritual and a physical harvest in South Sudan.

**Friday: 26** And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. **27** Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, **28** brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. **Pray** that the church would be protected from persecution. **Pray** with Eastvale RPC (Beaver Falls, Pa.) for the Bloom family as they serve in Germany. **Pray** for the services at ARPC on Sunday.

**Saturday: 29** When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb. **Pray** for Kasumigaoka RPC (Kobe, Japan), that God will use the members of the Japan short-term missions team as joyful witnesses to Japanese children who attend summer outreach programs at each of the churches there.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day*  
*June 9, 2019*

Meeting every week at  
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Worship at 10:45 AM and 5:30 PM  
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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-2

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:1-14

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 5B

“O Jehovah, Hear My Words”

Scripture Text

Acts 15:1-35

The Sermon

“The First General Assembly”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 27C

“Leave Me Not nor Forsake, O God”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 134B

“Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

*\* 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**

**“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”—*I Timothy 1:17.***

**“Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”—*Matthew 4:19.***

**Q. 1 What is the chief end of man? A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.**

**Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin? A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.**

**Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ? A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

Acts 15:1-35 “The First General Assembly”

Dr. Luke relates the story of the general assembly in Jerusalem.

I. The Controversy

A. Judaizers—mixing Judaism and Christianity

B. this teaching went directly contrary to what Paul was teaching

C. how significant was this controversy?

1. obviously, it helps define what the true gospel is

2. it deals with ethics—how they ought to live

3. it was creating a division in the Body of Christ

II. The Means for Resolving the Controversy

A. notice: it proved impossible to resolve locally

B. a judicial reference

1. there was a personal aspect—a delegation was sent

2. the matter was referred to Jerusalem—still the “Mother Church”

C. in the mean time

1. mutual joy over the Gentiles’ conversion

2. but, there was controversy

D. the first General Assembly

1. apostles and elders—gathered together as presbyters

2. the observers: the whole church

E. the discussion—“much disputing”

III. The Resolution Itself

A. the two actions—sending a delegation and writing a letter

B. the judgment of the matter

1. authoritative judgment

2. celebration of liberty

3. restrictions—the law of love being applied, authoritatively

C. reception of the letter

D. subsequently, there was great healing of the Body

Application

A. always remember that salvation is by grace alone, not by works

B. give thanks that Christ cares enough about the church to establish procedures for settling disputes