

tomorrow, that many would attend.

Readings from Matthew chapter 10—January 10th-16th, 2021

16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. 18 You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. 21 Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.”

Sunday: **Why does Jesus refer to the disciples as sheep?** **Pray** for God’s blessing on the preaching of the Word at Quinter (Kan.) RPC. **Pray** for First RPC (Grand Rapids, Mich.), pastored by Scotsman Craig Scott.

Monday: **What are ways in which you can be wiser than serpents and harmless as doves?** **Give thanks** for the ongoing service of Scott Hunt as a ruling elder, and also that several men in the Belle Center (O.) RPC are considering if God is calling them to that office; **pray** that the congregation would soon have at least one resident ruling elder. **Pray** for Sparta (Ill.) RPC, pastored by newly installed Ross Fearing.

Tuesday: **What would you say if you were brought before governors and other government officials for the sake of your faith?** **Give thanks** that the number of people participating in evening worship at Ottawa (Ont.) RPC continues to increase. **Pray** for the budding group that is gathering for worship in the Houston, Tex., area.

Wednesday: **How does the Holy Spirit work today in giving us the words to say?** **Pray** with the Home Mission Board regarding the recent closure of Casper (Wyo.) Mission; **pray** for the families who had been involved with that work. **Pray** for peace and righteousness in our land, and for protection for the church.

Thursday: **Is your loyalty to Christ greater than your loyalty to the members of your family? How might you be tempted to put loyalty to family members above loyalty to Christ?** **Pray** that the Lord would bring seekers to Higashisuma RPC (Kobe, Japan) and that they would be saved by the Lord; **pray** for the ladies who have expressed that they would like to join the congregation in the near future.

Friday: **Why do those of the world hate Christians?** **Pray** for Westminster (Colo.) RPC as they make decisions about the Theological Foundations Backpacking trip (TFB) this summer. **Pray** for First RPC (Durham, N.C.), pastored by Kent Butterfield. **Pray** for new Reformed Presbyterian outreach efforts in Ireland. **Pray** for student Sylvester Konteh, as he ministers in The Gambia.

Saturday: **Why is it important to endure until the day of our death?** **Pray** for the elders of South Sudan Community Church as they seek to shepherd the flocks entrusted to their care and disciple future leaders. **Pray** for the service at ARPC

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Welcome and Announcements
Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions
The Call to Worship I Corinthians 15:20
*The Invocation
*Psalm 122B “I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying”
Scripture Reading Exodus 20:1-17
*Psalm 1A “O Greatly Blessed is the Man”
Pastoral Prayer
*Psalm 56 “Be Gracious unto Me, O God”
Scripture Text I Thessalonians 5:12-15
The Sermon “Mutual Duties in Thessalonica” (Part 1)
*Prayer
*Psalm 27C “Leave Me Not, Nor Forsake, O God”
*Benediction

*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12]

“Now Blessed Be Our God Alone”

** 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

“Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”—Matthew 13:9. “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”—Ephesians 6:10. “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”—I Peter 2:17.

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. 54. What is required in the third commandment? A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word and works.

Q. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment? A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

I Thessalonians 5:14-15 “Mutual Duties in Thessalonica” (Part 1)
Paul and company exhort the Thessalonians regarding mutual duties.

I. Pastoral Injunctions

A. Exhortation: “now we exhort you, brethren”

B. Warning regarding them that are unruly

1. Unruly/disorderly

a. civil relations

(a) civil disobedience

(b) general lawlessness

(c) it’s often the case that “religion” leads to civil unrest

(2) Natural relations—children; women/wives; husbands

(3) Spiritual relations—laity and rulers

2. Warning/admonishing

- a. The term is *noutheteo*; cf. 5:12
- b. Warning: the hurt to themselves; the hurt to others

B. Comforting the feeble-minded

- 1. Literally, men of little souls
- 2. Comfort
 - a. The term: I Thessalonians 2:11; John 11:19, 31
 - b. The concept—coming alongside; healing via Scripture

C. Supporting the weak

- 1. The weak—physically and spiritually
- 2. Support

D. Being patient toward all

- 1. Patience—an attribute of God
- 2. To all men—believers and unbelievers

Application

A. Be sure to behave

B. Behave by means of a conscious union with Christ