Readings from Matthew chapter 8—November 15th-21st, 2020

²⁸ When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed *men*, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. ²⁹ And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" ³⁰ Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. ³¹ So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." ³² And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. ³³ Then those who kept *them* fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men*. ³⁴ And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged *Him* to depart from their region.

<u>Sunday:</u> Where are the Gergesenes? Please pray for wisdom, guidance, and good health for members of Stillwater (Okla.) RPC as they minister to each other and their community during COVID-19 restrictions. **Pray** for the day of prayer being held throughout the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland tomorrow.

<u>Monday:</u> What does it mean to be demon-possessed? Pray for the young people in the Columbus (Ind.) RPC, as some go back to college, and others seek employment, that God will lead them to the places where He wants them to serve Christ and His church. Pray that God would use the Weer Bei radio station in South Sudan to bring many to faith in Christ. Pray that the Lord would send revival throughout our land. Pray for safety for Pastor and Mrs. Work as they travel home.

<u>Tuesday:</u> Where else in Scripture do you find demon-possessed people? Give thanks for two members at Fulton (N.Y.) RPC. Pray that God would bring at least one French family or individual to join the RP ministry in Nantes, France. Pray for the ministry of Trinity RPC, Burtonsville, Maryland, pastored by Dr. Joel Wood.

<u>Wednesday:</u> Who do the demons think that Jesus is? Pray with Seattle (Wash.) RPC for boldness of faith to worship without fear of man, pestilence, or hardship. Pray for the continued growth of Glasgow (Scotland) RPC.

<u>Thursday:</u> To what were the demons referring when they spoke of being tormented "before the time"? Pray that the Lord Jesus would richly bless Elkhart (Ind.) RPC with a fruitful outreach ministry as they complete an evangelism training class. Pray for the continued growth of Stornoway (Scotland) RPC.

<u>Friday:</u> In Scripture, how are pigs regarded? Pray for Southfield (Mich.) RPC's ongoing evangelistic ministry of leading chapel services at the Christian Guidance Center (male detox facility) in Detroit, that seeds would be sown into good soil, producing an abundant harvest. Pray for the Lord's protection on the church.

<u>Saturday:</u> What does the reaction of the people in the city tell us about them? Ask God to bless the new marriages that have taken place in the Columbus (Ind.) Atlanta

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Romans 8:1-4

*The Invocation

*Psalm 57A "Be Gracious Unto Me, O God"

Scripture Reading John 14:15-31

Psalm 61 "My Voice and Prayer, O God, Attend"

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 63B "O God, You Are My God"

Scripture Text Psalm 91

The Sermon "Take Cover"

*Prayer

*Psalm 91A "Who With God Most High Finds Shelter"

*Benediction

*Psalm 134B "Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord"

* Congregation will please stand.

<u>We are so glad that you could join us today!</u> 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

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."—Psalm 42:1.

- Q. 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead? A. There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
- Q. 7. What are the decrees of God? A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.
- Q. 48. What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment? A. These words before me in the first commandment teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

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

We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Steven Work. A graduate of Sterling (Kan.) College and Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pastor Work has pastored churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, California, and Kansas. Though retired from the pastorate, he remains active in ministry, serving as an elder at the Southwest Ohio Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mason, Ohio, and Moderator of the Atlanta Commission.

Sermon Outline

A. Commitment to the Promises (91:1-2)

Voice of the Commentator (Son)

B. Covered by the Promises (91:3-13)

Voice of the Counselor (Spirit)

C. Confident in the Promises (91:14-16)
Voice of the Commander (Father)