

**From Mark 3: 20** Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. **21** But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind." **22** And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons." **23** So He called them to Himself and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? **24** If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **25** And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. **26** And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. **27** No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house."

**Sunday: What did Jesus' own kinfolk think of Him? Please pray** for the new Delmarva RP Fellowship in Salisbury, Md., as they reach out to friends and neighbors. **Pray** for the growth of the Ballynon (Northern Ireland) RPC.

**Monday: Why do people think that of Jesus or His followers today? Pray** that the Lord provides the RP Home in Pittsburgh, Pa., with an improved chapel and community room. **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to work mightily and send revival to the Mid Ulster region of Northern Ireland. **Pray** for Daniel Moore of Lisburn (Northern Ireland) RPC as tomorrow he begins short-term missions work in The Gambia.

**Tuesday: What does Beelzebub mean? Give thanks** with Crown & Covenant Publications on the launch of its new imprint, Grassmarket Press; **pray** that God would use these books to help deepen appreciation of scriptural truth and increase love for God. **Pray** for the growth of the Ballylane (Northern Ireland) RPC, whose membership has been depleted due to deaths the past several months.

**Wednesday: Who is the ruler of the demons? What are demons? Pray** that the Lord would be pleased to use Hope Community (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC as a beacon of hope for the hopeless in their community. **Pray** for the children and young people at Dervock (Northern Ireland) RPC; **give thanks** for the new pastor, Raymond Blair.

**Thursday: What are examples of a house being divided against itself? Please pray** that the Lord would raise up qualified deacons to serve within Southfield, Mich., RPC. **Pray** for the Lord to provide local elders for the Cookstown (Northern Ireland) RPC. **Pray** for the work of the Council of International Mission to Jewish People; **pray** for the incoming of the Jews into Christ's kingdom and the fullness of the Gentiles. **Pray** for Glasgow (Scotland) RPC during this time of a vacant pulpit. **Pray** for the Gainesville, Fla., RP Fellowship, for encouragement and growth in numbers.

**Friday: How does Jesus plunder Satan's house? Give thanks** with Washington, Iowa, RPC for the young adults who have stayed in the area; **pray** that they would continue to be built up in their faith. **Pray** for the ongoing opportunity for market outreach through the Carrickfergus (Northern Ireland) RPC; **pray** for the conversion of many people through this evangelistic effort. **Pray** for Stormoway (Scotland) RPC as it seeks to install church officers this month.

**Saturday: When and how did Jesus bind Satan? Pray** for Bloomington, Ind., RPC's ministry to students at Indiana University. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that many would attend and receive a blessing.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day  
February 12, 2023*

Meeting every week at  
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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)  
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

#### The Call to Worship

Hosea 11:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 106A

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

#### Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

\*Psalm 102A

“To This My Prayer O Listen, Lord!”

#### Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 14A “The Fool Is Saying in His Heart, There Surely Is No God”

#### Scripture Text

Ezra 8

#### The Sermon

“St. Ezra’s Return—The Details” (Part 1)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 137

“By Babel’s Streams We Sat and Wept”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 119M

“O How I Love Thy Law”

*\*Congregation will please stand.*

***We are so glad that you could join us today!** Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.*

### Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

**“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.”—Psalm 84:1-2. “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”—Colossians 4:2.**

**Q. 30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.**

**Q. 31. What is effectual calling? A. Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.**

**Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life? A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.**

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

Theme: God (graciously) enables Ezra to return to Jerusalem.

#### I. People of Ezra’s Return (vv. 1-20)

##### A. “chief of their fathers”

1. Genealogical listing

2. Twelve families

3. Both sides of Aaron’s family represented (v. 2)

4. “the last ones”: none of that family stayed behind!

##### B. Levites and Nethinims—temple servants

1. Background

2. Ezra’s remedy

3. The response

4. The success regarding Levites and Nethinims

#### Application—Embrace salvation!

##### A. Notice the call to join up

1. Ezra vigorously called and sought them out

2. Some were called out of Babylon earlier, some now

##### B. Rejoice in the divine plan of redemption

1. A reminder of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God

2. The sacrificial system, so Messiah could come

3. Isaiah 52—going out of Babylon=> repentance

4. All Israel was included

5. The necessity of personal holiness (v. 28)