

**From Matthew 26:** <sup>44</sup> So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup> Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.” <sup>47</sup> And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” <sup>49</sup> Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. <sup>50</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

**Sunday:** **What did Jesus pray? Give thanks** with First (Cambridge, Mass.) RPC for good relations with their neighbors, and **pray** for conversions to Christ among them. **Pray** for Sycamore (Kokomo, Ind.) RPC and its pastor, Shawn Anderson. **Pray** for Jono and Louise Blakston and family as they prepare for service in South Sudan.

**Monday:** **Read Luke 22:39-46. What further information does this other account give us? Give thanks** with Belle Center, Ohio, RPC that Pastor Pockras’ hospitalization for COVID-19 in January has not affected his work in the long term; **give thanks** for the blessing of supply preaching from Revs. Steven Work and Jack Baumgardner. **Pray** for Grace Reformed Church in The Gambia, and the pastor there, Sylvester Konteh. **Pray** for Reformed Theological College in Australia.

**Tuesday:** **What does Jesus mean by the term “Son of Man”?** **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 growth of the RPC mission work near Harrisburg, Pa. **Pray** for the teenagers at North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC, many of whom were not raised in a Christian home. **Pray** for the progress of the gospel in Pakistan, especially through the translation of the Bible into Urdu.

**Wednesday:** **What do you know about Judas?** **Pray** that God will lead them back to the church several families who have not yet returned to Topeka, Kan., RPC since Covid-19. **Pray** for those in our flock with financial and health needs.

**Thursday:** **What does a kiss usually signify?** **Pray** with Orlando, Fla., RPC for moms Vanessa Le and Katie Petra and their newborns. **Pray** for the growth and encouragement of the Gainesville (Fla.) RP Fellowship; **pray** for health and strength for Prof. Tom Reid, who leads the ministry, and for his wife Genevieve.

**Friday:** **Why did Judas have to give a sign as to who Jesus was?** **Pray** that the Lord would help Hope Community (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC see their sin and need of Christ, find grace, love, and forgiveness, and love His law so much that they fight against the enemies of the world, the flesh, and the devil. **Pray** for the recent graduates of RPTS, that they would find their place of ministry.

**Saturday:** **Read John 18:1-11. What further information does this other account give us? Give thanks** for the faithful preaching of Rose Point (New Castle, Pa.) RPC’s pastor, Charles Brown, who has been preaching in recent months on the patriarchs from Genesis and the ministry of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of Mark. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that many folks would attend and be positively impacted by the gospel of Christ.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day*  
*July 24, 2022*

Meeting every week at  
574 Western Avenue  
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Worship at 3:30 PM

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*Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ*

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Romans 8:1-4

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 106A "O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!"

Scripture Reading John 7:53-8:11

\*Psalm 5B "O Jehovah, Hear My Words"

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 86A "Attend Thou and Answer; Jehovah, Give Ear"

Scripture Text Luke 15

The Sermon "The Lost Son"

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 86B "Thy Way Teach Me, Lord"

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 117A "O All Ye Nations of the Earth"

*\* 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

**"Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."**—*Ephesians 1:4-5.*

**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. 8. How doth God execute his decrees?** A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

**Q. 9. What is the work of creation?** A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

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

**Jesus demonstrates the proper attitude, and rebukes a bad attitude, towards a (repenting) lost son.**

I. The Prodigal

A. Self-will (v. 12)—hedonistic impulse; rebellion

B. Folly (v. 13)

C. Misery (vv. 14-16): no money; famine; degradation; hunger

D. Repentance (vv. 17-19; 20a, 21)

II. The Father

A. The waiting

B. The actions

1. The love and compassion

2. He went to his son

3. The son makes confession

4. Upon arriving home, orders are given

III. The Elder Son

A. His character

B. He returns from being at work in the field

C. He then shows himself to be bitterly resentful

D. He's answered in a mild, gentle way

E. The real difficulty

Application

A. Repent!

1. It's good to consider what you will say to God

2. You must plead guilty

3. Humbly acknowledge the forfeiture of all rights

4. The true penitent will sue for admittance

B. Show love and compassion for the lost

C. Rejoice in God's great grace