

**From Matthew 26:** <sup>51</sup> And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?” <sup>55</sup> In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. <sup>56</sup> But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. <sup>57</sup> And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. <sup>58</sup> But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

**Sunday:** Read Luke 22:50-51 and John 18:10-11; what other information do we find in these verses? Ask God for guidance and fresh ideas for White Lake, N.Y., RPC as to how they can reach their community. Give thanks for the significant number of new people worshipping at Stornoway (Scotland) RPC.

**Monday:** Why did Peter take up his sword? Pray for the B family in Central Asia as they await the arrival of their baby boy, due this month; pray for health for the mother and good medical care during the birth. Pray that the Glasgow (Scotland) RPC would be able to unite around a man whom they could call as pastor.

**Tuesday:** What did Jesus mean in v. 52? Pray that the Lord would raise up people willing to serve as officers at Denison, Kan., RPC. Pray with Stranraer (Scotland) RPC that the people leaving faithless congregations would be led into faithful congregations where they can be fed and worship God properly.

**Wednesday:** Jesus could have been delivered by angels; why did He instead submit to arrest and death? Pray that the Lord would continue to bless Orlando, Fla., RPC. Pray for the Reformed Church in Brikama, The Gambia, that the word of God would have free course there.

**Thursday:** What are some of the Scripture passages that needed to be fulfilled this way? Pray with Washington, Iowa, RPC for those attending the Iowa RP Family Camp this week, that they would come away from the camp spiritually refreshed. Pray for more elders and deacons to be raised up at North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC.

**Friday:** Why did all the disciples flee? Give thanks, along with Walton, N.Y., RPC, this day and every day for your pastor. Pray for those traveling to Irish RP Boys Adventure Camp tomorrow, where they can fellowship with other Christians—an opportunity that most of them do not enjoy in school. Pray for traveling mercies as Pastor and Mrs. Smith journey to Alabama, where he will be leading a seminar tomorrow and then on the Lord’s Day preaching at Birmingham (Ala.) RPC.

**Saturday:** Read John 11:46-52; what else do we know about Caiaphas? Pray with Bloomington, Ind., RPC as they anticipate the start of a new year at Indiana University; pray for their ministry to students, who come from all over the world. Pray for T.J. Pattillo as he prepares to preach tomorrow at Atlanta RPC; pray for many people to come and be converted to Christ.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day  
July 31, 2022*

Meeting every week at  
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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

Psalm 27:4

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading

Exodus 10:1-20

\*Psalm 5B

“O Jehovah, Hear My Words”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 145C

“The Eyes of All Upon Thee Wait”

Scripture Text

Joel 1

The Sermon

“Creepy, Crawly, Gnawing, Munching Locusts!”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 4B

“Answer When I Call, O God Who Justifies”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 150B

“Praise the Lord! Praise God in His Sanctuary”

*\* 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

**“Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.”—Psalm 51:13. “Remove not the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.”—Proverbs 22:28.**

**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.

**Q. 10. How did God create man?** A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

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

Theme: The prophet warns against total devastation and calls the leaders and the people to repentance.

## I. Total Devastation of the Land

A. The various devastators listed (v. 4)

B. The lamentation over the devastation (vv. 5-7)

1. Drinkers of wine

2. The enemy has come up

3. All of Judah was to lament

a. Comparison to a bereaved virgin

b. Priests (vv. 9b, 13)

c. Farmers and vinedressers

d. Sons of men

C. Extraordinary nature of the event (vv. 2-3)

## II. Call to Repentance

A. Because of the destruction

1. The day of the Lord (v. 15)

2. Meat/food (v. 16)

3. Plants (vv. 17, 19, 20c)

4. Animals (vv. 18, 20)

5. Even the rivers of waters are dried up (v. 20)

B. Religious exercises (vv. 14, 19a)

1. Fasting

2. Call a solemn assembly

3. Cry unto the Lord

## Application

A. Pay attention to the need for trans-generational spirituality (vv. 2-3)

B. Don’t ignore God’s extraordinary judgments

C. Transcend the merely material in favor of the spiritual

D. Remember Christ and His sacrifice as the basis for our salvation

E. Make sure you have a genuine desire to reach out to God