

**From Matthew 26:** <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, <sup>60</sup>but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup>And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" <sup>63</sup>But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!" <sup>66</sup>What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death." <sup>67</sup>Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, <sup>68</sup>saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?"

**Sunday:** What is wrong with what the leaders were doing in v. 59? Can you think of modern examples of leaders doing the same thing? Pray for Columbus, Ind., RPC as they seek to elect and incorporate new officers into the life the church; pray for people to be built up in Jesus Christ for His glory. Pray for sufficient funds for Grace Reformed Church in The Gambia for its church and manse building project.

**Monday:** How does what is recorded in vv. 59-60 contribute to Jesus' suffering? Pray that the Denison, Kan., RPC would grow in both knowledge of God and affection toward Him. Pray for a permanent building for Stornoway (Scotland) RPC.

**Tuesday:** How is v. 61 false testimony? Read John 2:18-21. Ask God for wisdom, grace, and humble hearts of service for newly elected officers of Lafayette, Ind., RPC. Pray that the youth at McKinnon (Australia) RPC would mature in their faith. Pray for neighbours to be drawn to the Thursday morning teatime at a local community center sponsored by Frankston (Australia) RPC.

**Wednesday:** Why did Jesus keep silent? Read Isaiah 53:7. Continue to pray for health concerns for members of Orlando, Fla., RPC, that the Lord would bring healing. Pray for additional men to be raised up in The Gambia so that more churches can be planted and that a presbytery can be organized.

**Thursday:** Why did Jesus later answer the high priest? Please pray for God to encourage Sparta, Ill., RPC as they try new things to reach the lost in Sparta; pray also for James Odom, an attorney who is committed to the kingship of Christ, as he mounts a write-in campaign to be a local judge. Pray for the financial needs of North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC.

**Friday:** What does v. 64 tell us about Jesus's view of Himself? Be thankful with Walton, N.Y., RPC for Christ's holy living. Pray for the budding RP work in Wake County, North Carolina, south of Raleigh.

**Saturday:** Why is blasphemy? Pray for Bloomington, Ind., RPC's ESL program, that God would allow them to reach an increasing number of internationals with the gospel. Pray for the communion service at Atlanta RPC, that the participants would be prepared to come and partake of this holy meal.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day*  
*August 14, 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

Psalms 34:18

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 99C “The Lord is King Indeed! Let Peoples Quail and Fear!”

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 18:20-32

\*Psalm 6

“In Anger, Lord, Rebuke Me Not”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 18B “The Earth Then Quivered to Its Depths”

Scripture Text

Joel 2:1-17

The Sermon

“Heartfelt Repentance, Not Superficial Sorrow”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 32A “O Blessed is the Man to Whom Has Freely Pardoned Been”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 103D

“In the Heavens Has Jehovah”

\* *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

**“And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:3.**

**“For our God is a consuming fire.”—Hebrews 12:29.**

**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.**

**Q. 11. What are God’s works of providence? A: God’s works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures and all their actions.**

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

Theme: The prophet warns Zion at the coming of the day of the Lord and calls God’s people to deep repentance.

I. Warning at the Day of the Lord

A. Description of the day of the Lord

1. Clouds and darkness (v. 2)
2. A great and strong people (v. 2)
3. A burning fire (v. 3)
4. Like horses and horsemen (v. 4)
5. Like chariots (v. 5)
6. Like an invincible army (vv. 7-8)
7. Like marauders (v. 9)
8. Cosmic cataclysm (v. 10)
9. Reflective of the Lord’s omnipotence (v. 11)
10. The effect wrought (v. 6)

B. The warning that is sent forth (v. 1)

II. Call to Return to the Lord

- A. Turning to the Lord
- B. Widespread repentance (vv. 15-17)

III. Hope in the Lord

- A. Grace—unmerited favor
- B. Mercy—compassion
- C. Slowness to anger—Exodus 34:6
- D. Kindness
- E. Repentance toward judgment

Application

- A. Place your hope in the Lord’s mercy
- B. Be warned via an allusion to the final judgment
- C. Hold onto Christ

1. We have here a picture of Christ's intercession for us
2. He pleaded for us at the cross
3. He offered up sacrifice with strong crying and tears

D. Be utterly serious and sincere about approaching God