Readings from Revelation 21:22-27—August 16th-22nd, 2023

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

<u>Sunday:</u> Why is there not a temple in the New Jerusalem in v22? Pray that the Lord would sustain Clarinda, Iowa, RPC's pastor in his bi-vocational roles in the church and correctional facility. **Pray** for those who respond to catastrophes as they help with those in need around the globe.

<u>Monday:</u> Why is there not a moon or sun in v23? Pray that God will guide and direct Orlando, Fla., RPC's elders as they seek to glorify Him as they lead the congregation.

<u>Tuesday:</u> What light will the residents of the New Jerusalem? Praise the Lord for the substantial increase in covenant children God has given Laramie, Wyo., RPC over the past few months, and pray that these little ones would not know a day when they did not trust in Him. **Pray** for wisdom and direction with regard to renovations for our church building at Atlanta RPC.

<u>Wednesday:</u> What does it mean that they will be walking in God's light? Pray with Eastvale (Beaver Falls, Pa.) RPC for the joy of the Lord for those in each stage of life—in their babies and in their new parents, for their elderly, and for those in between.

<u>Thursday:</u> What way can we walk in God's light now? Think of Psalm 119:105. Pray that God would deliver those battling cancer at Elkins Park, Pa., RPC. Pray for the work at South Wake (Fuquay- Varina, NC) RPC and the Lord's continued blessing over it.

<u>Friday:</u> Why doesn't the city have a gate? Pray with Christ (Riverside, R.I.) RPC for the faith of the young adults in the RPCNA as they go through high school and college. May their love of Christ keep them unstained from the world.

<u>Saturday:</u> Who is not allowed to enter the city? Please pray that God will use Orlando, Fla., RPC's ministry to suit His purpose and will. **Pray** that God will send three more families to join Atlanta reformed Presbyterian Church. **Pray** for the safety of the children as they return to school.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day August 16, 2023

Meeting every week at
574 Western Avenue
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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 95:6-7a

*The Invocation

*Psalm 100A "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Scripture Reading Exodus 10

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 21B "Because the King Trust in the Lord"

Scripture Text 1 John 1:5-2:2

The Sermon Gospel Fellowship in the Light

*Prayer

*Psalm 33A "You Righteous Praise the Lord"

The Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Psalm 119N "Thy Word is to My Feet a Lamp"

*Benediction

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

* 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

"This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which became the chief cornerstone. Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."- Acts 4:11-12 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body."—Mark 14:22.

- 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. 96. What is the Lord's supper? A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

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

Filling the pulpit today is Elder T.J. Pattillo, our ministerial intern, who is studying for the gospel ministry.

Sermon Outline

John gives the church six understandings about Gospel Fellowship in the Light.

I. The Authenticity of the Proclamation.

- II. The Challenge of Fellowship in the Church.
- III. The Condition of Fellowship.

- IV. You Have a Problem with Darkness.
- V. You Have a Help into Fellowship.

VI. You are Being Called into Fellowship with Jesus.