

Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Evening Devotion Outline

The whole Lord's Day is to be a day of worship and praise to God. This evening devotion is a great way to close out the Lord's Day by reflecting on God's word and works through Christ. Begin with reading the opening Scriptures. Pray the Lord's Prayer together and sing a Psalm or hymn. Have someone read the passage of Scripture (taken from the "first reading" of the morning service). Once you listen to the devotion, reflect with a few (or all) of the questions for reflection and close with singing and prayer.

The audio for the devotion can be accessed at sgrpc.org/sermons.

Suggested Scripture readings for the week ahead are included as well.

All Scripture is quoted from the English Standard Version.

Opening Scripture Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Suggested Psalms and Hymns (from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*)

16B – Preserve Me, O God

380 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. 25

Of the Church

1. The catholic or universal church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.
2. The visible church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel (not confined to one nation, as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion; and of their children: and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.
3. Unto this catholic visible church Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world: and doth, by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise, make them effectual thereunto.
4. This catholic church hath been sometimes more, sometimes less visible. And particular churches, which are members thereof, are more or less pure, according as the doctrine of the gospel is taught and embraced, ordinances administered, and public worship performed more or less purely in them.
5. The purest churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error; and some have so degenerated, as to become no churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan. Nevertheless, there shall be always a church on earth, to worship God according to his will.
6. There is no other head of the church but the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor can the pope of Rome, in any sense, be head thereof.

Scripture Reading 2 John

Devotion Pastor Jeffrey Carter
“To the Elect Lady”

[This audio devotion can be accessed at sgrpc.org/sermons.]

Point: The church is a community founded on the truth and following the One who is “the way, the truth, and the life.” Though our lives be fraught with spiritual danger, Christ graciously and powerfully leads us to joy and rest.

Outline:

1. The Centrality of Truth (vv. 1–3)
2. The Path of Life (vv. 4–6)
3. The Dangers Before Us (vv. 7–11)
4. The Friends Alongside Us (vv. 12–14)

Questions for Reflection:

1. Why might we understand this letter to be written to a local church? How does that effect how we read it?
2. What is the “truth” that John speaks about in the first few verses of this letter?
3. What’s the relationship between loving God and keeping his commandments?
4. How ought we obey John’s call to “watch yourselves”? Why do we need to do this?
5. What reward does John have in mind in verse 8?
6. What are some examples of a “Go-Ahead” theology?
7. What type of hospitality is forbidden in verses 10–11?
8. According to verse 12, what is one of the greatest goals of Christian fellowship?
9. How can you encourage you fellow believers as they travel along the path of life? What’s one thing you can do this week?

Closing HymnTPH #404
The Church’s One Foundation

Closing Scripture and Prayer Hebrews 13:20–21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us

that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings for the Week

To build on your understanding of God’s Word, read the following passages and reflect on what they tell you about Jesus himself, the Father, your own life, and your salvation.

John 13–17 contain what’s called the “Upper Room Discourse.” In these chapters Jesus prepares his disciples for life after his ascension to the Father. Much of what Jesus says in these chapters is echoed by John in his letters.

Monday: John 13

Tuesday: John 14

Wednesday: John 15

Thursday: John 16

Friday: John 17

Saturday: Psalm 91