

Devotional for Each Day of the Week

Sunday: “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid: “For YAH, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.””—Isaiah 12:2. **Give thanks** for the salvation which the Lord has provided. **Pray** for the KidZone ministry of Covenant Fellowship Reformed Presbyterian Church, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Monday: “Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.”—Psalm 119:89. **Give thanks** that you can depend on the eternal Word of God. **Pray** for College Hill Reformed Presbyterian Church (Beaver Falls, Pa.) in its outreach to the community, including the GriefShare group, Bible studies, soup kitchen, and other efforts.

Tuesday: “Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.”—Psalm 119:90. **Give thanks** that you can rely on God’s faithfulness. **Pray** with Orlando (Fla.) Reformed Presbyterian Church for Ada Delacruz, as treatments continue for cancer.

Wednesday: “I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.”—Psalm 119:93. **Pray** that God would enable you to remember His word, and thereby to have new life in Christ. **Pray** with RP Global Missions for Christians in Pakistan as they show the love of Jesus to their neighbors. **Pray** for Miss Heather Huizing, Executive Director of RP Global Missions, as she travels around the world.

Thursday: “I am Yours, save me; for I have sought your precepts.”—Psalm 119:94. **Pray** that you would seek after the teachings of the Word of God. **Pray** that men would be raised up for leadership at the Marion (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Friday: “The wicked wait for me to destroy me, but I will consider Your testimonies.”—Psalm 119:95. **Pray** that God’s word would help to protect you from enemies. **Pray** with RP Global Missions that the harvest in South Sudan would be plentiful; **pray** that both the physical and the spiritual needs in the world’s newest nation would be met.

Saturday: “I have seen the consummation of all perfection, but Your commandment is exceeding broad.”—Psalm 119:96. **Pray** that the recently added prayer meetings at the Seattle (Wash.) Reformed Presbyterian Church would bring forth fruit in the lives of the congregation. **Pray** that as you come to church tomorrow, you would appreciate the perfection and the breadth of the law of God.

Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Mark 16:1-6

*The Invocation

*Psalm 92C

“It’s Good to Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-26

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 119R

“Thy Testimonies I Observe”

Scripture Text

Acts 20:7-12

The Sermon

“Why We Worship on the First Day of the Week”

*Prayer

*Psalm 93A

“Jehovah Reigns; He’s Clothed with Majesty”

*Benediction

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

We are especially honored to have with us this morning Miss Heather Huizing, Executive Director of RP Global Missions, who will be giving a presentation after the morning service.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”—I Corinthians 15:20.

“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.”—Exodus 20:8.

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

Acts 20:7 “Why We Worship on the First Day of the Week”

Theme: The Bible commands us to worship on the first day of the week.

I. The Seventh Day

A. the Sabbath had been the seventh day (Genesis 2:3; Luke 23:56)

B. but, God can change the day on which the Sabbath is observed

II. The Change of Day

A. the significance of the Sabbath is expanded in the New Covenant

B. the Lord Jesus has shaken the heavens and the earth

C. all four gospels record the fact that He was raised on the first day

D. Jesus was present in the midst of His followers on the first day of the week, twice in a row: Luke 24:13-43; John 20:19-26

E. Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2)

F. John was “in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day” (Revelation 1:10)

G. the apostles sanctioned the change in day: I Cor. 16:1-2; Acts 20:7

H. confirmation in church history

Observation—there are many attacks on a Christian view of time

A. use of CE and BCE rather than AD and BC

B. “World Day”, which would do away with every-seven-day pattern

C. calendars where Monday is the first day of the week

Application

A. were you looking forward to today with anticipation, or merely as a duty?

B. are you enjoying the Sabbath?

1. only those who know the risen Savior can do so

2. if you do know Him, then you will enjoy the Sabbath