

Matthew 13: ⁴⁴“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶ who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹ Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” ⁵² Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things* new and old.”

Sunday: What does the parable of the treasurer hidden in the field teach us? **Give thanks** for a good group of high school and college youth at Hebron (Clay Center, Kan.) RPC who desire to grow spiritually and enjoy the Midwest Presbytery youth retreats. **Pray** that Stornoway (Scotland) RPC would soon have a permanent meeting place, one which is large enough for its needs.

Monday: What does the parable of the pearl of great price teach us? **Please pray** that the upgrades and repairs being done at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS) this summer would be completed smoothly and without setbacks. **Give thanks** that the African ladies at Stranorlar (Northern Ireland) are evangelizing in their apartment complex and asking other residents to come to the church. **Pray** for White Oak ARP (Senoia, Ga.).

Tuesday: Is the kingdom of heaven all important to you? **Pray** for Sparta, Ill., RPC to grow in lived and felt unity in Christ. **Pray** that university students studying in Glasgow, Scotland, would be drawn into the fellowship of Glasgow (Scotland) RPC.

Wednesday: What does the parable of the dragnet teach us? **Pray** for members of Christ (Grandview, Mo.) RPC who have rebelled against Christ, that they would repent. **Give thanks** for the young adults group at McKinnon (Australia) RPC. **Pray** for the Christian church in Chongqing, a large financial center in China.

Thursday: What are the differences between the wicked and the just? **Please join in prayer** with Oklahoma City, Okla., RPC regarding the salvation of attending children and help for their parents to raise them in godliness. **Pray** for the Lord's blessing upon the outreach efforts of Woodstock (Scotland) RPC.

Friday: According to v. 50, what is hell like? **Please join in thanking God** for the men he has raised up to be elders at Grace (Gibsonia, Pa.) RPC; **pray** that the Lord would equip them, encourage them, and grant them wisdom as they shepherd the church. **Pray** for the ongoing building renovations at Atlanta RPC, that they would soon be completed.

Saturday: What does it mean to teach things old and new regarding the kingdom? **Give thanks** with Orlando, Fla., RPC for the unity of our heavenly Father, His Son and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit as one God. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that Christ would be exalted among His people.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day
August 25, 2024*

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

Psalm 84

*The Invocation

*Psalm 122B

“I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying”

Scripture Reading

John 4:1-26

*Psalm 46C

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 84B

“Advancing Still from Strength to Strength”

Scripture Text

Psalm 122

The Sermon

“A Sweet Sabbath Psalm”

*Prayer

*Psalm 23B

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

*Benediction

*Psalm 117A

“O All Ye Nations of the Earth”

** 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

Psalm 87:2: “The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.”

John 4:24: “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Q. 60. How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God’s worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

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

We are delighted to welcome to our pulpit today Mr. Jake Wasdin, an elder at White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian, Senoia, Ga.

I. Title: Introduction to the Songs of Ascent

II. Verse 1: Joy in the Journey to the house of the LORD

III. Verse 2: Arrival in Jerusalem

IV. Verses 3-5: The Significance of Jerusalem

V. Verses 6-9: The Peace and Prosperity of Jerusalem

VI. Application

A. Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

B. The Importance of Worship

C. Call the Sabbath a Delight