

**Matthew 13:** <sup>53</sup> Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there. <sup>54</sup> When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, “Where did this *Man* get this wisdom and *these* mighty works? <sup>55</sup> Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? <sup>56</sup> And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this *Man* get all these things?” <sup>57</sup> So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.” <sup>58</sup> Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

**Sunday:** **What is a synagogue? Where would they be located? Ask the Lord** to send to Birmingham (Hoover, Ala.) RPC those from the metropolitan area who seek simple, scripturally regulated worship to join with them. **Pray** for the ministry of the Covenanter Bookshop in Northern Ireland. **Pray** for Selma (Ala.) RPC, as it wrestles with whether and how to rebuild the church building that was destroyed by a tornado.

**Monday:** **Where was Jesus’ country? Please pray Psalm 23** for members of Lafayette, Ind., RPC who are going through the valley of the shadow of death; **pray** that they would fear no evil, that God would comfort them, and that they would see the goodness and mercy of the Lord. **Pray** for the growth and encouragement of North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC.

**Tuesday:** **Why were the people astonished at His teaching? Pray** that the Lord would grant endurance to Southfield, Mich., RPC’s many caregiving households that continue to bear great and nearly overwhelming burdens in ministering His love to those in need. **Pray** for Gateway (Londonderry, Northern Ireland) RPC, as it ministers in the heart of the city. **Pray** for Glasgow (Scotland) RPC, that the congregation would be of one mind in selecting a new pastor.

**Wednesday:** **Why were the people offended by His teaching? How are people offended by Jesus’ teaching today? Please give thanks** with Messiah’s (Clay, N.Y.) RPC for recent health procedures that brought much-sought-after relief. **Pray** for Ballymoney (Northern Ireland) RPC and its various ministries.

**Thursday:** **Roman Catholicism teaches that Mary, the mother of Jesus, remained a virgin. How does v. 65 contradict that view? Give thanks** with Orlando, Fla., RPC for the work and ministry of God the Holy Spirit as He convicts the world of sin and brings salvation through His Word. **Pray** with Airdrie (Scotland) RPC for Elder Sam Bell, whose wife May died recently. **Pray** that the women who have attended a study group at Newry (Northern Ireland) RPC would be converted to Christ.

**Friday:** **Why is a prophet not well thought of in his own country? Can you think of examples from today that would illustrate this idea? Pray** for health and protection against the physical ailments that are afflicting several in Clarinda, Iowa, RPC. **Pray** for elders to be raised up at Higashisuma (Kobe, Japan) RPC.

**Saturday:** **Do you think that our lack of faith may be a factor as to whether Jesus might or might not do mighty works today? Give thanks** that Bloomington, Ind., RPC sent a mission team to Ballyclabber RPC in Northern Ireland; **pray** for lasting fruit, both in the team and in the Ballyclabber congregation. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow, that visitors would be present.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day  
September 1, 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 150

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 3

“O Lord, How Are My Foes Increased!”

Scripture Reading

Hosea 13

\*Psalm 106E

“At Meribah They Angered Him”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 38D

“Lord My God, In Thee I’m Trusting”

Scripture Text

II Kings 8

The Sermon

“Setting Up the Destruction of the House of Ahab”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 89F

““But If My Sons Forsake My Law””

\*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

**Hebrews 9:27: “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” Hebrews 12:29: “For our God is a consuming fire.”**

**Q. 7. What are the decrees of God? A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.**

**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.**

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Theme: God sets up the destruction of the house of Ahab.

I. Hazael

A. Ben-hadad

B. Hazael and Elisha

C. Hazael's reactions

III. Three Wicked Kings

A. Jehoram, king of Judah

A. Ahaziah

C. Joram, king of Israel

Application

A. Notice the importance of trans-generational spirituality

B. Marry wisely

C. Notice how horrible abortion is

D. Thank God for His providential care of His chosen ones