

*Devotional for Each Day of the Week*

**Sunday:** ““Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God.””—Isaiah 41:10a. **Praise God** that we have no reason to fear when He is with us. **Pray** for Elder Bob Shapiro and his health.

**Monday:** ““I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.””—Isaiah 41:10b. **Pray** that God would hold you by the righteousness of Christ. **Pray** that those traveling to Synod would be kept safe.

**Tuesday:** ““I will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.””—Isaiah 41:18. **Pray** for God to send His refreshing blessing upon our land. **Pray** that the meetings of Synod would reflect the glory of God and rule of King Jesus over His church. **Pray especially** that the judicial appeal and the complaint would be handled carefully and in accord with justice and fairness. **Pray also** that any amendments to our church’s Constitution would be wise.

**Wednesday:** “Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.”—Hebrews 2:1. **Pray** that you and your family members and your friends would pay attention to the Word of God. **Pray** that the members of Synod would remember and act in accordance with the fruit of the Spirit.

**Thursday:** “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”—Hebrews 2:3a. **Pray** that you and others would be given the grace to come to Jesus. **Pray** for the agencies that are reporting today at Synod.

**Friday:** “Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”—I John 5:21. **Pray** that you and your family members would be kept from idolatry, including love of money and material possessions. **Pray** that those returning home from Synod would have safety in their travels.

**Saturday:** ““So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain.””—Exodus 34:2. **Pray** that many people would be ready and eager to meet with God tomorrow in public worship.

# Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

*The Lord’s Day  
June 25, 2017*

Meeting every week at  
472-B Paines Avenue NW  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Sunday School at 4:45 PM  
Worship at 5:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Exodus 15:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 106A "O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!"

Scripture Reading (pp. 639-640) Acts 17:22-34

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 145A "I Will Thee Praise, My God, O King"

Scripture Text (p. 354) Psalm 135

The Sermon "The Doctrine of Providence"

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 135B "Hallelujah! Praise the Lord's Name!"

\*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!*** This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

### **Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers**

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."—*John 10:11.*

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."—*I John 1:9.*

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."—*Colossians 4:2.*

**Q. 11. What are God's works of providence?**

**A: God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures and all their actions.**

**Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?**

**A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.**

Psalm 135:6 "The Doctrine of Providence"

Theme: God governs all things.

I. God Rules over All

A. He preserves all things: Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 104:24-27; Hebrews 1:3; Matthew 10:29-31; Acts 17:5, 28

B. He governs all things: Ephesians 1:11; Psalm 33:10-11; Psalm 147:12-20

C. all things—both big and small

II. God Rules in Accordance with His Nature

A. His omniscience

B. His freedom and independence

C. His wisdom

D. His power and justice—Romans 9:17

E. His goodness and mercy—Psalm 145

III. God's Providence in Relation to Secondary Causes and Means

A. God has established a fixed pattern of laws

1. Genesis 8:22; Jeremiah 31:35

2. these patterns point to His control

3. Scriptural examples: I Kings 22:34; Isaiah 10:6-7

B. God can suspend or work without means

1. God does use means—Acts 27:24, 31, 44; Isaiah 55:10-11

2. but, He doesn't have to do so—He can . . .

a. work without means—Hosea 1:7

b. work above means—Romans 4:19-21

c. work against means—II Kings 6:6; Daniel 3:27

3. this implies that there is no problem with miracles

Application

A. avoid two dangerous extremes

1. a belief that we live in a chance universe

2. fatalism

B. learn to trust in God as a kind, heavenly Father