



CHRIST COVENANT REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

But ye are come unto mount Sion... And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant (Hebrews 12.22, 24)

Scripture Alone—Grace Alone—Faith Alone—By Christ Alone—To God Alone be Glory! Reformed, and Reforming

Opening Prayer

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 05/18/2022

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First Exhortation: Teaching and Hearing Sound Doctrine: Titus 1.1-2.10; 2 Timothy 3.1-4.8

Pray that the Church would stand committed to Sound Doctrine

1. Pray that the Lord would be pleased to grant sound doctrine to the visible Church, with all the means necessary to that end, that she may be able to refute the gainsayers, comfort the people of God, advance the Kingdom of Christ in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, that she might be a light before this dark world. (Matthew 5.13-16)
2. Pray for Presbyteries and other Church authorities, that they would insist on historic, Biblical doctrine in all their candidates for Pastor and Elder, and that they would let none into office that hold doctrines subversive to the Christian faith. Pray that members would desire orthodoxy and godliness in their leaders, and press for it. (Titus 1.5-10)
3. Pray for Presbyteries and other Church authorities, that the Lord would provide godly order and discipline, that erring ministers and elders can receive proper correction, instruction, and oversight, and that those who refuse correction would be defrocked, that Biblical justice and not partiality would govern. (1 Timothy 5.17-22)
4. Pray for the training processes of candidates for ministry and eldership, that these would be managed according to tried, historic, proven methods of instruction, that all that is theologically novel would be cast out, the old paths sought, and traveled, by our schools and mentored academies for instruction. (2 Timothy 2.1-2)
5. Pray for a godly use of the historic creeds and confessions of the Church, as guides, teachers, and tried paths of safety for doctrine and practice, and that those who vow to uphold those historic symbols would “uncross their fingers” swear in truth to the truth of Scripture, and keep that which they have committed. (1 Timothy 3.14-16)
6. Pray for humility among God’s people, leaders and members, that the Lord would diminish the desire, and the practice of developing or “discovering” new doctrines, contradictory and destructive to the historic confessions of the Church, that teachers and elders would be more interested in feeding the flock of God than advancing some new point of theology never yet seen in the history of the Church. (1 John 2.7-8)
7. Pray that those officers and members who do hold to sound doctrine might do so with righteousness, love, charity toward all, that sound doctrine might not be evil spoken of because of the poor behavior of its proponents. (Titus 2.8)
8. Pray that the objection that “doctrine divides” would be seen for the error that it is, that all in the Church would unite to Christ in sound doctrine and abhor schism from Him through error. (2 Corinthians 6.14)

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2nd Exhortation: The Mutual Duties of Christians one to another. Romans 12.5-21; 15.1-16

Pray for the Church, that her officers and members would perform their duties as members one of another.

1. Pray that the people of God would speak the truth in love one to another. (Ephesians 4.15-16; 25)
2. Pray that the people of God would love one another sacrificially, for the sake of Christ, contributing to one another’s sanctification and growth in grace. (1 John 4.7-11)
3. Pray that Christians would be kindly affectioned one toward another, not suspicious, but encouraging and edifying one to another with godly wisdom, according to the Word of God, preferring and honoring one another. (Romans 12.10)
4. Pray that Christians would serve one another, and not just please themselves, looking out for one another’s spiritual well-being, receiving one another, overlooking one another’s weaknesses and shortcomings. (Romans 15.1-4)
5. Pray that the Lord would bring about godly mutual encouragement through consistent attendance together upon the worship of the Lord, united service in Christian charity, frequent spiritual discussion, daily exhortation, and other kinds of mutual duties, as He gives opportunity and ability. (Hebrews 3.12-15; 10.23-25)
6. Pray that especially in the Church, her members would not need to weather the difficulties of life alone, but that they might have much spiritual assistance from their fellow-believers. (Romans 12.15-16)
7. Pray that the people of God would honor their vows of Church membership by staying in communication with their fellow-members, speaking through disagreements with charity, seeking unity and resolution of doubts and difficulties, looking for common grounds of understanding and service within the bounds of our confession and historic doctrines, and living at peace with one another. (Romans 12.18; Matthew 18.15-20)
8. Pray that the Church would be a place where the forgiveness of Christ is taught, and then put into action by the people of God as they forgive one another, with humility, grace, and kindness. (Luke 17.1-5)
9. Pray that the people of God would be uncompromising in their adherence to Scripture and desire to glorify Christ in all obedience, and that the desire to live at peace in the Church would never be at the cost of truth, sound doctrine, or obedience to the Lord. (Proverbs 24.10; Romans 12.21)
10. Pray that the Lord would help his people to maintain a good example before one another in holiness, diligence, love, forgiveness, and all other Christian graces, as together we follow Christ, our Great Example. (Philippians 2.1-11)

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