

## Announcements and Information:

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### **Pray with fervency and perseverance for the following:**

• Whitefield Seminary, and other seminaries, and those studying for Church Office: That seminaries would train according to the pure doctrines of Scripture. **Pray** for the presbyteries that have men under care, that they might know their fitness not only doctrinally, but as men of honor and integrity. **Pray** that the Lord would raise up and send laborers into His field in this generation and the next.

Rev. Grant Van Leuven (CA); Rev. Jeff Black (VA); Rev. V. Hamilton (TN);

Rev. Paul McDade (TN); Lic.'s Alex Mauger, Tim Montague, Nick Detroye (WI);

Elder Jason Bradfield (FL); Rev. Adam Brink (VA); Rev. Reed Best (FL)

• Pray for these churches and pastors for pure preaching, for conscionable hearing of the Word, growth in grace, doctrine, and holiness, that the Gospel would go forth in power, and for a gospel-proclaiming, holy witness locally for each.

**Pray** as we consider WSC 87 that the Lord would send conviction of sin by the preaching of the Law and Gospel, that hearing of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come, many would turn from their sin to the Lord, seeking refuge in Christ and His work, and that being delivered from the power of sin, they would learn to walk in new obedience, following the Lord with joy.

**Pray for one another! Pray for your Pastor and your Elders!**

**Pray** as we consider the sermons from last Lord's Day for a knowledge of our current exaltation as those united to Christ, seated with Him in heavenly places, exalted above our enemies (sin, Satan, the world, our sinful flesh) and that we would walk and behave as those exalted sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. Pray also as we have considered the Fool and his Money, that we would use wealth rightly in this world, as good stewards of the Lord's mercies, with generosity, seeking to glorify and advance the Name of Christ in this world, that the Lord would mortify our covetousness, and that we would be faithful in that which is least, and also in that which is much.

### Diaconal/Mercy/Service/ Outreach and Prayer Opportunities:

- Rev. Victor Atallah and the ministry of MERF: Prayer, Monetary gifts.
- Rev. Rockie Simbajon: Prayer, Monetary Gifts for work in the Philippines, and for Heidelberg Seminary's work there training men for the ministry.
- The Libera Project and Rev. Dr. Timothy Worrell, & his new work @ A.B.C.

## 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 ALWAYS REFORMING

07 June 2026

**Lord's Day Morning Worship: 10:00 A**

**Afternoon Fellowship Meal (all are welcome) 12.30 P**

**Lord's Day Afternoon Worship: 2:00 P**

Catechism and Memory Class shortly following afternoon worship.

Open Ended fellowship and Lord's Day conversation after church. Fellowship meal after Church services the 1<sup>st</sup> Lord's Day of each month at the Church building.

Psalm Sing at the Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord's Day of each month after services.

**Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00P**

**Thursday evening Advanced Theological Studies: 6:00P**

**(currently via online meeting, ask Pastor Ruddell for details)**

**Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast (last Sat. of each month) 7:30A**

All of these opportunities are open to all to attend. Please feel free to join us.

We are pleased to have you gather with us as we worship the Triune God. If you are visiting with us, please allow us to extend our warmest welcome. If you are a member in good standing of a Confessional, Reformed Church, and desire to commune with us at the Lord's Table, please contact the Pastor prior to the morning worship service.

### **Our Name:**

**Christ:** Our only Surety and Mediator, Sacrifice and Substitute, Righteousness and Sanctification; the Wisdom of God, the Logos of God, triumphing as the Second Adam where the first Adam fell, God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity

**Covenant:** The means whereby the Triune God has brought His people into everlasting and gracious communion with Himself, unilaterally, uniting them to Christ, the only Mediator of the Covenant of Grace, bequeathing an eternal inheritance in Him

**Reformed:** Teaching the Biblical Doctrines of God's Sovereignty, of Divine Monergism in our redemption, of His initiating and sovereign Grace and Salvation as the only hope of man to escape eternal judgment; the sufficiency of the Scriptures, and the "righteousness of God which is by the faith of Jesus Christ" alone, preached and restored to the Church at large during the Protestant Reformation

**Presbyterian:** Confessing and practicing the Biblical doctrines of Church government, of a broader authority than that of the local congregation, held in a plurality of elders, and those as distinctively taught in the Westminster Standards, 1647.

**Church:** The Visible people of God, Called out of the world as His people, under Christ's government, discipline, and instruction; administered by Elders, called as saints to serve Him together with their children regardless of age; and testifying to His invisible Church, the whole number of the elect that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one under Christ the Head.



### WSC 87: *What is repentance unto life?*

**Answer:** Repentance unto life is a saving grace,<sup>g</sup> whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin,<sup>h</sup> and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ,<sup>i</sup> doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God,<sup>k</sup> with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience.<sup>l</sup> <sup>g</sup> Acts 11:18; <sup>h</sup> Acts 2:37-38; <sup>i</sup> Joel 2:12; Jer. 3:22; <sup>k</sup> Jer. 31:18-19; Ezek. 36:31; <sup>l</sup> 2 Cor. 7:11; Isa. 1:16-17

**Stephen Charnock:** As there is an outward and inward call, so there is an outward profession and an inward transformation. There are some virtues come from the hand of God as creator, and some immediately from the Spirit as a renewer; some common virtues for the preservation of human society, and some special graces for the fabric of an invisible church. There is an acceptance of the law for an outward practice, without an affection to the lawgiver, or an esteem of the spirituality of the law itself. There is a sanctification in opposition to Judaism, or Paganism, or some erroneous opinion; which is common to those that may apostatize, Heb. 10:29. The apostle calls the church of Corinth saints: 1 Cor. 1:2, 'called to be saints;' saints by vocation outwardly, not all saints by a new vocation inwardly. (2.) Because there are counterfeit graces. There is much false coin in the world, washed pewter and gilded brass; there are sepulchers garnished outwardly, and full of rottenness and stench within; there are many that want not their artifices in religion as well as in common converse. Good things may be imitated when they are not rooted. We have heard of some limners that have represented Christ so to the life as to deceive artists as skillful as themselves. The apostle speaks of 'a dead faith,' James 2:26, which is like the carcass of a man without life, a faith that deserves no more the name of faith than the carcass doth the title of a man when the enlivening and principal part is fled. There is a 'repentance unto life,' Acts 11:18, which supposes a dead repentance, such as Ahab's humiliation, like marble sweating tears in moist and rainy weather without any mollifying of the natural hardness, or Judas his sorrow, raised by the fire in his conscience, not like Peter's, by the spiritual influence of his Master. There is a 'lively hope,' 1 Peter 1:3, which supposeth a dead hope; there is a 'lively stone,' 1 Peter 3:5, which implies that there are lifeless stones, that are not inwardly fitted and prepared for the spiritual building. The building upon the rock and the sand might have the same beauty, form, and ornaments, but not the same foundation; one was stable and the other tottering. There is a 'repentance towards God,' Acts 20:21, when the dishonour of God afflicts us, which implies there is a repentance towards ourselves, when the danger of our own persons starts a pretended sorrow for sin. There is a faith that is sound and lasting, a faith that is temporary and perishing, a faith that starts up like a mushroom in a night, and withers at the next scorching temptation. There is a faith common with devils, and a faith proper to Christians; there is a faith *of* Christ and a faith *in* Christ. (3.) Because every man is in a state of grace or nature. There is a state of grace, Rom. 5:1, a state of wrath, Eph. 2:3. The world is made up of receivers of Christ or rejecters of him, true subjects to God or rebels against him. There are two families, the family of God and the family of the devil. The visible church was not without its distinction. The ark contains unclean as well as clean beasts. There is a Cain in Adam's family, a Ham in Noah's ark, an Ishmael in Abraham's house, and a Judas in our Saviour's retinue; and at the last day the whole world will be distinguished into two only kinds, of sheep and goats. It is necessary therefore

to inquire whose we are, whether we belong to the God of heaven or the god of this world; whether we have the renewed image of God, or still retain the old stamp of the devil.

2. It is a duty that requires diligence and care. That which is of infinite consequence in the state of your souls, ought not to be built upon sandy and slight foundations. It is called communing with a man's own heart, Ps. 4:4, not a slight glance and away; sweeping and looking with a candle, Luke 15:8, wherewith every cranny and chink is pried into; trying of the reins, which are parts of the body hidden with fat. There must be a careful removing of several things to come at them; a searching for some precious filings of gold in a heap of dust; an employing all the faculties of the soul in a diligent search: Ps. 77:6, 'My spirit made diligent search.' It is expressed by counting, Ps. 119:59, 'I thought on my ways,' חֶשְׁבֹתִי; he looked over the acts of his soul one by one. The heart is called the 'inward parts' or depths 'of the belly,' Prov. 20:7. As the bowels are folded together in many coats and coverings, that they are not easily come to, so the heart of man is full of devices.<sup>1</sup>

**Robert Traill:** Another grace that this representation of God in and by Christ directs us in the acting and exercise of, is, *repentance unto life*, as it is called in Acts 11:18. There is a saving repentance, as well as there is a saving faith. Both are given to them whom God saveth. No impenitent person is saved, nor unbeliever. Two things only I would note about repentance. 1. Never man did truly repent, but a believer in Christ. 2. Never did a man truly repent, but for his sins against God in Christ. If you know nothing more of repentance but what you feel in the twinges of your conscience, by the light and heat of God's holy law, you are not yet come to gospel-repentance. Poor and confused are the notions that most sinners have. They think that all their sins are against God, and all their relief is in Jesus Christ; but they do not know, and lay to heart, that all their sins are against God in Christ, and that all their relief against sin is likewise in God in Christ. Men *sin against Christ*, 1 Cor. 8:12.; they are *forgiven by Christ*, Col. 3:13. He is *exalted with the right hand of God, to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins*, Acts 5:31. If, in the exercise of your repentance, you forget that you have pierced Christ by your sins, you are not acted by the promised Spirit of grace, Zech. 12:10. And all expectations of pardon that are not wholly grounded on Christ and his mediation, are not only vain, but sinful.<sup>2</sup>

**William Bates:** It is objected, that the asserting repentance to be the condition of pardon, lessens the grace of the gospel: but this is a great mistake, for repentance is an evangelical duty and grace. The law requires innocence and perfect obedience, or condemns without mercy: the gospel commands and accepts repentance. This grace was purchased by our Saviour, and is wrought in us by the Holy Spirit; and joined with faith, are the firstfruits of the returning sinner to God. When it is exercised in the most eminent degrees, it has not the least merit nor causality in the obtaining pardon. If a repenting sinner could fill the air with his sighs, and heaven with his tears; if all his vital springs were opened, and

<sup>1</sup> Stephen Charnock, *The Complete Works of Stephen Charnock*, vol. 4 (Edinburgh; London; Dublin: James Nichol; James Nisbet and Co.; W. Robertson; G. Herbert, 1864–1866), 485–486.

<sup>2</sup> Robert Traill, *The Works of Robert Traill*, vol. 2 (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1810), 167–168.

streams of blood flowed out, they cannot be satisfactory to God's injured justice. The irreconcilable hatred of sin, the ardent love of holiness, and steadfast resolution to follow it, which are ingredients in sincere repentance, though they are pleasing to God, yet are the duty of the reasonable creature before the commission of sin, and therefore can deserve nothing of God. But the ordaining an inseparable connexion between repentance and pardon, is honourable to God, and very beneficial to men: for there is no state of misery more miserable than for the sinner to be hardened in his sins. But to return from this digression. The scripture describes repentance by a sincere change and renovation of the mind, the leading faculty; by the entire turning of the heart from the love of sin to the love of holiness; by the active lively passions, sorrow, fear, shame, indignation, zeal, that are principal ingredients in it; and by the fruits "worthy of repentance, and works meet for repentance." It is called "repentance from dead works," and "repentance unto life." Now men are willingly deceived with an insincere and ineffective repentance: either with a mere mental change, or with broken resolutions instead of the entire heart; or with the leaving some sins, and retaining others that are suitable to their humours and lusts. They confess their sins, and condemn themselves for them: sometimes they have flashing thoughts, melting affections, good purposes to forsake sin, this they think to be sincere repentance: but when a temptation appears, they are easily overcome, and live in the habitual practice of their provoking sins. This conceit of their being true penitents, is as unreasonable, as if one that has a returning ague, should think himself freed from his disease in the intervals of his fits. Now to quiet conscience, they readily apply to themselves the words of the apostle, "what I do, I allow not." And since the best saints, while they are in sympathy with frail flesh cannot be perfect, but many sins they unwarily and unwillingly commit, which are infirmities lamented by them, and graciously forgiven by their heavenly Father; therefore indulgent sinners take shelter under this pretence, that their relapses are mere unavoidable infirmities. But what weakness can be pretended for wilful habitual sins? Such excuses do not cover their guilt, but discover their strong affections to their lusts: they have not the excuse of ignorance: to pretend the flesh and the world are omnipotent enemies that cannot be resisted, is to blaspheme the grace of the Holy Spirit. In short, a new life is inseparable from repentance in its reality. Sad and serious thoughts, sighs and tears, the sorrowful confession of sins, and good purposes against them, are the blossoms of repentance, ineffective without the substantial fruits of it in a reformed conversation. It is one of the arts of Satan to join things together that are inconsistent: in paradise he assured the woman that she might taste of the forbidden tree, and of the tree of life: and he now deceives many with the hope that their indulged repeated sins are consistent with repentance. But if men do not forsake the foul sins they lament, their sorrow will go with them to hell, and settle in the worm "that shall never die."<sup>3</sup>

### Prayer Requests 06/01/2026

If you have a matter for prayer during the second service, please make that request known to the Pastor. Remember to pray for our resting in Christ in all these requests.

- Pray for Emma Shipp, Katherine Drummer, and Ireland and Marissa Dillard, expecting.
- Pray for the Seminary Students and auditors, for good time to devote to study, for diligence in the work.
- Pray for Kristine Schempp, regular bouts with migraines.
- Pray for Reformation Presbyterian Church: Pulpit supply, Pastoral search.
- Pray for Brainerd Hills Presbyterian Church: Membership settled, moving to elect a Pastor soon.
- Pray for George Martin, Clint's father, who has chronic pain, for the sale of the Elder Mr. Martin's home, and for the Martin family's care of him.
- Pray for Emma's friend, Reina, for her health (she is receiving regular treatment from the Mayo clinic)
- Pray for Dr. T. J. Gentry, waiting on insurance approvals.
- Pray for Elder Malcolm Maxwell and his kidney disease.
- Pray for Chris Coldwell, prostate cancer treatment
- Pray for Dr. Bill Higgins, prostate cancer treatment.
- Pray for the sale of the Fanning's home in Fate.
- Pray for Mr. Jacob Zamira, (ALS-type patient) friend to the Shipp's, that he might find a good Church home as a Presbyterian.
- Pray for Mike Brabo, who has a heart catheterization scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, to see if anything can be done to restore signal travel in his heart after Lyme disease.
- Pray for Duff Mills, settling into his new life in Florida.
- Pray for Maston Tittle, that the doctors would also see the urgent need of the replacement of his heart device.
- Pray for our children, and parents, for their Christian education, for diligence, excellence, and joy, and for families with little ones, for wisdom, strength, and consistency in their nurture and admonition in the Lord.
- Pray for our nation:
  - Purity in the worship of the Visible Church, propagation of the pure Gospel in our land, pure whole-Bible preaching in our pulpits, godly testimony from Christians, that He might send reformation.
  - The conversion of our civil leaders to Christ
  - Repentance, humility in our leaders and citizens
  - The repeal of sinful laws, passage of godly laws.
  - Grace and humility in communication, not rancor
  - Justice and service, not violence in our streets
  - Domestic and foreign policy in the fear of God, especially regarding the imperial attitude of our current government.
  - That in wrath, the Lord would remember mercy.
- Pray for local law enforcement in keeping the peace, that they might serve the Lord as His ministers for good.
- Pray for our upcoming General Assembly meeting in June.
- Please remain in prayer for the Bannerman class

<sup>3</sup> William Bates, *The Whole Works of the Rev. William Bates*, ed. W. Farmer, vol. 4 (Harrisonburg, VA: Sprinkle Publications, 1990), 131–133.