

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 92 that the Lord would bless the administration of the sacraments, that God's people would see the spiritual realities represented, sealed, and exhibited, that beholding the actions of the sacraments, the elements ordained by Christ, and His Words of institution, they would be nourished in their souls by faith, and pray that the Lord would bring down all abuses concerning His sacraments, whether adding to them, taking from them, or perverting their use.

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

Pray as we consider the sermons from last Lord's Day that the Lord would protect us against the abilities and wiles of the enemy of our souls, that we would recognize his lies as he is the Deceiver, his violence as he is the Murderer, and that his power and authority is spiritual, dealing with men's souls primarily, blinding the minds of the unrighteous. Pray also as we do our civic duty praying for our leaders in the state that the Lord would grant men who are not hasty of spirit, leaders who are slow to wrath, those who, protecting justice according to the Word of the Lord, would provide a civil estate supportive of righteous and holy endeavor, that the Lord might by these means provide peace, quiet, in all godliness. Pray also that we as God's people would be slow to wrath, as an example and testimony to our land.

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**

12 July 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 1st Lord's Day of each month at the Church building.

Psalm Sing at the Church, 3rd 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 92: What is a sacrament? Answer. A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.*

* Gen. 17:7; Exod. 12 throughout; 1 Cor. 11:23, 26

John Flavel: Q. 1. How many sorts of sacraments are found in scripture? *A.* Of sacraments there are two sorts, some extraordinary and transient, as the fiery pillar, manna, and water out of the rock; 1 Cor. 10:1, 2, 3, 4. Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud, and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink; (for they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them: and that rock was Christ.) And some ordinary and standing, as circumcision and the passover, before Christ; and baptism and the Lord's supper, since Christ's death.

Q. 2. How many things are to be considered in every sacrament? *A.* In every sacrament five things must be considered; (1.) The author. (2.) The parts. (3.) The union of those parts. (4.) The subjects. (5.) The ends and uses of it.

Q. 3. Who is the author of the sacraments? *A.* The Lord Jesus Christ as King of the church, by whose sole authority baptism was instituted; Mat. 28:19, 20. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, &c. And the Lord's supper; 1 Cor. 11:23, 24. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you: This do in remembrance of me.

Q. 4. Are the old sacraments yet in being and in use in the church? *A.* No, they are passed away, and the new come in their room. Baptism takes place of circumcision; Col. 2:11, 12. In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; buried with him in baptism, &c. And the Lord's supper of the passover; 1 Cor. 5:7. Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened, for even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Q. 5. Of what parts doth every sacrament consist? *A.* Every sacrament consists of two parts, one external and earthly; another internal and heavenly, or spiritual. Bread, wine, and water, are the external, Christ's blood and Spirit the internal parts; Rom. 6:3. Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death? 1 Cor. 11:25. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, &c.

Q. 6. Wherein consists the sacramental union of those parts? *A.* It consists, by virtue of Christ's institution, in three things; (1.) In apt signification. (2.) Firm obsignation [confirmation or sealing – PT] . And, (3.) Real exhibition of the blessings signified and sealed.

Q. 7. What are the blessings signified by water in baptism? *A.* It signifies our implantation into Christ, and communion with him in his death and resurrection; Rom. 6:4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of life. And our solemn admission into the

visible church; Gal. 3:26, 27, 28, 29. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; For ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Q. 8. What are the blessings signified by bread and wine? *A.* They signify Christ's body and blood, broken and poured out for us, with all the blessings of remission, peace, and salvation purchased by his blood, 1 Cor. 10:16, 17. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many, are one bread, and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Q. 9. Do the sacraments seal, as well as signify these things? *A.* Yes, they do; Rom. 4:11. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith, &c. Their use is to confirm God's covenant with believers.

Q. 10. Who are the proper subjects of the sacraments? *A.* Believers and their seed are the subjects of baptism, but adult Christians only of the Lord's supper; Acts 2:38, 39. Repent, and be baptized every one of you; for the promise is unto you, and to your children, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 1 Cor. 11:28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

Q. 11. What is the main use and end of sacraments? *A.* It is to ratify and confirm God's covenant with believers; Rom. 4:11. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised, &c. 1 Cor. 11:26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Q. 12. What is the first instruction from hence? *A.* That the abuse of such holy and solemn mysteries is a sin of dreadful aggravation, and such as God will punish; 1 Cor. 11:27. Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

Q. 13. What is the second instruction? *A.* Hence we learn the tender care and love of Christ over the church, in instituting such useful and comfortable ordinances for us.¹

William Bradshaw: These signs considered in themselves are not of such force to stir up any great reverence in the receiving of them, there being no one thing more common in the world than eating of bread and drinking of wine. Yet there is no just cause why, in regard of the commonest of them, this sacrament should be despised, they being matters in themselves both profitable and comfortable. If Christ had not only ordained bread in general for this sacrament but the basest and hardest kind of bread that could be, such as is made of pulse, or bran, or acorns, [and] if instead of wine He had appointed us in this action vinegar mingled with gall to drink, such as He (for our sakes) was content to taste of, it would beseem the daintiest² and most queasy stomach (that looks to be saved by Him) to receive the same thankfully, reverently, and religiously. If He had required of us,

¹ John Flavel, *The Whole Works of the Reverend John Flavel*, vol. 6 (London; Edinburgh; Dublin: W. Baynes and Son; Waugh and Innes; M. Keene, 1820), 277–279.

² *Daintiest*: most delicate.

instead of eating bread and drinking wine, some service as painful (and in itself shameful) as circumcision, it had been our duty to have accounted it (as the Jews did) our honor to perform the same. It is then intolerable insolence to think it a base and contemptible thing upon Christ's special pleasure to eat bread and drink wine at His table to that end for which He has the same.

There are many things that in themselves are of no honor or respect, that in regard of some special use and application are matters of great honor, [such] as the white wand carried before the judge, the cap of maintenance worn before the lord mayor, the sword borne before the king.³ Though, therefore, these outward signs be in themselves but common matters, yet in respect of that special mystery that is in them, being applied to that use unto which they are in this sacrament (and that by Christ's own ordinance), they must needs be both an honor to Christ and honorable to the due user of them.

In that this eating of bread and drinking of wine here required was at the first institution done *after supper*, as the apostle notes, it shows that this bread and wine, and this eating and drinking, has more than an ordinary use or end—namely, that we are to eat this bread and to drink this wine not so much to satisfy hunger and quench thirst or to nourish our bodies and revive and refresh our vital spirits, for then our Savior would not have administered it immediately after supper, and that a festival supper, when they (who were to receive it at His hands) were filled before with bread and wine. But we must look herein to another more high and special use, unto which it pleases the wisdom and goodness of Christ in this action to advance these common and ordinary things, so that in this bread and wine we must look after bread and wine of another and higher nature, such whereby our souls are to be nourished and refreshed to everlasting life.²

Thomas Boston: Let us consider the word *sacrament*. Of which two things are to be noted. (1.) That it properly signifies a military oath, an oath taken by soldiers, whereby they bound themselves solemnly to their prince or general, to obey orders, and not to desert their colours. And some say this oath was mutual. (2.) That it is not a scripture word; not being used in any of the two languages in which the scripture was written, but a Latin word originally. But the church has made use of it to signify those ordinances which are the signs and seals of the covenant of grace; and that warrantably, because the things thereby signified are found in scripture, though not the word itself. For by the sacraments we are obliged to the spiritual warfare under the conduct of Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation, to whom we engage ourselves by them, and he also engages himself to us for our salvation.³

Prayer Requests 07/06/2026

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 confidently in Christ in all these requests.

- Pray for Emma Shipp, Katherine Drummer, Ireland and Marissa Dillard, and Gabrielle Williams expecting, (Gabrielle on bed rest till delivery).
- 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, and for Greg, as he awaits an offer from a new employer.
- Pray for Reformation Presbyterian Church: Pulpit supply, Pastoral search. Rev. Khanda is officially a candidate. Visit on July 12th next Sabbath.
- Pray for George Martin, Clint's father, for his 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 Mario Jimenez, relief from back spasms.
- Pray for Dave Hicks, Josh's cousin, for healing after his car accident, and that he might turn to the Lord in his affliction.
- Pray for Cody & Cassidy Drummer and family, traveling to see extended family this week. Pray for the Rooney family, also traveling this week.
- Pray for Susannah and Charlotte, traveling this week.
- Pray for Tom Darden, Dave's cousin, being treated for liver and kidney failure. On the list for liver transplant.
- Pray for the Barrett family, upon Marilee's cancer diagnosis, for comfort, treatment, and calling upon the Lord.
- 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 worship, spread of the pure Gospel, whole-Bible preaching, godly testimony from Christians, that Christ 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
 - 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.
- Please remain in prayer for the Bannerman class

³ *White wand, cap of maintenance, sword*: symbols of legal authority.

² William Bradshaw, "A Preparation to the Receiving of the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood: Directing Weak Christians How They May Worthily Receive the Same," in *Preparing for the Lord's Supper*, ed. Lesley A. Rowe (Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2019), 23–25.

³ Thomas Boston, *The Whole Works of Thomas Boston: An Illustration of the Doctrines of the Christian Religion, Part 2*, ed. Samuel M'Millan, vol. 2 (Aberdeen: George and Robert King, 1848), 466–467.