

Announcements and Information:

Pastor: Rev. Todd Ruddell
214.799.1647 (Church)
469.271.9631 (Mobile)

CCRPC
702 Business Way
Wylie, TX 75098

Elders: Carl Betsch, Tom Dillard

Deacons: Nick Wehlau, (Ordained) Frank Drummer, Josh Hicks (In training)

Pastor's email: revruddell@pm.me

Denomination: Reformed Presbyterian. Church, General Assembly: www.rpcga.org

CCRPC Website: <http://www.christcovenantrpc.org>

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 94 that abuses and perversions of the doctrine of baptism would be reformed, that the Church would seek Christ in the Sacraments, His cleansing in baptism, that the Lord would grant faith to all who receive that sacrament, that they might be partakers of the Holy Spirit.

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

Pray as we consider the sermons from last Lord's Day we might know Satan as the Destroyer, that in his attempts to draw men away from Christ, and into sin, that he seeks to devour the souls of men. Pray that we would not partake of soul-destroying sins, such as murmuring, (1 Cor. 10.10) and others, that that by the Word of the Lord we would be kept from the way of the destroyer. (Psalm 17.4) Pray also for our civil estate, and ourselves in it, that we would have a just care for those in poverty—that we would not countenance a poor man because he is poor, but that we would be moved with a compassion that does not work against God's justice, provides for those who are truly impoverished, according to the Scriptures. Pray for our civil estate, that governments would not play "Robin Hood" taking from the wealthy, and giving to the poor, that proper care for the poor, according to the Word of the Lord, would prolong and beautify our civil establishment.

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**

26 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.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

[illegible]

WSC 94: What is baptism?

Answer: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,^a doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.^b ^a Matth. 28:19. ^b Rom. 6:4; Gal. 3:27

John Flavel: Q. 1. What is the external part of baptism? *A.* It is pure unmixed water; Heb. 10:22. And our bodies washed with pure water. And therefore it is a vile practice of Papists, to add oil, salt, and spittle, to water in baptism.

Q. 2. What doth water in baptism signify? *A.* It signifies the blood of Christ; Rev. 1:5. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

Q. 3. What is the first resemblance it hath to Christ's blood? *A.* In the freeness of it to all, it represents the unpurchased blood of Christ; Isa. 55:1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk, without money, and without price.

Q. 4. What is the second resemblance to Christ's blood? *A.* It resembles it in its refreshing quality; water refresheth the thirsty, so doth Christ's blood; John 6:35. He that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Q. 5. What is the third resemblance it hath to Christ's blood? *A.* The cleansing property of water shews the purifying virtue of Christ's blood; Heb. 9:14. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works, to serve the living God?

Q. 6. What is the fourth resemblance it hath to Christ's blood? *A.* It resembles it in the necessity of it: For as the body cannot live without water, so neither can the soul without Christ's blood; Heb. 9:23. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Q. 7. What is the fifth resemblance of water to the blood of Christ? *A.* As water neither refresheth nor purifies the body without application; so neither doth Christ's blood refresh or purify the soul till applied; 1 Cor. 1:30. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

Q. 8. Is it necessary to plunge the whole body under water, in baptizing every person? *A.* The word [baptize] signifying as well to wash, as to plunge; a person may be truly baptized, that is not plunged. And we cannot think by the circumstance of time and place, that the jailor, in the night, was carried to a river out of the city; Acts 16:33. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and all his straightway.

Q. 9. But it is not said, John 3:23. That John also was baptizing in Enon, near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came and were baptized? *A.* The word signifies many waters, that is, springs of waters there; which are known by travellers to be small, not capable of plunging into.

Q. 10. What are the benefits accruing to us by baptism? *A.* The benefits are two fold: some external, called the fatness of the olive-tree; i.e. ordinances, and visible membership; Rom. 11:17. And thou being a wild olive-tree, wert grafted in amongst them, and with them partakers of the root and fatness of the olive-tree. And some spiritual and saving; 1 Pet. 3:21. The like figure

whereunto, even baptism, doth also now save us, (not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Q. 11. What engagements are laid on the baptized? *A.* They are engaged to be the Lord's people, and to walk suitably to that engagement; 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.

Q. 12. Is baptism to be reiterated, as the Lord's supper? *A.* No; for the Lord's supper is a sacrament for nourishing, but this for implantation; Rom. 6:4, 5. 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. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we should be also in the likeness of his resurrection.

Q. 13. Doth baptism regenerate men, and confer saving grace? *A.* No, it doth not, in its own virtue, convey grace, no more than the Lord's supper; but the Spirit of God is the author of grace, and works it as he pleases, before or after baptism.¹

Thomas Vincent: QUESTION 1: What is the outward sign or element in baptism? ANSWER: The outward sign or element in baptism is water, and that pure water. The addition of oil, salt and spittle, by the Papists in baptism, is an abomination and profanation of the ordinance. "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized?" (Acts 10:47). "Our bodies washed with pure water" (Heb. 10:22).

QUESTION 2: What is the thing signified by water in baptism? ANSWER: The thing signified by water in baptism is the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

QUESTION 3: What is the outward action in baptism? ANSWER: The outward action in baptism is washing of the body with water which is all that the word baptism signifies. This may be done by pouring water upon the face to represent Christ's blood poured out for us, or by sprinkling water upon the face to represent the blood of sprinkling, with which the heart is sprinkled. "Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Heb. 10:22).

QUESTION 4: Is it not necessary to dip or plunge the body in the water in baptism, when the Scripture tells us of several that went down into the water when they were baptized, and we are to be buried with Christ in baptism and therefore plunged and covered with water in baptism, as Christ was covered with earth in the grave even? ANSWER: It is not necessary that the body should be dipped or plunged all over in baptism: **1.** When we read of some that went down into the water when they were baptized we do not read that they were dipped or plunged over head and ears. They might be baptized by pouring or sprinkling the water upon their faces. In some places where the Scripture tells us persons were baptized, travelers tell us they were but ankle deep, in which it was impossible they could be plunged all over; and where it is said there was much water the original words do not

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), 281–283.

signify deep waters, but many streams, which are known to be shallow, and not fit to plunge the body into. **2.** Though some went down into the water when they were baptized, yet the Scripture does not say that all did so. Most probably water was brought into the house, when the jailer and all his household were baptized in the night and not that he suffered the apostles (then prisoners) to go forth, that he with them should go out with all his household, and leave all the other prisoners alone, to seek some river to be baptized and plunged into. **3.** The burying with Christ by baptism, signifies the burying of will in the soul by the baptism of the Spirit; and not the burying of the body, and covering it all over in the baptism of water. There is a baptizing or washing, as was said, in pouring or sprinkling water on the body. As our Saviour told Peter, when he would have been washed all over by him, that the washing of the feet was sufficient so the washing of the face is sufficient, especially for infants, who, in our colder climates, cannot be plunged in a river without manifest hazard of their lives, which none can prove by Scripture to be necessary.

QUESTION 5: What doth the washing of body with represent and signify? ANSWER: The washing of the body with water in baptism represents and signifies the washing of the soul from sin by the blood of Jesus Christ. "That loved us. and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

QUESTION 6: In whose name are persons to be baptized? ANSWER: Persons are to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19).

QUESTION 7: What is to be understood by the baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? ANSWER: By baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is to be understood, not only a naming of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but a baptizing into the authority, and into the faith, profession, and obedience of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

QUESTION 8: What are signified, sealed, and engaged on God's part by our being baptized in his name? ANSWER: There are signified, and sealed, and engaged on God's part, by our being baptized in his name: **1.** His engrafting us into Christ. **2.** His making us partakers of the benefits of the new covenant. "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death?" (Rom. 6:3).

QUESTION 9: What is meant by our engrafting into Christ? ANSWER: By our engrafting into Christ, is meant our being cut off from our old stock of nature, and being joined unto Jesus Christ, whereby we come to draw virtue from him as our root that we may grow up in him, and bring forth fruit unto him. "I am the vine ye are the branches" (John 15:5). "Thou being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree" (Rom. 11:17).²

Prayer Requests 07/20/2026

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, 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, 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. Meeting on Monday, the 20th.
- 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 Dave Hicks, Josh's cousin, for healing after his car accident, and that he might turn to the Lord in his affliction.
- Pray for the Darden family, Tom has passed away, and Dave is in the hospital.
- Pray for Alex Suarez, as he brings the Word on the 26th.
- 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, planning to conduct while away. Pray for the Ruddell's as they plan to travel this coming week to Colorado.

² Thomas Vincent, *A Family Instructional Guide*, electronic edition based on the first Banner of Truth ed., 1980. (Simpsonville, SC: Christian Classics Foundation, 1996), 246–249.