

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 and Lic.

Thomas Williams (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 101 that we would give the Lord the glory due to His Name, and in our places and relations we would bear testimony in word and deed to His holiness and greatness, living after His commandments in obedience, as a holy people, separated from the world unto Him.

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

Pray as we consider the sermons from last Lord's Day that, that we would hear the Lord's call to Covenanted families in His Word, that our heads of households would take responsibility over their charge, believing in the Lord themselves, and performing the duties of a spiritual head of house, that with Joshua our heads of house would declare, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Pray for the Church, that she would not divide the family, but come alongside it as the Lord's basic unit of social order and spiritual instruction. Pray that the family would not usurp the duties that belong to the Church, and that the Church would not usurp the duties that belong to the family, but that each working according to the Biblical order, the Lord would be pleased to grant reform in the broader society.

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**

13 September 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. (4:30P)

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 Singing 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.

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WSC 101: What do we pray for in the first petition?

Answer. In the first petition (which is, *Hallowed be thy name*^x) we pray, That God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known;^y and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.^z

^x Matth. 6:9. ^y Psal. 67:2-3 ^z Psal. 83 *throughout*.

Thomas Watson: I. “Hallowed be thy name.” In the Latin, it is, *sanctificetur nomen tuum*,—sanctified be thy name. In this petition, “hallowed be thy name,” we pray, that God’s name may shine forth gloriously, and that it may be honoured and sanctified by us, in the whole course and tenor of our lives. It was the angels’ song, “glory to God in the highest;” that is, let his name be glorified and hallowed. This petition, “Hallowed be thy name,” is set in the forefront, to shew, that the hallowing of God’s name is to be preferred before all things. 1st. It is to be preferred before life; we pray, “Hallowed be thy name,” before we pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” It is to be preferred before salvation, Rom. 9:1. God’s glory is more worth than the salvation of all men’s souls. As Christ said of love, Mat. 22:36., “This is the first and great commandment;” so I may say of this petition, “Hallowed be thy name,” it is the first and great petition; it contains the most weighty thing in religion, God’s glory. When some of the other petitions shall be useless and out of date, we shall not need to pray in heaven, “Give us our daily bread,” because there shall be no hunger; nor, “Forgive us our trespasses,” because there shall be no sin; nor, “Lead us not into temptation,” because the Old Serpent is not there to tempt; yet the hallowing of God’s name shall be of great use and request in heaven; we shall be ever singing hallelujahs, which is nothing else but the hallowing of God’s name. Every person in the blessed Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, must have this honour, to be hallowed; their glory being equal, and their majesty co-eternal. “Hallowed be thy name.” To admire God’s name is not enough; we may admire a conqueror, but when we say, “Hallowed be *thy name*,” we set God’s name above every name, and not only admire him, but adore him; and this is proper only to the Deity. For the further explication, I shall propound three questions:

1. *What is meant by God’s name?*

2. *What is meant by hallowing God’s name?*

3. *When may we be said to hallow or sanctify God’s name?*

Quest. 1. *What is meant by God’s name?*

Ans. 1. By God’s name is meant his essence, Ps. 20:1., “The name of the God of Jacob defend thee;” that is, the God of Jacob defend thee.

A. 2. By God’s name is meant any thing by which God may be known; as a man is known by his name; God’s name is his attributes, wisdom, power, holiness, goodness; by these God is known as by his name.

Quest. 2. *What is meant by hallowing God’s name?*

Ans. To hallow, is *a communi separare*,—to set apart a thing from the common use to some sacred end. As the vessels of the sanctuary were said to be hallowed, so to hallow God’s name, is to set it apart from all abuses, and to use it holily and reverently. In particular, hallowing of God’s name is to give him high honour and veneration, and render his name sacred. We can add nothing to God’s essential glory; but we are said to honour and sanctify his name, when we lift him up in the world, and make him appear greater in the eyes of others. When a prince is crowned, there is something added really to his honour; but when we go to crown God with our triumphs and hallelujahs, there is nothing added to his essential glory; God cannot be greater than he is, only we may make him appear greater in the eyes of others.

Quest. 2. *When may we be said to hallow and sanctify God’s name?*

Ans. 1. When we profess his name. Our meeting in his holy assembly is an honour done to God’s name; this is good, but it is not enough. All that wear God’s livery by profession, are not true servants; there are some professors Christ will at the last day profess against, Mat. 7:23., “I will profess I never knew you.” Therefore, to go a little further,

A. 2. We hallow and sanctify God’s name, when we have an high appreciation and esteem of God; we set him highest in our thoughts. The Hebrew word *to honour*, signifies *to esteem precious*; we conceive of God in our minds as the most superexcellent and infinite good; we apprehend in God, a constellation of all beauties and delights; we adore God in his glorious attributes, which are the several beams by which his divine nature shines forth; we adore God in his works, which are bound up in three great volumes, creation, redemption, providence; we hallow and sanctify God’s name, when we lift him highest in our souls; we esteem him a supereminent and incomprehensible God.

A. 3. We hallow and sanctify God’s name, when we trust in his name, Ps. 33:21., “We have trusted in his holy name;” no way can we bring more revenues of honour to God, or make his crown shine brighter, than by confiding in him, Rom. 4:20., “Abraham was strong in faith, giving glory to God;” there was an hallowing of God’s name, as unbelief stains God’s honour, and eclipseth his name, 1 John 5:10, “He that believeth not, God hath made him a liar:” so faith doth glorify and hallow God’s name. The believer trusts his best jewels in God’s hands, Ps. 31:5., “Into thy hands I commit my spirit;” faith in a Mediator doth more honour and sanctify God’s name, than martyrdom, or the most sublime acts of obedience.

A. 4. We hallow and sanctify God’s name, when we never make mention of his name but with the highest reverence; God’s name is sacred, and it must not be spoken of, but with veneration. The scripture, when it speaks of God, gives him his titles of honour, Gen. 14:20., “Blessed be the most high God;” Neh. 9:5., “Blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.” To speak vainly or slightly of God, is a profaning his name, and is a taking his name in vain; let his name be hallowed; by giving God his venerable titles, we do as it were hang his jewels on his crown.

A. 5. We hallow and sanctify God’s name, when we love his name, Ps. 5:11., “Let them that love thy name be joyful;” and that love which is honouring God’s name, must be a special discriminating love, the cream and flower of our love,—such a love as we give to none besides; as the wife honours her husband, by giving him such a love as she gives to none else, a conjugal love, so we hallow God’s name, by giving him such love as we give to none else, a love joined with worship, Ps. 45:11., “He is thy Lord, and worship thou him.”

A. 6. We hallow and sanctify God’s name, when we give him an holy and spiritual worship: 1st. When we give him the same kind of worship that he hath appointed: Lev. 10:3., “I will be sanctified in them that come nigh to me:” that is, I will be sanctified with that very worship I have appointed. It is the purity of worship God loves better than the pomp. It is a dishonouring of God’s name, to bring any thing into his worship which he hath not instituted: as if God were not wise enough to appoint the manner

how he will be served. Men will go to prescribe him, and super-add their inventions: this God looks upon as offering strange fire, and it is an high provocation. *2d.* When we give God the same heart devotion in worship as he hath appointed, Rom. 12:11. “Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.” The word for *fervent*, is a metaphor that alludes to water that seeths and boils over; so our affections should boil over in holy duties. To give God outside worship, and not the devotion of the heart, is, instead of hallowing and sanctifying him in an ordinance, to abuse him: as if one calls for wine, and you give him an empty glass; it is to deal with God, as Prometheus did with Jupiter, who did eat the flesh and present Jupiter with nothing but bones covered over with skin. Then we hallow God’s name, and sanctify him in an ordinance, when we give him the vitals of religion, and an heart flaming with zeal.

A. 7. We hallow and sanctify God’s name, when we hallow his day, Jer. 17:22., “Hallow ye the sabbath-day.” Our Christian sabbath—which comes in the room of the Jews’ sabbath—is called the Lord’s day, Rev. 1:10. This was anciently called *dies lucis*,—a day of light, wherein Christ the Sun of Righteousness shines in an extraordinary manner. It is an honour done to God, to hallow his sabbath. *1st.* We must rest on this day from all secular works, Jer. 17:22. Bear no burden on the sabbath-day. As Joseph, when he would speak with his brethren, thrust out the Egyptians, so when we would have converse with God on this day, we must thrust out all earthly employments. It is observable, Mary Magdalene refused to anoint Christ’s dead body on the sabbath-day, Luke 23:56.; she had before prepared her ointment and spices, but came not to the sepulchre till the sabbath was past; she rested on that day from civil work, though it were a commendable and glorious work, the anointing of Christ’s dead body. *2d.* We must in a solemn manner devote ourselves to God on this day; we must spend this whole day with God. Some will hear the word, but leave all their religion at church; they do nothing at home, they do not pray or repeat the word in their houses, and so they rob God of a part of his day. It is bewailing to see how God’s day is profaned! Let no man think God’s name is hallowed while his sabbath is broken...(skip to page 416)

Quest. *What may we do to honour and sanctify God’s name?*

Ans. Let us get, *1st.* a sound knowledge of God; *2d.* a sincere love to God.

1. A sound knowledge of God; take a view of his superlative excellencies,—his holiness,—his incomprehensible goodness. The angels know God better than we, therefore they sanctify his name, and sing hallelujahs to him. And let us labour to know him to be our God, Ps. 48:14., “This God is our God.” We may dread God as a judge, but we cannot honour him as a father, till we know he is our God.

2. Get a sincere love to God,—a love of appreciation, and a love of complacency to delight in him, John 21:15., “Lord, thou knowest I love thee.” He can never honour his master who doth not love him. The reason God’s name is no more hallowed, is because his name is no more loved. So much for the first petition.¹

Prayer Requests 09/07/2026

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 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 begins his new job, Sept. 8th.
- Pray for Reformation Presbyterian Church: Pulpit supply, Pastoral search. Rev. Khanda is officially a candidate.
- 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 Colin Rooney, recovering from a concussion.
- Pray for Zaylin Shipp, recovering from an infection.
- Pray for Joanna Ruddell recovering from her fall. Pray for safe travels for her sister Sue, visiting to help for a few days.
- Pray for Dr. T. J. Gentry. Latest exam: no worsening of his aneurism, and his health is improving. (Praise the Lord!)
- 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 Barrett family, upon Marilee’s cancer diagnosis, for comfort, treatment, and calling upon the Lord.
- Pray for Kristi Wehlau, that the Lord would bless the means of an austere diet against her SIBO infection.
- Pray for Missy’s Aunt Sue, diagnosed with Brain Lymphoma, under treatment—pray that she might turn to the Lord.
- Pray for Jeremy Seekamp, now under treatment for Graves’ Disease.
- 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, we had to cancel due to a power failure. Pray for consistent electricity.

¹ Thomas Watson, *The Select Works of the Rev. Thomas Watson, Comprising His Celebrated Body of Divinity, in a Series of Lectures on the Shorter Catechism, and*