

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 102 that the Lord would be pleased to "bruise Satan under our feet shortly" that His kingdom of grace would grow more and more in our age, in our nation, in our homes, and in our hearts, that we would willingly and with great joy take Christ for our King. Pray that many who currently say "we will not have this man to reign over us," would embrace Him as Lord, and King.

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

Pray as we consider the sermons from last Lord's Day that we would understand our need for Christ's washing, that we would He would humble our proud hearts to receive His washing, that when we think of Christian baptism we would remember our natural defilement, and give thanks for the Christ and His washing. Pray that the doctrine of antinomianism would be cast out of the Church, that God's people might embrace the close connection of the washing of Christ in both justification and sanctification, while avoiding the soul-damning mixture of them, that those who are "every whit clean" might also receive from Christ His continual washing of our feet, as we grow in grace and knowledge of His will.

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**

20 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.

Sermon Notes _____

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WSC 102: What do we pray for in the second petition?

Answer. In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come^a) we pray, That Satan's kingdom may be destroyed;^b and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced,^c ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it;^d and that the Kingdom of glory may be hastened.^e

^a Matth. 6:10; ^b Psal. 68:1, 18; ^c Rev. 12:10-11; ^d 2 Thess. 3:1; Rom. 10:1; John 17:9, 20; ^e Rev. 22:20.

Thomas Watson: II. The second thing implied in "thy kingdom come," we do implicitly pray against the devil's kingdom, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be demolished in the world. Satan's kingdom stands in opposition to Christ's kingdom; and when we pray, "Thy kingdom come," we pray against Satan's kingdom. Satan hath a kingdom; he got his kingdom by conquest; he conquered mankind in paradise. He hath his throne, Rev. 2:13., "Thou dwellest even where Satan's seat is." And his throne is set up in the hearts of men; he doth not care for their purses but their hearts, Eph. 2:2. Satan is served upon the knee, Rev. 13:4., "They worshipped the dragon," that is, the devil. Satan's empire is very large; the most kingdoms in the world pay tribute to him. Satan's kingdom hath two qualifications or characters:

1st. It is regnum nequitiae,—a kingdom of impiety.

2d. It is regnum servitutis,—a kingdom of slavery.

1. The kingdom of Satan is a kingdom of impiety; nothing but sin goes on in his kingdom; murder and heresy, lust and treachery, oppression and division, are the constant trade driven in Satan's kingdom; Satan is called "the unclean spirit," Luke 11:24. What else is propagated in his kingdom but a mystery of iniquity?

2. Satan's kingdom is a kingdom of slavery. Satan makes all his subjects slaves. *Peccati reus durā demonis tyrannide tenetur*, Muis. Satan is an usurper and a tyrant; he is a worse tyrant than any other. (1.) Other tyrants do but rule over the body, but Satan's kingdom rules over the soul; Satan rides some men as we do horses. (2.) Other tyrants have some pity on their slaves; though they make them work in the galleys, yet they give them meat, and let them have their hours for rest, but Satan is a merciless tyrant, he gives his slaves poison instead of meat, he gives them "hurtful lusts" to feed on, 1 Tim. 6:9., nor will he let his slaves have any rest, he hires them out in doing his drudgery, Jer. 9:5., "They weary themselves to commit iniquity." When the devil had entered into Judas, he sends him to the chief priests, and from thence to the garden, and never let him rest till he had betrayed Christ, and hanged himself. Thus Satan is the worst tyrant; when men have served him to their utmost strength, he will welcome them to hell with fire and brimstone.

Use. Let us pray that Satan's kingdom, set up in the world, may be thrown down. It is sad to think that though the devil's kingdom be so bad, yet that it should have so many to support it. Satan hath more to stand up for his kingdom, than Christ hath for his. What a large harvest of souls hath Satan; and God only a few gleanings! The Pope and the Turk give their power to Satan. If in God's visible church the devil hath so many loyal subjects that serve him with their lives and souls, then how do his subjects swarm in places of idolatry and paganism where there is none to oppose him but all vote on the devil's side? Men are willingly slaves to Satan; they will fight and die for him; therefore Satan is not only called "the prince of this world," John 12:31., but the "god of this world," 2 Cor. 4:4., to show what power Satan hath over men's souls. O let us pray that God will break the sceptre of the devil's kingdom, that Michael may destroy the dragon, that by the help of a religious magistracy and ministry the hellish kingdom of the prince of darkness may be beaten down! Satan's kingdom must be thrown down before Christ's kingdom can flourish in its power and majesty.

2. When we pray, "Thy kingdom come;" here is something positively intended: 1st. We pray that the kingdom of grace may be set up in our hearts and increased. 2d. That the kingdom of glory may hasten, and that we may, in God's due time, be translated into it. I begin with the first, the kingdom of grace. When we pray, "Thy kingdom come," we pray 1st. That the kingdom of grace may come into our hearts. This is regnum Dei,—God's lesser kingdom, Rom. 14:17., "The kingdom of God is righteousness." Luke 17:21., "The kingdom of God is within you."

Quest. 1. Why is grace called a kingdom? Ans. Because, when grace comes, there is a kingly government set up in the soul. Grace rules the will and affections, and brings the whole man in subjection to Christ; grace doth king it in the soul; it sways the sceptre, it subdues mutinous lusts, and keeps the soul in a spiritual decorum.

Quest. 2. Why is there such need that we should pray that this kingdom of grace may come into our hearts? Ans. 1. Because, till the kingdom of grace come, we have no right to the covenant of grace. The covenant of grace is sweetened with love, bespangled with promises; the covenant of grace is our magna charta, by virtue of which God passeth himself over to us to be our God; but who are heirs of the covenant of grace? Only such as have the kingdom of grace in their hearts, Ezek. 36:26., "A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you;" there is the kingdom of grace set up in the soul; then it follows, ver. 28., 'I will be your God.' The covenant of grace is to an ungracious person a sealed fountain; it is kept as a paradise with a flaming sword, that the sinner may not touch it; without grace you have no more right to it than a farmer to the city-charter.

A. 2. Unless the kingdom of grace be set up in our hearts, our purest offerings are defiled; they may be good as to the matter, but not as to the manner; they want that which should meliorate and sweeten them. Under the law, if a man who was unclean by a dead body, did carry a piece of holy flesh in his skirt, the holy flesh could not cleanse him, but he polluted it, Hag. 2:12. Till the kingdom of grace be in our hearts, ordinances do not purify us, but we pollute them; the prayer of an ungracious person becomes sin, Prov. 15:8. In what a sad condition is a man before God's kingdom of grace be set up in his heart! Whether he comes or comes not to the ordinance, he sins; if he doth not come to the ordinance, he is a contemner of it; if he doth come, he is a polluter of it; a sinner's works are opera mortua, dead works, Heb. 1:6., and those works which are dead cannot please God: a dead flower hath no sweetness.

A. 3. We had need pray that the kingdom of grace may come, because till this kingdom come into our hearts, we are loathsome in God's eyes, Zech. 11:8., "My soul loathed them." *Quanta est fœditas vitiosa mentis*, Tully. An heart void of grace looks blacker than hell; sin transforms one into a devil, John 6:70., "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" Envy is the devil's eye, hypocrisy is his cloven foot; thus it is before the kingdom of grace come. So deformed is a graceless person, that when once he sees his own filth and leprosy, the first thing he doth is to loathe himself, Ezek. 20:43., "Ye shall loathe yourself in your own sight for all your evils." I have read of a woman, who always used flattering glasses; by chance seeing her face in a true

glass, in insaniam delapsa est, she ran mad: such as now dress themselves by the flattering glass of presumption, when once God gives them a sight of their filthiness, they will abhor themselves; “Ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils.”

A. 4. Before the kingdom of grace comes into us, we are spiritually illegitimate, of the bastard-brood of the old serpent, John 8:44. To be illegitimate is the greatest infamy: Deut. 23:2., “A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord even to his tenth generation.” He was to be kept out of the holy assemblies of Israel as an infamous creature; a bastard, by the law, cannot inherit. Before the kingdom of grace come into the heart, a person is to God as one illegitimate, and so continuing he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven.

A. 5. Before the kingdom of grace be set up in men’s hearts, the kingdom of Satan is set up in them; they are said to be under the power of Satan, Acts 26:18. Satan commands the will; though he cannot force the will, he can by his subtle temptations, draw it; the devil is said to “take men captive at his will,” 2 Tim. 2:26. The Greek word signifies to *take them alive* as the fowler doth the bird in the snare. The sinner’s heart is the devil’s mansion-house, Mat. 12:44., “I will return unto my house.” It is *officinus diaboli*, Satan’s shop, where he works, Eph. 2:2., “The prince of the power of the air now worketh in the children of disobedience.” The members of the body are the tools which Satan works with; Satan possesseth men. In Christ’s time many had their bodies possessed, but it is far worse to have their souls possessed; one is possessed with an unclean devil, another with a revengeful devil. No wonder the ship goes full sail, when the wind blows; no wonder men go full sail in sin, when the devil, the prince of the air, blows them; thus it is till the kingdom of grace come, men are under the power of Satan, who, like Draco, writes all his laws in blood.

A. 6. Till the kingdom of grace comes, a man lies exposed to the wrath of God; “and who knoweth the power of his anger?” Ps. 90:11. If, when but a spark of God’s wrath flies into a man’s conscience in this life, it is so terrible, what then will it be, when God stirs up all his anger? So inconceivably torturing is God’s wrath, that the wicked call to the rocks and mountains to fall on them, and hide them from it, Rev. 6:1. The hellish torments are compared to a fiery lake, Rev. 20:15. Other fire is but painted in comparison of this; and this lake of fire burns for ever, Mark 9:44. God’s breath kindles this fire, Isa. 30:22. And, where shall we find engines or buckets to quench it? Time will not finish it; tears will not quench it. To this fiery lake are men exposed, till the kingdom of grace be set up in them.¹

Prayer Requests 09/14/2026

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, working at his new job. Pray also for the Schempps, who have been ill last much of last week.
- 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, still having headaches.
- Pray for the Wang family, traveling this week.
- Pray for Joanna Ruddell recovering from her fall.
- 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, being treated 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, for reliable power, and advancement in the doctrine of the Church.
- Pray for rain, and let us give thanks for the rain that fell.

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*