

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 103 that the Lord would grant understanding in His revealed will, humble and compliant hearts to His people, a growing understanding of the importance of obedience to the Lord's "broad" commandments for every area of our lives, that avoiding the polar evils of legalism and antinomianism, we might strike that Biblical mean of sincere love and obedience to the Lord.

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

Pray as we consider the sermons from last Lord's Day that we shun idleness, indulgence, presumption, and all other "sleepy" attributes that blunt our ability to resist the devil and his temptations. Pray for a mindset of moving forward, that our resistance would not only keep us from sin, but that following Christ temptation might be turned to triumph. Pray also for the nations of the world, and our own, that they in their national capacity might acknowledge the true God, promote the true religion, establish a legal code according to the Moral Law of God, and that the citizens of these nations would follow the Lord's commands, pursuing the revealed will of God in everything.

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**

27 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 103: What do we pray for in the third petition?

Answer. In the third petition (which is, *Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven^f*) we pray, that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things,^g as the angels do in heaven.^h

^f Matth. 6:10. ^g Psal. 67 throughout. Psal. 119:36; Mat. 26:39; 2 Sam. 15:25; Job 1:21. ^h Psal. 103:20-21

Thomas Watson: Quest. *What is meant by the will of God?* Ans. There is a twofold will. 1. *Voluntas decreti*, God's secret will, or the will of his decree; we pray not that God's secret will may be done by us. This secret will cannot be known, it is locked up in God's own breast, and neither man nor angel hath key to open it. 2. *Voluntas revelata*, God's revealed will. This revealed will is written in the book of scripture; the scripture is a declaration of God's will, it discovers what he would have us do in order to our salvation.

Quest. *What do we pray for in these words, "Thy will be done?"* Ans. We pray for two things: 1st. For active obedience; that we may do God's will actively in what he commands. 2^d. For passive; that we may submit to God's will patiently in what he inflicts. We pray, that we may do God's will actively, subscribe to all his commands, believe in Jesus, the cardinal grace, lead holy lives. So Austin upon the petition, *Nobis a Deo precamur obedientiam*,—we pray that we may actively obey God's will. This is the sum of all religion, the two tables epitomized, the doing of God's will: "Thy will be done." We must know God's will before we can do it; knowledge is the eye which must direct the foot of obedience. At Athens there was an altar set up, "To the unknown God," Acts 17:23. It is as bad to offer the blind to God as the dead. Knowledge is the pillar of fire to give light to practice; but though knowledge is requisite, yet the knowledge of God's will is not enough without doing his will: "Thy will be done." If one had a system of divinity in his head; if he had 'all knowledge,' 1 Cor. 13:2., yet, if obedience were wanting, his knowledge were lame, and would not carry him to heaven. Knowing God's will may make a man admired, but it is doing God's will makes him blessed; knowing God's will without doing it, will not crown us with happiness.

1. The bare knowledge of God's will is inefficacious, it doth not better the heart. Knowledge alone is like a winter-sun, which hath no heat or influence; it doth not warm the affections, or purify the conscience. Judas was a great luminary, he knew God's will, but he was a traitor.

2. Knowing without doing God's will, will make one's case worse; 'twill heat hell the hotter, Luke 12:47., "The servant which knew his Lord's will, and did not according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes." Many a man's knowledge is a torch to light him to hell. Thou who hast knowledge of God's will but does not do it, wherein dost thou excel an hypocrite? nay, wherein dost thou excel the devil, 'who transforms himself into an angel of light?' 'Tis improper to call such Christians, who are knowers of God's will but not doers of it. 'Tis improper to call him a tradesman who never wrought in his trade; so to call him a Christian, who never wrought in the trade of religion. Let us not rest in the knowing of God's will. Let it not be said of us, as Plutarch speaks of the Grecians, "They knew what was just, but did it not." Let us set upon this, the doing of God's will, "Thy will be done."

Quest. 3. *Why is the doing of God's will so requisite?* Ans. 1. Out of equity. God may justly claim a right to our obedience; he is our founder, and we have our being from him; and 'tis but equal that we should do his will, at whose word we were created. God is our benefactor, 'tis but just that, if God give us our allowance, we should give him our allegiance.

2. The great design of God in the word is, to make us doers of his will. 1. All God's royal edicts and precepts are to bring us to this, to be doers of his will; what needed God been at the pains to give us the copy of his law, and write it out with his own finger else? The word of God is not only a rule of knowledge, but of duty, Deut. 13:4., and 26:16., "This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes; thou shalt therefore keep and do them." If you tell your children what is your mind, it is not only that they may know your will, but do it. God gives us his word, as a master gives his scholar a copy, to write after it; he gives it as his will and testament, that we should be the executors to see it performed.—2. This is the end of all God's promises, to draw us to God's will; the promises are loadstones to obedience, Deut. 11:27., "A blessing if ye obey;" as a father gives his son money to bribe him to obedience, Deut. 28:1, 3. "If thou shalt hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and do all his commandments, the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth; blessed shalt thou be in the city and in the field." The promises are a royal charter settled upon obedience.—3. The minatory part of the word, the threatenings of God, stand as the angel with a flaming sword to deter us from sin, and make us doers of God's will, Deut. 11:28., "A curse if ye will not obey." Ps. 68:21., "God shall wound the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses." These threatenings do often take hold of men in this life: they are made examples, and hung up in chains to scare others from disobedience.—4. All God's providences are to make us doers of his will. As God makes use of all the seasons of the year for harvest, so all his various providences are to bring on the harvest of obedience.

(1.) Afflictions are to make us do God's will, 2 Chron. 33:12., When Manasseh was in affliction, he besought the Lord, and humbled himself greatly. The rod hath this voice, 'be doers of God's will.' Affliction is called a furnace, Isa. 37:19. The furnace melts the metal, and then it is cast into a new mould. God's furnace is to melt us and mould us into obedience.

(2.) God's mercies are to make us do his will, Rom. 12:1., "I beseech you by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice." Body is, by synecdoche, put for the whole man; if the soul should not be presented to God as well as the body, it could not be reasonable service; now, saith the apostle, "I beseech you by the mercies of God, present yourselves a living sacrifice." Mercies are the strongest obligations to duty, Hos. 11:4., "I drew them with the cords of a man;" that is, with golden cords of my mercy. In a word, all that is written in the law or gospel tends to this that we shall be doers of God's will, "Thy will be done."

3. By doing the will of God, we evidence sincerity. As Christ said in another sense, John 10:25., "The works which I do in my father's name, they bear witness of me:" so, it is not all our golden words, if we could speak like angels, but our works, our doing of God's will which bears witness of our sincerity. We judge not of the health of a man's body by his high colour, but by the pulse of the arm, where the blood chiefly stirs; so a Christian's soundness is not to be judged by his profession; what is this high colour, but the estimate of a Christian is to be taken by his obediential acting, his doing the will of God; this is the best certificate, and letters testimonial to shew for heaven.

4. Doing God's will much propagates the gospel; this is the diamond that sparkles in religion. Others cannot see what faith is in the heart; but when they see we do God's will on earth, this makes them have a venerable opinion of religion, and become proselytes to it. Julian, in one of his epistles, writing to Arsadius, saith, "that the Christian religion did much flourish, by the sanctity and obedience of them that professed it."

5. By doing God's will, we shew our love to Christ, John 14:21., "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." What greater love to Christ, than to do his will, though it cross our own? Every one would be thought to love Christ; but, how shall that be known but by this? Do you do his will on earth? *Neque principem veneramus, si odio ejus leges habemus*, Isid. It is a vain thing for a man to say he loves Christ's person, when he slights his commands. Not to do God's will on earth, is a great evil. It is (1.) Sinful. (2.) Foolish. (3.) Dangerous.

(1.) It is sinful. 1. We go against our prayers; we pray, *fiat voluntas tua*, 'thy will be done,' and yet we do not obey his will; we confute our own prayer. 2. We go against our vow in baptism; we have vowed to fight under the Lord's banner, to obey his sceptre, and this vow we have often renewed in the Lord's supper: if we do not God's will on earth, we are forsworn, and God will indict us of perjury.

(2.) Not to do God's will on earth, is foolish: 1. Because there is no standing it out against God. If we do not obey him, we cannot resist him, 1 Cor. 10:22., "Are we stronger than he?" Job 40:9., "Hast thou an arm like God?" Canst thou measure arms with him? To oppose God, is, as if a child should fight with an archangel; as if an heap of briars should put themselves into a battalia against the flame. 2. Not to do God's will is foolish; because, if we do not God's will, we do the devil's will. Is it not folly to gratify an enemy? To do his will that seeks our ruin?

Quest. *But are any so wicked as to do the devil's will?*

Ans. Yes; John 8:44., "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." When a man tells a lie, doth he not do the devil's will? Acts. 5:3., "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?"

(3.) Not to do God's will is dangerous; it brings a spiritual *premunire*. If God's will be not done by us; he will have his will upon us; if we obey not God's will in commanding, we shall obey his will in punishing, 2 Thess. 1:7, 8., "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed with his mighty angels in flames of fire, taking vengeance on them that obey not his gospel." Either we must do God's will, or suffer it.¹

Prayer Requests 09/21/2026

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 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 the Martin and Drummer families, 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, her digestive health.
- 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*

Various Sermons and Treatises (New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1855), 482–485.