

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 104 that the Lord would give thankfulness to His people for His bountiful and free gifts, for body and soul, and for a holy use of His bounty. Pray that we would not squander the graces the Lord gives, that we would always be thankful, mindful of His goodness, that we would never murmur against His providence and supply, and that resting in Him, would be free from anxiety.

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

Pray as we consider the sermons from last Lord's Day that those yet in their sins in the visible Church would trust Christ, believing that He is mighty and willing to save all who call upon Him, that they might resist the devil being steadfast in that Gospel faith, drawing near to the Lord, trusting His promise to draw near to them. Pray also that in consideration of our nation and its wickedness, we would not simply "curse the darkness" but being humbled for our national sins, we would cry out to the Lord, taking ownership ourselves as citizens of this nation, and with grief and hatred of our nation's sins turn to the Lord in humility, in shame, with confession, and even with tears, that the Lord might be pleased to hear and heal 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**

04 October 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 104: What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

Answer: In the fourth petition (which is, Give us this day our daily breadⁱ) we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.^k

ⁱ Matth. 6:11. ^k Prov. 30:8-9; Gen. 28:20; 1 Tim. 4:4-5

Thomas Watson: First we pray, "Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done," before we pray "give us this day our daily bread." God's glory ought to weigh down all before it; it must be preferred before our dearest concerns. Christ preferred his Father's glory before his own glory as he was man, John 8:49, 50., "I honour my Father, I seek not my own glory." God's glory is that which is most dear to him,—it is the apple of his eye,—all his riches lie here. As Micah said, Judges 18:24., "What have I more?" so I may say of God's glory, what hath he more? God's glory is the most orient pearl of his crown, which he will not part with, Isa. 42:8., "My glory will I not give to another" God's glory is more worth than heaven, more worth than the salvation of all men's souls; better kingdoms be demolished, better men and angels be annihilated, than God lose any part of his glory. First we pray that God's name may be hallowed and glorified before we pray, "give us our daily bread." We are to prefer God's glory before our nearest concerns; before there can be a preferring God's glory before our private concerns, there must be a new birth wrought; the natural man seeks his own secular interest before God's glory, John 3:31., "He is of the earth, earthly." Let him have peace and trading, let the rock pour out rivers of oil, Job 29:6., and let God's glory go which way it will, he minds it not. A worm cannot fly and sing as a lark: a natural man, whose heart creeps upon the earth, cannot admire God, or advance his glory, as a man elevated by grace doth.

Use. Of trial. Do we prefer God's glory before our private concerns? Doth God's glory take place? *Minus te amat qui aliquid tecum amat, quod non propter te amat*, Aug. 1st, Do we prefer God's glory before our own credit? *Fama parri passu ambulat cum vita*. Credit is a jewel highly valued; like precious ointment, it casts a fragrant smell; but God's glory must be dearer than credit or applause; we must be willing to have our credit trampled upon, if God's glory may be raised higher. Acts 5:41., The apostles rejoiced "that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name;" that they were graced so far as to be disgraced for Christ. 2^d, Do we prefer God's glory before our relations? Relations are dear, they are of our own flesh and bones; but God's glory must be dearer, Luke 14:26., "If any man come after me, and hate not father and mother, he cannot be my disciple." Here *odium in suos, is pietas in Deum*. "If my friends (saith Jerom) should persuade me to deny Christ,—if my wife should hang about my neck,—if my mother should shew me her breasts that gave me suck,—I would trample upon all, and flee to Christ." 3^d, We must prefer God's glory before estate; gold is but shining dust, God's glory must weigh heavier. If it come to this, I cannot keep my place of profit, but God's glory will be eclipsed,—here I must rather suffer in my estate, than God's glory should suffer, Heb. 10:34. 4th, We must prefer God's glory before our life, Rev. 12:11., "They loved not their own lives to the death." Ignatius called his fetters his spiritual jewels, he wore them as a chain of pearl. Gordius the martyr said, "It is to my loss, if you abate me any thing of my sufferings." This argues grace crescent, and elevated in an high degree. Who but a soul inflamed in love to God, can set God highest on the throne, and prefer him above all private concerns? II. The second thing in the petition, is the matter of it. "Give us this day our daily bread." The sum of this petition is, that God would give us such a competency in these outward things, as he

sees most excellent for us. It is much like that prayer of Agur, Prov. 30:8., "Feed me with food convenient for me;" give me a *viaticum*, a bait by the way, enough to bear my charges till I come to heaven, and it sufficeth. Let me explain the words, "Give us this day our daily bread." [Give] Hence note, that the good things of this life are the gifts of God: he is the donor of all our blessings. "Give us:" not only faith, but food is the gift of God; not only daily grace is from God, but "daily bread;" every good thing comes from God, James 1:17., "every good gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights." Wisdom is the gift of God, Is. 28:26., "His God doth instruct him to discretion." Riches are the gift of God, 2 Chron. 1:12., "I will give thee riches." Peace is the gift of God, Ps. 147:14., "He maketh peace in thy borders." Health, which is the cream of life, is the gift of God, Jer. 30:17., "I will restore health to thee." Rain is the gift of God, Job 5:10., "Who giveth rain on the earth." All comes from God; he makes the corn to grow, and the herbs to flourish. *Use 1st.* See our own poverty and indigence: we live all upon alms, and upon free-gifts, "give us this day." All we have is from the hand of God's royal bounty; we have nothing but what God gives us out of his store-house; we cannot have one bit of bread but from God. The devil persuaded our first parents, that by disobeying God, they should "be as gods," Gen. 3:5., but we may now see what goodly gods we are, that we have not a bit of bread to put in our mouths, unless God give it us: here is an humbling consideration.

2^d. Is all a gift? Then we are to seek every mercy from God by prayer, "Give us this day." The tree of mercy will not drop its fruit, unless shaken by the hand of prayer. Whatever we have, if it do not come in the way of prayer, it doth not come in the way of love; it is given, as Israel's quails, in anger. If every thing be a gift, we do not deserve it, we are not fit for it, unless we ask for this alms. And must we go to God for every mercy? How wicked are they, who instead of going to God for food when they want, they go to the devil; they make a compact with him; and if he will help them to a livelihood, they will give him their souls. Better starve, than go to the devil for provender. I wish there be none in our age guilty of this, who, when they are in want, use indirect means for a livelihood; they consult with witches, who are the devil's oracles; the end of these will be fearful, as that of Saul was, whom the Lord is said to have killed, because he asked counsel at a familiar spirit.

3^d. If all be a gift, then it is not a debt, we cannot say to God, as that creditor said, Mat. 18:28., "Pay me that thou owest." Who can make God a debtor, or do any act that is obliging and meritorious? Whatever we receive from God is a gift; we can give nothing to God but what he hath given to us, 1 Chron. 29:14., "All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." David and his people offered to the building of God's house gold and silver, but they offered nothing but what God had given them, "of thine own have we given thee." If we love God, God it is that hath given us an heart to love him; if we praise him, he both gives us the organ of the tongue, and puts it in tune; if we give alms to others, God hath given alms to us first, so that we may say, "we offer, O Lord, of thine own to thee." Is all of gift, how absurd then is the doctrine of merit? That was a proud speech of the friar, that said, *Redde mihi vitam eternam quam debes*,—

‘give me, Lord, eternal life, which thou owest me.’ We cannot deserve a bit of bread, much less a crown of glory. If all be a gift, then merit is exploded, and shut out of doors.

4th. If all be a gift, “give us this day,” then take notice of God’s goodness; there is nothing in us can deserve or requite God’s kindness; yet such is the sweetness of his nature, he gives us rich provision, and feeds us with the finest of the wheat. Pindar saith, it was an opinion of the people of Rhodes, that Jupiter rained down gold upon the city: God hath rained down golden mercies upon us; he is upon the giving hand. Observe three things in God’s giving:

(1.) He is not weary of giving; the springs of mercy are ever running. God did not only dispense blessings in former ages, but he still gives gifts to us; as the sun not only enriches the world with its morning light, but keeps light for the meridian. The honey-comb of God’s bounty is still dropping.

(2.) God delights in giving, Micah 7:18., “He delighteth in mercy.” As the mother delights to give the child the breast, God loves we should have the breast of mercy in our mouth.

(3.) God gives to his very enemies. Who will send in provisions to his enemy? Men use to spread nets for their enemies, God spreads a table. The dew drops on the thistle as well as the rose; the dew of God’s bounty drops upon the worst. Those who have their mouths opened against God yet God puts bread in those mouths. O the royal bounty of God! Ps. 52:1., “The goodness of God endureth continually.” Swinish sinners God puts jewels upon, and feeds them every day.

5th. If all be a gift, see then the odious ingratitude of men, who sin against their giver. God feeds them, and they fight against him; he gives them their bread, and they give him affronts. How unworthy is this? Would we not cry shame of him, who had a friend always feeding him with money, and he should betray and injure that friend. Thus ungratefully do sinners deal with God, they do not only forget his mercies, but abuse them, Jer. 5:7., “When I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery.” O how horrid is this, to sin against a bountiful God!—to strike (as it were) those hands that relieve us! This gives a dye and tincture to men’s sins, and makes them crimson. How many make a dart of God’s mercies, and shoot at him? He gives them wit, and they serve the devil with it; he gives them strength, and they waste it among harlots; he gives them bread to eat, and they lift up the heel against him, Deut. 32:15., “Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked.” These are like Absalom, who as soon as David his father kissed him, plotted treason against him, 2 Sam. 15:10. Like the mule, who kicks the dam after she hath given it milk. Those who sin against their giver, and abuse God’s royal favours, the mercies of God will come in as witnesses against them. What smoother than oil? But if it be heated, what more scalding? What sweeter than mercy? But if it be abused, what more dreadful? It turns to fury.¹

Prayer Requests 09/28/2026

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. He will be conducting his testing with our Presbytery October 6-7 at our Church building. Pray for his testing. All are welcome to attend and observe.
- 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 and next.
- Pray for Eric Rooney, recovering from a nasty bug bite.
- 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), 511–514.