

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 105 that we would be humbled with a sense of our sin and misery, and mindful of God's mercy and forgiveness. Pray for the release of our natural sense of entitlement and desserts, that we would not think more of our estate before the thrice holy God than we ought, and that this attitude would carry us forward in forgiveness and love toward one another.

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

Pray as we consider the sermons from last Lord's Day that in our resistance to the devil, we would "cleanse our hands, and purify our hearts, that we would do the hard work of self-examination and repentance, that the Lord would be pleased to receive our confession of sin, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Pray that the Lord would grant courage and liberty in this work. Pray also that we would receive the Word of God as it is in truth, the very Word of God, that we would not let substandard views of inspiration, translation, and preservation rob us of confidence in the Word of the Lord, and that the ready availability of the Bible would grant us a greater, not lesser use of it,

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**

18 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 106: What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

Answer: In the sixth petition (which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*^b) we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin,^p or support and deliver us when we are tempted.^q

^o Matth. 6:13. ^p Mat. 26:41. ^q 2 Cor. 12:7-8

Thomas Watson: This petition consists of two parts. First, Deprecatory, “Lead us not into temptation.” Secondly, Petitionary, “but deliver us from evil.”

First, “Lead us not into temptation.” Doth God lead into temptation? God tempts no man to sin, James 1:13., “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God, for God tempteth not any man.” God doth permit sin, but doth not promote it. He who is an encourager of holiness cannot be a patron of sin. God doth not tempt to that which he hath an antipathy against. What king will tempt his subjects to break those laws which he himself hath established.

Quest. *But is it not said, God tempted Abraham?* Gen. 22:1.

Ans. Tempting *there* was no more than trying. God tried Abraham’s faith, as a goldsmith tries gold in the fire: but there is a great deal of difference between God’s trying his people’s grace, and exciting their corruptions; he trieth their grace, but doth not excite their corruptions; man’s sin cannot be justly fathered on God. God tempts no man.

Quest. *What then is the meaning of this, Lead us not into temptation?*

Ans. When we pray, “Lead us not into temptation,” the meaning is, we desire of God that he would not suffer us to be overcome by temptation. That we may not be given up to the power of temptation, which is when we are trepanned into sin.

Quest. *Whence do temptations come?* *Ans.* 1. *Ab intra*,—from ourselves. The heart is *fomes peccati*,—the breeder of all evil. Our own hearts are the greatest tempters: James 1:14., “Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust.” The heart is a perfect decoy.

2. Temptations come *ab extra*,—from Satan. He is called ‘the Tempter,’ Mat. 4:3., he lies in ambush to do us mischief,—*slat in procinctu diabolus*,—the devil lays a train of temptation to blow up the fort of our grace; the devil is not yet fully cast into prison, but is like a prisoner that goes under bail; the world is his diocese where he visits; we are sure to find Satan, whatever we are doing,—reading,—praying,—meditating; we find him within, how he came there we know not; we are sure of his company, uncertain how we came by it. A saint’s whole life (saith Austin) is a temptation. Elias, who could shut heaven by prayer, could not shut his heart from a temptation. This is a great molestation to a child of God; as it is a trouble to a virgin to have her chastity daily assaulted. The more one is tempted to evil, the more he is hindered from good; we are in great danger of Satan ‘the prince of the air;’ and we had need often pray, “Lead us not into temptation.” That we may see in what danger we are of Satan’s temptations,

Consider 1st. His malice in tempting. This hellish serpent is swelled with the poison of malice. Satan envies man’s happiness; to see a clod of dust so near to God, and himself (once a glorious angel) cast out of the heavenly paradise, this makes him pursue mankind with inveterate hatred, Rev. 12:12., “The devil is come down to you having great wrath.” If there be any thing this infernal spirit of hell can delight in, it is to ruin souls, and bring them into the same condemnation with himself. This malice of Satan in tempting must needs be great, if we consider three things:

1. That when Satan is so full of torment, yet, that at such a time he should tempt. One would think that Satan should scarce have

a thought free from thinking of his own misery; yet such is his rage and malice, that, when God is punishing him, he is tempting. 2. Satan’s malice is great, that he will tempt where he knows he cannot prevail; he will put forth his sting, though he cannot hurt. He tempted Christ, Mat. 4:3., “If thou be the Son of God.” He knew well enough Christ was God as well as man, yet he would tempt him. Such was his malice against Christ, that he would put an affront on Christ, though he knew he could not conquer him. He tempts the elect to blasphemy; he knows he cannot prevail against the elect; yet such is his malice, that though he cannot storm the garrison of their hearts, yet he will plant his pieces of ordnance against them.

3. Satan’s malice is great, that though he knows his tempting men to sin will increase his own torment in hell, yet he will not leave off tempting; every temptation makes his chain heavier, and his fire hotter, yet he will tempt. Therefore Satan being such a malicious revengeful spirit, had we not need pray that God would not suffer him to prevail by his temptations? “Lead us not into temptation.”

Consider 2^d. Satan’s diligence in tempting, 1 Pet. 5:8., “He walketh about.” He neglects no time; he who would have us idle, yet he himself is always busied. This lion is ever hunting after his prey,—he compasseth sea and land to make a proselyte,—he walks about,—he walks not as a pilgrim, but a spy,—he watcheth where he may throw in the fire-ball of a temptation. He is a restless spirit; if we repulse him, yet he will not desist, but come again with a temptation. Like Marcellus, a Roman captain Hannibal speaks of, whether he was conquered, or did conquer, he was never quiet. More particularly, Satan’s diligence in tempting is seen in this,

1. If he gets the least advantage by temptation, he pursues it to the utmost. If his motion to sin begins to take, he follows it close, and presseth to the act of sin. When he tempted Judas to betray Christ, and found that Judas was inclinable, and began to bite at the bait of thirty pieces of silver, he hurries him on, and never leaves him till he had betrayed his Lord and Master. When he had tempted Spira to renounce his religion, and saw Spira begin to yield, he follows his temptation close, and never left till he had made him go to the legate at Venice, and there abjure his faith in Christ.

2. Again, Satan’s diligence in tempting is seen in this, the variety of temptations he useth. He doth not confine himself to one sort of temptation, he hath more plots than one; if he finds one temptation doth not prevail, he will have another; if he cannot tempt to lust, he will tempt to pride; if a temptation to covetousness doth not prevail, he will tempt to profuseness; if he cannot fright men into despair, he will see if he can draw them to presumption if he cannot make them profane, he will see if he can make them formalists; if he cannot make them vicious, he will tempt them to be erroneous. He will tempt them to leave off ordinances; he will pretend revelations. Error damns as well as vice; the one pistols, the other poisons; thus Satan’s diligence in tempting is great, he will turn every stone, he hath several tools to work with; if one temptation will not do, he will make use of another. Had not we need then to pray, “Lead us not into temptation.”

3. Consider Satan's power in tempting. He is called "the prince of the world," John 12:31., and the "strong man," Luke 11:21., and the "great red dragon," who "with his tail drew down the third part of the stars," Rev. 12:4. He is full of power, being an angel; though Satan hath lost his holiness, yet not his strength. The devil's power in tempting is seen several ways: 1. He, as a spirit having an intellectual being, can convey himself into the fancy, and poison it with bad thoughts. As the Holy Ghost doth cast in good motions, so the devil doth bad; he put it into Judas's heart to betray Christ, John 13:2. 2. Satan, though he cannot compel the will, yet he can present pleasing objects to the senses, which have a great force in them. He set a 'wedge of gold' before Achan, and so enticed him with that golden bait. 3. The devil can excite and stir up the corruption within, and work some inclinableness in the heart to embrace the temptation; thus he stirred up corruption in David's heart, and provoked him to number the people, 1 Chron. 21:1. Satan can blow the spark of lust into a flame.

4. Herein lies much of his power, that he being a spirit, can so strangely convey his temptations into our minds, that we cannot easily discern whether they come from Satan, or from ourselves; whether they are his suggestions, or the natural births of our own hearts. A bird may hatch the egg of another bird, thinking it is her own: often we hatch the devil's motions, thinking they come from our own hearts. When Peter dissuaded Christ from suffering, sure Peter thought it came from the good affection which he did bear to his master, Mat. 16:22., little did Peter think Satan had an hand in it. Now, if the devil hath such a power to instill his temptations, that we hardly know whether they be his or ours, we are in a great deal of danger, and had need pray, not to be led into temptation. Here, I know, some are desirous to move the question,

Quest. *How shall we perceive when a motion comes from our own hearts, and when from Satan?*

Ans. 1. It is hard (as Bernard saith) to distinguish *inter morsum serpentis, et morbum mentis*,—between those suggestions which come from Satan, and which breed out of our own hearts. But I conceive there is this threefold difference.

1. Such motions to evil as come from our own hearts, spring up more leisurely, and by degrees; a sin is long concocted in the thoughts, ere consent be given, but usually we may know a motion comes from Satan by its suddenness; therefore a temptation is compared to a dart, Eph. 6:16., because it is shot suddenly. David's numbering the people was a motion which the devil did inject suddenly.

2. The motions to evil which come from our own hearts are not so terrible; few are frightened at the sight of their own children; but motions coming from Satan are more ghastly and frightful, as motions to blasphemy and self-murder. Hence it is temptations are compared to fiery darts, Eph. 6:16., for their terribleness, because they do, as flashes of fire, startle and affright the soul.

3. When evil thoughts are thrown into our mind, when we loathe, and have reluctancy against; when we strive against them, and flee from them, as Moses did from the serpent, this shews they are not the natural birth of our own heart, but the hand of Joah is in this. Satan hath injected these impure motions.¹

Prayer Requests 10/12/2026

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 the Schempp and King families in their loss, and pray for Steven King's recovery. Pray concerning the details that remain.
- 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 Joanna Ruddell recovering from her fall.
- Pray for Karen Arco, battling cancer and MS.
- Pray for those camping this week, for a good time of fellowship, for safety in travel.
- Pray for Dr. T. J. Gentry, awaiting aneurism repair.
- 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.
- 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), 555–557.