

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 107 that we would learn to pray with reasons, seeking God's approbation in all our asking, in accord with His sovereignty over all, His help by His mighty power, and seeking His glory, the advancement of His Name and honor in everything we ask, and that we would pray with confidence in His mercy and willingness to hear us. Pray also that we would turn our eyes and expectation away from all others, having confidence in the Lord alone.

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 take consolation in times of testing and trial by standing firm upon our Lord Jesus Christ, believing in Him with steadfast faith, and having confidence in Him that greater is He that is in us, than he which is in the world. Pray also concerning self-examination, that we would search our own hearts for those tokens of idolatry and apostasy that we heard about in Zephaniah 1, and call upon the Lord in repentance for entertaining those harmful errors, and that we would also consider the state of the Church visible, her taking part in the same sins, and seek reformation and repentance for our sister Churches and fellow professors.

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**

25 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 107: What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

Answer: The conclusion of the Lord's prayer (which is, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen^r) teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only,^s and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him.^t And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.^v

^r Matth. 6:13. ^s Dan. 9:4, 7-9, 16-19 ^t 1 Chron. 29:10-13 ^v 1 Cor. 14:16; Rev. 22:20-21

Stephen Charnock: Seek everything you need at the hands of God. It is not only the skilfulness of the pilot, but a favourable gale from heaven, which must conduct the ship to the intended port. As his providence is the foundation, so it is the encouragement of all prayer. The end of the Lord's prayer is, 'For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.' The providential kingdom belongs to God. Power he hath to manage it, and his glory is the end of all. Seek to him therefore for the exercise of his power in thy concerns, and for his directing them to his glory in his providential administrations. Every one of our days, and both the mercy and the misery of them, depend upon him: Prov. 27:1, 'Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth,' but God foresees all events; have recourse therefore to his care for every day's success. What are our contrivances without the leave and blessing of providence? Like the bubbles blown up from a nutshell, easily broken by the next puff. Our labour will be as fruitless as Peter's, with all his toil, and catch nothing till God speaks the word, and sends the fish into our net, Luke 5:5. The way of man is not in himself: Jer. 10:23, 'O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walks to direct his steps.' Dangers are not within the reach of our eye to foresee, nor within the compass of our power to prevent. Human prudence may lay the platform, and God's power blast the execution when it seems to be grown up nearest to maturity. Hezekiah was happy in his affairs, because he was assisted by God; Ahaz unhappy, because he is deserted by God. If we would have a clock go well, we must look chiefly to the motion of the chief wheel; a failure in that makes an error in all the rest. Nothing can terminate its motion to our benefit without providence. Coloured glass can reflect no beams without the sun's light, nor fruits be ripened without its influence. Our dependence on God is greater than theirs on the sun. God lets men play with their own wit and strength, and come to the brink of execution of their designs, and then blows upon them, that they may know there is a God in the earth. Pythagoras could say it was γελοῖον, a ridiculous thing to seek that which is brave and virtuous anywhere else than of God. Cyrus is a brave pattern, who is mentioned in Scripture, and represented by Xenophon calling upon God when he was first chosen general; and in his speech to his captains to encourage them to hope for a good success of the expedition, tells them they might expect it, because I have begun with God, which you know, saith he, is my custom, not only when I attempt great matters, but also τὰ μικρὰ, the things of lesser concernment. The seeking of God should be the prologue to all our affairs. We are enjoined first to pray, and then to determine: Job 22:27, 'Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee.' The interesting providence in our concerns is the highway to success. The reason we miscarry, is because we consult not God, but determine without him; and then we have no reason to complain of him for not prospering our way, when we never commended our affairs to his conduct. It hath been the practice

of holy men. Nehemiah first petitioned God before he would use his interest in the king's favour: Neh. 2:4, 'Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven, and I said unto the king,' &c. So Abraham's steward put up his request to God, before he would put the business he came upon in execution, Gen. 24:12. David frequently in particular cases, 1 Sam. 23:9, 2 Sam. 2:1, 2 Sam. 16:12. God only doth what he pleases in heaven and in earth. He only can bless us, he only can blast us. Shall we be careless in any undertaking, whether we have his favour or no? It is a ridiculous madness to resolve to do anything without God, without whose assisting and preserving of us we had not been able to make that resolution.

2. Trust providence. To trust God when our warehouses and bags are full, and our tables spread, is no hard thing; but to trust him when our purses are empty, but a handful of meal and a cruse of oil left, and all ways of relief stopped, herein lies the wisdom of a Christian's grace. Yet none are exempted from this duty, all are bound to acknowledge their trust in him by the daily prayer for daily bread, even those that have it in their cupboards as well as those that want it, the greatest prince as well as the meanest beggar. Whatever your wants are, want not faith, and you cannot want supplies. It is the want of this binds up his hand from doing great works for his creatures; the more we trust him the more he concerns himself in our affairs. The more we trust ourselves, the more he delights to cross us; for he hath denounced such an one cursed that maketh flesh his arm, Jer. 17:5, though it be the best flesh in the world, because it is a departing from the Lord. No wonder then that God departs from us, and carries away his blessing with him; while we trust ourselves, we do but trouble ourselves, and know not how to reconcile our various reasons for hopes and fears, but the committing our way to the Lord renders our minds calm and composed: Prov. 16:3, 'Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.' Thou shalt have no more of those quarrelling disturbing thoughts what the success shall be.¹

With what face can any solicit God for that grace, which he conceives to be in his own power to have when he will? It is a mocking of him to desire that strength of him, which he hath given us already, inherent in our nature. If it were the work of our wills, it would require only the excitation of them, not any application to God. Who begs for what he hath? Who desires an alms that hath thousands in his purse? As prayer would be a vain thing in any man that should deny a providence overruling the affairs of the world, so it would be as vain a thing to call upon God for grace, if the whole affair of regeneration were left to the conduct of man's will. The end of God's making promises of a new heart, and a new spirit, is to be inquired after to do it for us, Ezek. 36:26, 37. The natural consequent, then, of asserting the power of our own wills, is not to call upon God, but direct our desires to another cause, to solicit our own wills, not God. It would not be, then, according to the language of the church,

¹ Stephen Charnock, *The Complete Works of Stephen Charnock*, vol. 1 (Edinburgh; London; Dublin: James Nichol; James Nisbet and Co.; W. Robertson; G. Herbert, 1864–1866), 54–55.

‘Turn thou us, O Lord, and we shall be turned;’ ‘Draw me, and I will run after thee,’ Lam. 5:21, Cant. 1:4, but, I will turn to thee, and then shalt thou be turned to me; I will run after thee, and draw thee to myself. The royal authority, and power of God, and his glory in granting, is the foundation of prayer; therefore the Lord’s prayer is concluded with this, as an argument to move God to grant what is asked, ‘Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory;’ that is, thou art rich and powerful, and hast all sorts of blessings to bestow. With what face can any one go to God with these words in his mouth, when he ascribes the kingdom, power, and glory, in so great a work, to his own will? We can never pray in confidence to God for it; for all confidence is wrought by a consideration of the will of him we pray to, to accomplish what we desire, and of his power to effect it. What confidence, then, can we have in his will particularly to work it for us, if we conceive he hath left it to our hands, as the proper work of our own wills? This was the ground of our Saviour’s supplications, with strong cryings and tears, that ‘God was able to save him,’ Heb. 5:7: able naturally, in respect of his power; able morally, in respect of his truth to his promise. If God were careless in this concern, and had cast off all from his own hands, on the hand of free will, God might well say to any man, as he did to Moses, ‘Why criest thou unto me? Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward,’ Exod. 14:15. Why cry you to me? You may do it yourselves. Go forward with your own wills. The natural language of man to God would not be, Lord, let thy kingdom come, thy will be done, give me a new heart; but, I will have thy kingdom come, I will have thy will be done, I will procure myself a new heart, I will change my heart of stone into a heart of flesh.²

Ezekiel Hopkins: Because reasons in prayer do mightily conduce to the strengthening of our faith; and give us great encouragement to believe, that we shall certainly obtain what we have so much reason to ask. Now faith and assurance of obtaining our request is a great condition to the acceptance of our prayers: and, therefore, the Apostle commands us, to lift *up holy hands*; as *without wrath*, so also *without doubting*: 1 Tim. 2:8 and, again, James 1:6, 7. *Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For let not that man think, that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.* Now when we can humbly represent unto God, both the great necessity that we stand in of those mercies that we beg; and likewise the equity which ariseth, either from his promises past, or his Name and Attributes proclaimed, that we should receive them: what abundant strength and confidence may this add to our faith; and make us come to God with an humble expectation, that he would either answer our prayers or our reasons!³

Prayer Requests 10/19/2026

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, Beth Ten Dolle, Kelly Rice, and Francis Martinez, 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 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.

² Stephen Charnock, *The Complete Works of Stephen Charnock*, vol. 3 (Edinburgh; London; Dublin: James Nichol; James Nisbet and Co.; W. Robertson; G. Herbert, 1864–1866), 192–93.

³ Ezekiel Hopkins and Josiah Pratt, *The Works of the Right Reverend Father in God, Ezekiel Hopkins*, vol. 1 (London: C. Whittingham, 1809), 186.