## 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 WLC 2 that that the Lord would send His Word and Spirit to many places in this world, in our age, to convince and convert sinners to Himself, that ministers would preach the whole counsel of God, and that men would not settle for the "light of nature" but being drawn by6 the Word and Spirit, would close with Christ, and that others, who belong to Him, would have the Word and Spirit's edification and sanctification.

**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 remember that there is a purpose in our trials and temptations, that the Lord is fitting us for glory, which is such a change for us, an unfathomable change, that it requires, in the Lord's providence and way, suffering and trial. Pray for an embracing of His purpose and seeking His help in time of need. Pray also concerning our posture, attitude, and testimony regarding clothing, appearance, association, and usefulness in style and dress, that even in this most ordinary thing we might learn the general equity principle of separation unto the Lord.

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**

**08 November 2026**

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| **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.

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| **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

**WLC 2: *How doth it appear that there is a God?***

***Answer.* The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God;[c] but his word and Spirit only do sufficiently and effectually reveal him unto men for their salvation.[d]**

[c] Rom. 1:19-20; Psal. 19:1-3; Acts 17:28. [d] 1 Cor. 2:9-10; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Isa. 59:21.

**Thomas Boston:** Let us enquire what it is, that the soul giving the hand or yielding itself to the Lord, doth yield up to him. If you will give the hand to the Lord, you must then,

1. Yield your souls, or inner man to the Lord. If he be thy Lord, he must be the Lord of thy soul in all the faculties thereof, and the kingdom of God must be within thee. "Thou shalt love, saith Jesus, the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." And you must yield your mind and conscience to the Lord, to be taught, instructed, and directed by his word and Spirit only. Men must no longer be lords of your conscience, by your taking the judgment of the carnal world for your rule in matters of sin and duty, Eph. 2:2; or by taking up principles in religion on mere human testimony or authority. But you must hear him as the great Teacher. "And call no man your father upon the earth, for one is your Father which is in heaven. Neither be called masters, for one is your Master even Christ." And you must believe what he says, because he says it; in opposition to your own or others' corrupt reasonings. Making our reason the rule of faith, is subversive of divine faith: and makes the assent, knowledge, or opinion not divine faith, because not raised on divine testimony, but on the testimony of reason.

You must also yield your will to him, that his will may henceforth be thine. Saying, "Father thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." If thou wilt have a will of thine own still, and not submit it in all things to the Lord, thou dost not yield to, but rebel against the Lord. If the motions of a will contrary to the Lord's rise in thee, thou must deny and cross them and submit thy will to him. You must in like manner yield your heart and affections to him. "My son, saith he, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." If you yield him the hand without the heart, you yield not yourselves. Your heart is in a thousand pieces, your affections scattered among the creatures. Your heart must be united, your affections gathered in as the rays of the sun in the burning glass, and all point to and centre in Christ. "Whom have I in heaven but thee, and there is none in all the earth that I desire beside thee." He must be the object of your love and desire, your chief joy and delight, and have the throne in your heart, all lying at his footstool.

2. Yield your bodies, or outward man to the Lord. "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." The Lord hath redeemed the body as well as the soul, and by the tenor of the covenant, he is as to believers, *their God*, not of their souls only, but of their persons, soul and body. Now as he is for it, it must be for him. *For the body is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body*. It ought then to be consecrated to him as a living sacrifice, and be employed and spent in his service; our members as instruments of righteousness unto God. Whatever way it can be serviceable to him, it should be.

3. Yield up all your lusts and idols to him, as traitors which you can no more harbour; saying, *what have we any more to do with idols*. "Repent, says God; and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin." Let there be no secret morsel reserved, as you would not quit your part in Christ. A day of yielding to the Lord, is a day in which a bill of divorce is put in the hand of all idols. And if there be any bosom lust, let it be yielded up by head mark as the signal competitor for the heart.

4. Yield all your lawful enjoyments to him, so as to be at his disposal, and never to break with him for them or any of them. Jesus said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Yield your relations to the Lord that they may be his with your consent, to be continued or taken from you when he will; your substance in the world to be disposed of as he sees good; your credit and reputation, to let him have it, if he sees meet to make a stepping-stone of it for his own glory: your liberty, ease and conveniences of life; yea, and your life itself, to be for his service, and if he will for a sacrifice.

Lastly, Yield your lot and your all to him; saying, *he shall choose our inheritance for us*. Close your own eyes, and let the Lord henceforth lead you; hold up your own hands and let him cut and carve for you.—Be no more choosers for yourselves, but resign yourselves to him, what way to carry you through the world home, through good and bad report, adversity or prosperity. Give him the choice of your comforts, and of your crosses and afflictions. Your lawful desires must be laid at his feet. Let us now,[1]

**Thomas Ridgley:** This leads us to consider in what respect the knowledge of God, as it is contained in and derived from scripture, is sufficient to salvation. Here we do not assert the sufficiency of this knowledge exclusive of the aids of divine grace, so as to oppose the word to the Spirit. It is said, in this answer, that the word and Spirit of God alone can reveal him to men sufficiently to their salvation. The word is a sufficient rule, so that we need no other to be a standard of our faith, and to direct us in the way to eternal life; but it is the Spirit that enables us to regard, understand, and apply this rule, and to walk according to it. These two are not to be separated. The Spirit doth not save any without the word; and the word is not effectual to salvation, unless made so by the Spirit.

That nothing short of scripture-revelation is sufficient to salvation, will appear, if we compare it with the natural knowledge we have of God. For, 1. Though the light of nature shows us that there is a God, it doth not fully display his perfections and character, as they are manifested in scripture; wherein God is beheld in the face of Christ. It doth not discover any thing of the doctrine of a Trinity of persons in the divine essence, who are equally the object of faith; nor doth it give us any intimation of Christ, as the Lord our righteousness, in whom we obtain forgiveness of sins. These truths are known only by scripture-revelation. And since the knowledge of them is necessary to salvation, we are bound to conclude that the

[1] Thomas Boston, *The Whole Works of Thomas Boston: Sermons, Part 1*, ed. Samuel M'Millan, vol. 3 (Aberdeen: George and Robert King, 1848), 404–6.

scripture alone is sufficient to lead to it. 2. Though the light of nature suggests that God is to be worshipped, yet there is an instituted way of worshipping him, which depends wholly on divine revelation. And since the observance of this is necessary, it proves the necessity of scripture. 3. There is no salvation without communion with God: he that does not enjoy him here, shall not enjoy him hereafter. Now the enjoyment of God is attained by faith, which is founded on scripture. Thus the Apostle says, 'That which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.'[l]

But it is one thing to say, that the knowledge of God, which is derived from scripture, is sufficient to salvation in an objective way,—that is, that it is a sufficient rule to lead us to salvation; and another thing to say, that it is made effectual thereunto. We are now, therefore, to inquire when the doctrines contained in scripture are made effectual to salvation. And they are made so not by the skill or wisdom of men representing them in their truest light, nor by all the power of reasoning which we are capable of, without the aids of divine grace, but only by the Holy Spirit. And this he does, 1. By the internal illumination of the mind,—giving a 'spiritual discerning' of divine truth, which, as the apostle says, the 'natural man receiveth not.'[m] And this is called, 'a shining into our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.'[n] 2. By subduing the obstinate will of man, and so enabling it to yield a ready, cheerful, and universal obedience to the divine commands contained in scripture; and, in particular, inclining it to own Christ's authority as King of saints, and to say, as converted Paul did, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?'[o] 3. By exciting in us holy desires after God and Christ, and a very high esteem and value for divine truth; by removing all those prejudices which there are in our minds against the word; and by opening and enlarging our hearts to receive it, and to comply with all its commands. Thus the 'Lord opened the heart of Lydia, that she attended to the things that were spoken of Paul.'[p] And David prays, 'Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!'[q2]

**Prayer Requests 11/02/2026**

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. Final November 5th.
- 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, and his nasal surgery this 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 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 Chris Coldwell, prostate cancer treatment
- Pray for Dr. Bill Higgins, prostate cancer treatment, and for his labors in Mexico these next couple of weeks.
- Pray for Tim Worrell and his labors in Liberia for 2 weeks.
- Pray for the Barrett family, upon Marilee's cancer diagnosis, for comfort, treatment, and calling upon the Lord.
- Pray for Erin Buttner (friend of the Suarez family) for her health, for wisdom in treatment options.
- 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.
- Pray concerning potential outreach at Wylie Oaks Center, and for assistance with Five Loaves Pantry.

[l] 1 John 1:3.
[m] 1 Cor. 2:14.
[n] 2 Cor. 4:6.
[o] Acts 9:6.
[p] Acts 16:14.
[q] Psal. 119:18. compared with 5:5.
[2] Thomas Ridgley, *A Body of Divinity*, vol. 1 (New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1855), 20.