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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. Vaughn Hamilton (TN); Rev. Paul McDade (TN); Tim Montague, Elder Nick Detroye (WI); Elder Jason Bradfield (FL); Rev. Adam Brink (VA); Rev. Reed Best and 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 5 that we would look to the principal aim of the Scriptures, to teach us about the Lord as He reveals Himself to us therein, and as He directs un into duty that pleases Him. Pray for humble minds as we approach the Bible, seeking from God, rather than ourselves or others, what we ought to believe, and what we ought to do.

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

Pray as we consider the sermons from last Lord's Day that we know the manifold grace of God, as presented in 1 Peter, and that we would be humbled at the Lord's condescension to us in so many graces He provides. Pray that He would be pleased to deliver us from all self-righteousness, and resting in any way upon ourselves. Pray also that seeing signs of judgment all around us, that our response would be Biblical, that we would pray the Lord of the harvest, that He might send laborers into His fields, that young men would point themselves toward the ministry, that the Lord would heal His people of their division and unbiblical doctrine and practice, that we might, bearing the truth, live at peace—peace with God through Jesus Christ, and peace with one another through Him.

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

29 November 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.

Sermon Notes

WLC 5: What do the scriptures principally teach? Answer. The scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.[n] [n] 2 Tim. 1:13.

Thomas Ridgley: The scriptures having, in the foregoing answer, been shown to be the word of God, there is in this a general account of the contents of them. There are many great doctrines contained in them, all which may be reduced to two heads; namely, what we are to believe, and what we are to do. All religion is contained in these two things; and we may apply the words of the apostle to this case, 'Now of the things which we have spoken, this is the sum.'[b] Accordingly, as this Catechism is deduced from scripture, it contains two parts,—namely, what we are to believe, and in what instances we are to yield obedience to the law of God. That the scriptures principally teach these two things, appears from the apostle's advice to Timothy, 'Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love.'[c] [PT—*Faith*, what we are to believe, and *love*, what we are to do.]

From the scripture's principally teaching us matters of faith and practice, we infer, that 'faith without works is dead;' or that he is not a true Christian who yields an assent to divine revelation, without a practical subjection to God in all ways of holy obedience. The apostle accordingly gives a challenge, to this effect, to those who separate faith from works: 'Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.'[d] On the other hand, works without faith are unacceptable. A blind obedience, or ignorant performance, of some of the external parts of religion, without the knowledge of divine truth, is no better than what the apostle calls 'bodily exercise, which profiteth little.'[e] We ought, therefore, if we would approve ourselves sincere Christians, to examine ourselves whether our faith be founded on, or truly deduced from scripture; and whether it be a practical faith, or, as the apostle says, such as 'worketh by love,'[f]—whether we grow in knowledge, as well as in zeal and diligence, in performing the duties of religion.[1]

Thomas Brooks: A godly man may argue thus: He that hath respect unto all God's commands shall never be ashamed. Ps. 119:6, 'Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.'[4] He that is so honest and faithful with God, as to do his best, shall find that God will be so gracious as to pardon his worst. And this gospel indulgence David does more than hint at in those words, 'Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments, or, as the Hebrew hath it, 'Then shall I not blush when my eye is to all thy commandments.' The traveller, you know, hath his eye towards the place where he is going; and though he be yet short of it, yet he is putting on and pressing forward all he can to reach it; so when the eye of a saint is to all the commands of God, and he is still a-pressing forwards toward full obedience, such a soul shall never be put to shame; it shall never be put to the blush, but it shall be able, living and dying, boldly to appear in the presence of the Lord. Mark, the psalmist doth not say, when I obey all thy commandments, but 'when I have *respect* to all thy commandments;' and that implies an inward awe and reverential eye towards every duty God requires. You know, to have respect unto a thing is this, when that of all others sways most with us, as when a master commands such a business, the servant will do it, because he respects him; and at his command he will go and come, though he will not at the command of any other. But I have respect unto all his commandments, therefore I shall never be ashamed.[2]

William Perkins: **The First Principle:**

Q. What do you believe concerning God?

A. There is one God, Creator and Governor of all things, distinguished into the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Proofs Out of the Word of God

1. There is a God.

"For the invisible things of Him, that is, His eternal power and Godhead, are seen by the creation of the world, being considered in His works, to the intent, that they should be without excuse" (Romans 1:20) "Nevertheless, He left not Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17)

2. This God is one."Concerning therefore meat sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world: and there is none other God but one" (1 Cor. 8:4)

3. He is Creator of all things.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1) "Through faith we understand, that the world was ordained by the Word of God: so that the things which we see, are not made of things which did appear" (Heb. 11:3)

4. He is Governor of all things.

"The eyes of the Lord in every place behold the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3) "Yea, and all the hairs of our head are numbered" (Matt. 10:30)

5. Distinguished into the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

"And Jesus when He was baptized, came straight out of the water, and lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and John saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him" (Matt. 3:16) "And lo, a voice came from heaven, saying: this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17)

"For there are three, which bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" (1 John 5:7)[3]

James I. Packer: Consider the implications of this answer. First, Scripture teaches us what to believe about God—that is, it sets before us spiritual truths concerning spiritual realities, truths beyond the grasp of fallen reason which only the Holy Spirit can enable us to discern. Therefore we must distrust ourselves, confess our natural inability and blindness in this realm, and invoke the aid of the Spirit to interpret Scripture to us. "It was the Spirit that wrote that word," says Goodwin, "… therefore … no man's or men's private understandings, without the aid of that public secretary of heaven, can understand them … he only hid the treasures of knowledge in that field, and he only knows where they lie; what an advantage is it then by prayer to unlock God's

[b] Heb. 8:1.
[c] 2 Tim. 1:13.
[d] James 2:17, 18.
[e] 1 Tim. 4:8.
[f] Gal. 5:6.
[1] Thomas Ridgley, *A Body of Divinity*, vol. 1 (New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1855), 78.
[4] Shame is both the temporal and eternal fruit of sin, Rom. 6:21; Dan. 12:2.
[2] Thomas Brooks, *The Complete Works of Thomas Brooks*, ed. Alexander Balloch Grosart, vol. 3 (Edinburgh; London; Dublin: James Nichol; James Nisbet and Co.; G. Herbert, 1866), 266–67.
[3] William Perkins, ed. Ryan Hurd, Joel R. Beeke, and Derek W. H. Thomas, The Works of William Perkins (Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2017), 487–88.

breast, obtain the key of knowledge that unlocks God's study, and can direct to all his notes and his papers!" (4:302). Less quaintly, but more categorically, Owen makes the same point: "I suppose … this may be fixed on as a common principle of Christianity; namely, that constant and fervent prayer for the divine assistance of the Holy Spirit, is such an indispensable means for the attaining the knowledge of the mind of God in the Scripture, as that without it all others will not be available (will not avail)" (3:474). "Before and after you read the Scripture," says Baxter, "pray earnestly that the Spirit which did indite it, may expound it to you, and lead you into the truth" (*Works*, ed. Orme, 1830, 4:265).

Also, Scripture teaches us our duty. Its instruction is for practice. It must be studied, therefore, for the purpose of setting our lives in order. And God will only prosper our study if we continually exercise ourselves to live by what we learn. Then our knowledge will deepen and expand; but otherwise it will run out into sterile verbiage and mental error. "The true notion of holy evangelical truths will not live, at least not flourish, where they are divided from a holy conversation," says Owen. As we learn all to practise, so we learn much by practice … "And herein alone can we come unto the assurance, that what we know and learn is indeed the truth. So our Saviour tells us, that 'if any man do the will of God, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God' (John 7:17) … And hereby will they be led continually into farther degrees of knowledge. For the mind of man is capable of receiving continual supplies in the increase of light and knowledge whilst it is in this world, if so be they are improved unto their proper end in obedience unto God. But without this the mind will be quickly stuffed with notions, so that no streams can descend into it from the fountain of truth" (3:478).[4]

John Owen: *What we mean by "the scripture."*—By that therefore is understood "the word of God;" declaring his mind concerning men's happiness and duty, or teaching us what we are to believe concerning God, and how we are to obey him; as it was at first revealed by himself to the apostles and prophets, and by them delivered by word of mouth, and afterward, for the perpetuity and usefulness of it, committed to writing, as we now have it, in the books of the Old and New Testament. So that "the word of God" and "the scripture" are the same materially, and differ only in this, that "the word of God" doth not in itself imply its being written, nor exclude it, but may be considered indifferently as to either; whereas "the scripture" signifies the same word, only with the addition of its being committed to writing.[5]

Prayer Requests 11/21/2026

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, 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 our Greek class, scheduled to begin 12/10.
- Pray for Kristine Schempp, regular bouts with migraines.
- Pray for Steven King's recovery from nasal surgery, and pray for their housing situation.
- Pray for Reformation Presbyterian Church: Pulpit supply, Pastoral search. Rev. Khanda is officially a candidate. Pray as Pastor Ruddell plans to travel to Ft. Lauderdale on the 3rd.
- 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.
- Pray for the Barrett family, upon Marilee's cancer diagnosis, for comfort, treatment, and calling upon the Lord.
- Pray for Emma's Grandfather, treatment for cancer.
- Pray for Cathy Schleich, treatment for cancer.
- Robert Betsch (Carl's father) diagnosed with heart failure, under treatment; and for the Betsch's travel this week.
- Pray for Kristi Wehlau, her digestive health, that the new phase of recovery and trying different foods would help.
- Pray for Missy's Aunt Sue, diagnosed with Brain Lymphoma, under treatment—pray that she might turn to the Lord.
- Pray for Ty Oppelt and treatment for her back.
- 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
- 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.

[4] J. I. Packer, "The Puritans as Interpreters of Scripture," in *Puritan Papers: 1956–1959*, ed. J. I. Packer, vol. 1 (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2000), 194–95.

[5] James Nichols, *Puritan Sermons*, vol. 5 (Wheaton, IL: Richard Owen Roberts, Publishers, 1981), 609.