

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for

September 21, 2025

"But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." – 2Peter 1:20-21



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“✙” = Please stand if you are able.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Deuteronomy 13:1-4

Leader: If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you

People: And gives you a sign or a wonder,

Leader: And the sign or the wonder comes true,

People: Concerning which he spoke to you,

*Leader: Saying, Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known)
and let us serve them,*

**People: You shall not listen to the words of that prophet
or that dreamer of dreams;**

Leader: For the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God

People: With all your heart and with all your soul.

Leader: You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him;

People: And you shall keep His commandments,

Leader: Listen to His voice, serve Him,

People: And cling to Him.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Text – 1Peter 1:6-11

***Hymn #311** – “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Scripture Reading – 1Corinthians 13:13 – 14:1-5, 22-40

Ancient Creedal Proclamation – Apostles Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

[Gifts labeled “Deacon’s Fund go to aid those in need in the congregation.]

***Doxology #731** (red hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sung Psalm #119Q** – “I’ve Judged Rightly”

Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Reformation Creedal Reading – Westminster Larger Catechism, 34-35.

Leader: Question: How was the covenant of grace administered under the Old Testament?

People: By promises, **prophecies**,

Rom 15:8; Acts 3:20,24

Leader: Sacrifices, circumcision, the Passover,

Heb 10:1; Rom 4:11; 1Cor 5:7

People: And other types and ordinances,

Leader: Which did all fore-signify Christ then to come, and were for that time sufficient to build up the elect in faith

Heb 8-11,13

People: In the promised Messiah,

Leader: By whom they then had full remission of sin,

People: And eternal salvation.

Gal 3:7-9,14

Leader: Question: How is the covenant of grace administered under the New Testament?

People: Under the New Testament, when Christ the substance was exhibited,

Leader: The same covenant of grace was and still is to be administered

People: In the preaching of the word,

Mark 16:15

Leader: And the administration of the sacraments of baptism

Matt 28:19-20

People: And the Lord's Supper;

1Cor 11:23-25

Leader: In which grace and salvation are held forth in more fullness, evidence, and efficacy,

2Cor 3:6-9

Heb 8:6,10-11

People: To all nations.

Matt 28:19

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Sermon Text** – 1Samuel 3:1

***Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – “Prophecy & Visions”

A Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8

***Hymn #94** – “How Firm a Foundation”

***Benediction**

Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour Fellowship downstairs after church today

Announcements

- The **Tuesday Morning Study** is starting a new study reading through sermons by Augustine.
- The **Ladies Sunday Morning Study** is **ceasing** so Verna can focus on the children. All adults are welcome to Pastor Doug's Study. (See below for new gathering.)

- Dave & Janelle Franceschetti has set up a gofund me page to help with the medical costs for **baby Caleb's** upcoming transplant surgery. You can go to: <https://gofund.me/95103c5b9>
Or search for: "Help Caleb and Family During Transplant".

Upcoming Events

- There will be a brief **Elder & Deacon Meeting** after church today.
- The next **Elder & Deacon Meeting** will be at the Aldrich's on Saturday, **Sept. 27th at 8:30 AM.**
- On Saturday, **October 18th**, starting at 11:30 AM, will be an **Oktoberfest** at the Aldrich's!
With choice of select root-beers (we are Calvinists after all). There will be a sign up for whatever German food you would like to bring.
- The **Bolton Conference** is on **October 24th - 25th** (Fri-Sat) at the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville, MA 01588. newenglandreformedfellowship.org/2025-conference
- **New Ladies Fellowship:** The Ladies of the Church are invited to the Aldrich home on **November 1st**, from **12:00 – 2 PM** for a TULIP Party. It will be a casual time of fellowship with a short study. A lunch of soup and sandwiches will be provided
- The **3rd Annual Calvinist-Christmas Party** is Friday, **December 5th**, at the Grange.
- The **Annual Meeting** will be after church on **December 14th**.
- **Regular Studies & Gatherings:**
Sunday School for all ages (9:00 AM).
Tuesday Study (10:30 AM – noon) – Augustine's Sermons.
Wednesday Study (6:30 – 8:00 PM) – Book of Hebrews.
Gen-Alpha Club will return on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.
Friday YADG (6:30 PM) still meets on 1st & 3rd Friday.
Saturday Morning Prayer Group at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)



ONLINE RESOURCES

TRC's Webpage:	TrinityReformedCT.org
TRC's Facebook Page:	facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/
TRC's Youtube Channel:	youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
Pastor Doug's	youtube.com/simplyreformed
Youtube Channels:	youtube.com/@PilgrimsOfPlunder

INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please email them to Donna Ensminger at: trcnwprayer@gmail.com. (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

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Worship Starts At: 10:30 AM (9:30 AM in the summer)

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Sermon Notes

1Samuel 3:1

“Prophecy & Visions”

A Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8

September 21, 2025

Introduction

- 1) Today’s sermon text, in one sense, is very straightforward.
- 2) We are going through 1Samuel 1-8.
 - a) Describing the rise of the last judge who is also a priest, and prophet: Samuel.
 - b) Samuel will anoint the great King David.
 - c) He was given by his parents (Elkanah & Hannah) to serve God at His house, the Tabernacle at Shiloh, at a very young age.
 - d) As we read in the first part of our sermon text: *“Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli.”* – 1Samuel 3:1a
- 3) This is during the dark time of Judges.
 - a) Godlessness is common.
 - b) We just read that God’s judgment is against the high priest, Eli, and his house.
 - i) Eli’s line (via. Abiathar) is to be slowly removed. 1Kgs 2:27
 - ii) It will be replaced by Zadok a descendant of Aaron through Eleazar, Aaron’s third son. Num 20:25-28; 25:11-13
1Kgs 2:35; 1Chr 6:4-8
Ezek 40:46; 44:15
- 4) Today’s sermon text illustrates the problem: *“And word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions (ḥā·zôn) were infrequent.”* – 1Samuel 3:1b
 - a) This *“word from the LORD”* is not simply the reading of God’s written word.
 - b) This is a fresh, new, revelation from God, which happened in numerous ways throughout the Old Testament.¹
 - c) To emphasize this point our text focuses on “visions.”
 - i) “Visions” (ḥā·zôn) here is a “revelation”.²
 - ii) A “communication from God to be communicated to others.”
 - iii) With a focus on the visual aspects of the communication.
- 5) This is confirmed if you keep on reading in 1Samuel 3:4ff where God speaks to Samuel in the Tabernacle, showing how important Samuel will be.
 - a) 1Samuel 3:21 – *“And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, because the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.”*

¹ God speaks in the OT by: Direct Speech / Audible Voice (Gen 2:16-17; Ex 3:4-6), The Ark of the Covenant (Mercy Seat) (Ex 25:21-22; Lev 16:2), The Cloud of Glory (fills the Tabernacle/Temple) (Ex 40:34-38; Lev 16:2), Prophetic Oracles Delivered in the Temple Courts (1Kgs 22:19-23; Is 6:1-8), Urim and Thummim (priestly means) (Ex 28:30; Num 27:21), Audible Voice in the Sanctuary (Ex 25:22; Num 7:89), Visions Linked to the Temple (Is 6:1-8; Ezek 8:1-4), Appearance of the Angel of the LORD as a messenger (Gen 16:7-13; Ex 23:20-23), Dreams (Gen 20:3; 28:12-15), Visions (Gen 15:1; Is 6:1-8), Prophets - Spoken Oracles (2Sam 12:1-7; 1Kgs 17:1), Casting Lots (Josh 18:10; 1Sam 14:41-42), Theophany (manifest presence, cloud, fire, etc.) (Ex 19:18-19; 33:9-11), Writing (Law, Scripture itself as His Word) (Ex 31:18; Deut 31:24-26)

² 1Sam 3:1; 1Chr 17:15; 2Chr 32:32; Ps 89:19; Pr 29:18; Is 1:1; 29:7; Jer 14:14; 23:16; Lam 2:9; Ezek 7:13, 26; 12:22, 23, 24, 27; 13:16; Dan 1:17; 8:1-11:14; Hos 12:10; Obad 1; Mic 3:6; Nah 1:1; Hab 2:2,3ff

- b) So, in the context of 1Samuel, 1Samuel 3:1 is rather obvious.
 - i) Israel is in a dark time. God's revelation is rare.
 - ii) But Samuel will receive it because he has been anointed by God.
- 6) For us moderns, however, a question quickly comes to mind:
 - a) Does this "fresh" word of the Lord still exist today?
 - b) Are there still visions, prophets and prophecy?
- 7) For the rest of this sermon let's take a topical detour and answer that question.

Cessationism

- 1) Let me not be coy and answer this question directly now.
- 2) In the direct narrow sense are there still visions, prophets and prophecy today?
 - a) *Quick Answer: No!*
 - b) We have the final revelation of God in Jesus Christ as found in Scripture.
- 3) Scripture is clear, Scripture is the final authoritative revelation by which all other sources of authority are to be judged.³
 - a) This includes church traditions, science, philosophy, any human organization (even the visible church) and certainly all individual opinions/dreams/feelings, etc.
 - i) Never buy into the modern secular lie that your individual opinions are neutral, autonomous and authoritative.
 - ii) Those things listed can have authority.
 - They are "subordinate" authorities that are submissive to Scripture.
 - The Bible clearly commands that the church, the family, and the state, have authority. And the conscious is important.
 - b) To give just one example of Scripture having the final authority:
 - i) 1Corinthians 4:6 – *"Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other."*
 - ii) Clearly, we are never to go beyond Scripture.
- 4) With the coming of Christ special revelation has ceased.
 - a) What else could we possibly need beyond the fact that God's Son, the Eternal Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, has become incarnate and died for our sins?
 - b) Just as the Scriptures teach:
 - i) Hebrews 1:1-2 – *"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world."*

³ Ex 19:3-8; 31:18; 32:15-16; 34:1; Deut 9:10; Ps 119; Mark 7:1-13; Matt 2:5; 4:4,6,7,10; 11:10; 21:13; 22:31; 26:24; Luke 24:44-46; John 5:39-47; 20:30-31; Acts 17:10-11; Rom 9:25; 15:4; 1Cor 1:31; 3:19-20; 4:6; 14:37; 2Tim 3:14-4:6; 2Pet 1:19-21; 3:15-16; 1John 4:6.

- ii) The “last days” refers to the last days of special Revelation.
 - iii) Which is clearly in the Son.
- c) If a preacher tells you his words are equal with Scripture: Run!
- d) If a denomination (like the largest Congregational denomination, the UCC) tells you “*God is still speaking*” (i.e. throw out the Bible and listen to us): Run!
- 5) All Christians believe in some form of what is called “**cessationism**.”
 - a) Cessationism is the belief that in some ways how God has operated in the past has ceased.
 - b) There are different levels of cessationism (for prophecy).
 - i) #1 – You can’t add the 28th book of the New Testament.
 - ii) #2 – The “sign gifts” (i.e. Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, Prophecy, Healing & Workers of Miracles) have ceased. 1Cor 12:28-30
 - iii) #3 – All supernatural activity, such as miracles, have ceased.
 - d) Even Pentecostals & Charismatics believe in #1.
 - e) The Reformed Tradition, historically, believes in #2 and a few even go so far as #3.
- 6) Pentecostalism and Charismatics are way too focused on the sign gifts.
 - a) While ignoring Scripture and especially God’s Law.
 - b) They confuse individualistic desires of dramatic emotional self-expression based on experience for the Holy Spirit.
 - c) Most troublingly they forget about the 3rd Commandment. Ex 20:7
(Taking God’s name in vain.)
- 7) However, do some in the Reformed Tradition go too far?
 - a) The Reformed Theology is the gold standard! 1Cor 3:12
 - b) However, sometimes we focus too much on rationalism and forget about the Spirit.
 - c) It is true, there is no more special revelation.
 - d) However, no more miracles? Where is that in the Bible?
 - e) And the New Testament, after the cross, does speak about prophecy.
- 8) The key to this is understanding words can have several different meanings.
 - a) Prophecy can have a **narrow direct** meaning.⁴
 - i) As a direct special authoritative revelation of a unique word from God.
 - ii) Has ceased.
 - b) And prophecy can have a **broad general** meaning:
 - i) A broader application of God’s Word as led by the Holy Spirit.
 - ii) Has not ceased.
- 9) You see this in the Puritans who called preaching “prophesying.”
 - a) Such as seeing a problem, applying God’s word, with a call for repentance and obedience.

⁴ A bit of English language: “**Prophecy**” (with a c) is a noun and is pronounced “*PROF-uh-see*”. It means a prediction, oracle, or inspired message. Prophecy = the thing (the prediction). *Example*: The prophet gave a prophecy against the king.
 “**Prophecy**” (with an s) is a verb and is pronounced “*PROF-uh-sai*”, like “prophesize”. It means to speak or declare a prophecy, to predict. Prophecy = the action (the act of predicting or declaring). *Example*: The prophet will prophesy against the king.

- i) Example: If no male elders in church is it prophecy for the pastor to call the church into obedience?
 - ii) Yes, in the broad sense.
- b) Individual Christians can do this too.
 - i) When you encourage someone in the Gospel.
 - ii) Or correct someone by God's Law.
 - iii) Is that not prophesying in the broad general sense?
- 10) However, does the Holy Spirit give "leanings" to the church that are not directly commanded in Scripture?
 - a) Example: Saying to someone, "I think you are called to ministry."
 - b) The Bible is clear, the church is to ordain those called and tested to ministry.
 - c) However, those individual people are not named.
 - d) Does that type of prophecy exist?
 - e) Pastor Doug thinks "yes, in the broad general sense", but we must go to Scripture.

Prophecy in the New Covenant

- 1) There are passages that are post-cross, post-Pentecost, found in the Epistles written to churches and pastors, that speak of prophecy in the present tense.
 - a) Such as found in: Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11; 1Thessalonians 5:20; 1Timothy 1:18; 1Timothy 4:14; 2Peter 1:19-2:1
 - b) And specially in 1Corinthians 11:4-5; 12:10,28-29; 13:2,8-9; 14:1-6,22-40
- 2) To give an example, 1Thessalonians 5:19-22 – *"Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil."*
 - a) Clearly, prophecy and life in the Spirit are closely tied together.
 - b) This allows prophecy but with qualifications.
- 3) Let us briefly look at prophecy in 1Corinthians.

Prophecy in 1Corinthians

- 1) 1Corinthians 12 is about the unity and diversity in the church.
 - a) Which is like a body made up of different parts into one whole.
 - b) Always notice: Focus is on the church!
 - c) Prophecy is listed as a spiritual gift that not everyone has. 1Cor 12:28-29
 - d) This is prophecy in the broad general sense.
- 2) In 1Corinthians 13 Paul speaks about the supreme virtues.
 - a) That all Christians must have.
 - b) These are: Faith, Hope and Love – in Christ.
 - c) They build on each other.
 - i) Faith creates in us hope.

- ii) And faith & hope will produce much love.
 - iii) And love is the greatest of all Christian virtues.
- 3) Then 1Corinthians 14 Paul goes into the most detailed description of NT prophecy.
 - a) He writes, "*Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.*" - 1Corinthians 14:1
 - b) This chapter confuses moderns because we think that prophecy:
 - i) About some magical power in the individual.
 - ii) About the expression of the individual's opinions.
 - iii) Which will impress the world.
 - c) Prophecy is for the edification, exhortation and consolation of the church. 1Cor 14:3-4
 - d) That is why of all the sign gifts, prophecy is the greatest, because it so clearly benefits the whole in the most direct way. 1Cor 14:5
 - e) Revelation, knowledge, teaching, go closely with prophecy. 1Cor 14:6
 - f) Thus: "*So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.*" – 1Cor 14:12
 - g) This prophecy is less about the worldly dramatic and more about church unity by the Spirit
 - h) Which can be a powerful sign to the unbeliever. 1Cor 14:24-26
 - i) Because he will see God is "certainly among you." – 1Cor 14:24
 - ii) With the outcome being on the most important thing: Worship. 1Cor 14:25
 - i) The focus is always the church, on the worship of God, and edification.
 - i) Not the individual and the dramatic.
 - ii) 1Corinthians 14:26 – "*What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.*"
 - j) But any prophecy must be judged by the church. 1Cor 14:29-33
 - i) And done in an orderly way.
 - ii) So that "*all may learn and all may be exhorted.*" – 1Corinthians 14:31
 - k) Again, this is clearly focused on the church.
 - i) Especially in leading the worship service & formal teaching.
 - ii) That is why Paul forbids women to do this. 1Cor 14:34-36
 - iii) Even though the Bible clearly shows women can prophesy in the broadest sense.
 - iv) Paul's focus is the church and its formal worship & teaching – which is by men.
 - l) The supreme judge of all prophecy is Apostolic authority. 1Cor 14:37-38
 - i) Which today is found in their writings – the New Testament.
 - ii) So, all general broad prophecies must submit to Scripture.
 - m) And done in a proper and in an orderly manner in the church. 1Cor 14:40
- 4) Let's look at a NT example of this: The ordination of Pastor Timothy.

Example of Modern Prophecy: Ordination of Timothy

- 1) I think an excellent NT example of post-cross prophecy, and life in the Spirit, is the ordination of Pastor Timothy. 1Tim 1:18-19; 4:12-16
1Cor 16:10-11; 2Tim 1:5-7
- 2) We read that Timothy was, at first, timid, maybe unsure of his abilities because of his youthfulness. 1Cor 16:10-11; 1Tim 4:12
2Tim 1:5-7
- 3) We read that Timothy is not to *“neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery (literally “the elder board”).”* – 1Timothy 4:14
 - a) Else we read that his ordination is *“in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you”* – 1Tim 1:18
 - b) And that he should *“kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands”* – 2Timothy 2:6
 - i) What are these prophetic utterances about?
 - ii) This “spiritual gift within” him?
 - c) Answer: To get encouragement to:
 - i) *“Give attention to the public reading of Scripture”* – 1Timothy 4:13
 - ii) To preaching, i.e. *“exhortation and teaching”* – 1Timothy 4:13
 - iii) To work hard at teaching, remaining faithful, to work on his, and his flock’s, salvation by faithful proclaiming the word. 1Tim 4:15-16
 - iv) And thus, to fight the good fight and keep the faith. 1Tim 1:18-19
 - v) Because, *“God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.”* – 2Timothy 1:7

Conclusion

- 1) Does the special revelation we read about in 1Samuel 3 exist today?
 - a) Answer: No!
 - b) We have the final revelation of God’s Word in Jesus Christ.
 - c) Which is found only in Scripture.
 - d) And what advantage we have with this objective revelation!
- 2) Does God still speak to us today?
 - a) Yes, in the ministry of His Word.
 - i) The preaching and teaching of Holy Scripture.
 - ii) And the administration of the Sacraments.
 - b) What else do we need?
 - c) But be careful: Our fleshly desires are for the new, the dramatic, the worldly, and the experiential.
 - i) For example, which should excite you more:
 - A preacher that tells you on Sunday: “I had a dream and God has a special message for this church!”

- Or, a preacher who carefully, prayerfully, studies the Scriptures and proclaims the word to the congregation?
- ii) The first one should be fired as a false prophet, and a wolf among the sheep.
- iii) The second should be praised, supported and listened to.
- d) But it is so easy to stumble after the world.
 - i) Thus, the warning to pastors/preachers: *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths (such as false prophecies). But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist (gospel-preacher), fulfill your ministry.”* – 2Timothy 4:3-5
 - ii) Remember the warning of our Lord: *“For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance.”* – Matthew 24:24-25
- 3) Are we not in the Spirit now because of Christ?
 - a) Is there not prophecy in the broad general sense?
 - b) That might speak to local or individual situations?
 - c) Yes, I think so.
 - d) There are rules for broad general prophecy, however:
 - i) Can not contradict Scripture.
 - ii) It should be from, for, and focused on the church.
 - iii) It is not inerrant, it must be tested.
 - iv) It should be stated in tentative language.
 - Never “thus saith the Lord.”
 - That alone is from biblical proclamations.
 - Remember the 3rd Commandment and be afraid.
 - v) And it is not a sin if it is rejected.
 - Whether from oneself (such as visions) or even the church.
 - Such as a calling to ministry.
 - vi) Though any such suggestion, especially from the church, should be taken seriously.
- 4) The main prophecy is Christ and His Gospel.
 - a) This is the centrality of prophecy narrowly defined as found in Scripture.
 - b) And it should be the focus of all broad and general prophecies.
- 5) 2Peter 1:17-2:1 – *“For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased”—and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”*