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Lord's Day 6
February 8th, 2026

WELCOME

Grace to you and peace,

On behalf of the elders, deacons, and all the saints: Welcome to **First Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe**. We are pleased that you are here with us today to worship our Triune God. This bulletin contains a liturgy which will guide you through our worship services. We invite you to join us after the service for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Here's a bit of info about who we are and what we believe:

We are a Christian Church: Thus, we believe in the Holy Trinity: One God, in three persons: The Eternal Father, the Eternally-Begotten Son, and the Eternally-Proceeding Holy Spirit. As Christians, we confess the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3) as codified in the ancient creeds and confessions of the Church: The Apostles' Creed (2nd century), the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed (AD 381), the Definition of Chalcedon (AD 451) and the Athanasian Creed (5th century).

We are a Protestant Church: As Protestants, we trace our beliefs and practices to the Apostolic Church, but we also have historical roots in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th and 17th centuries. As Protestants, we believe in the authority of the inspired Holy Scriptures over unbiblical traditions. Protestants also believe that salvation is by God's *grace alone*, through *faith alone*, in *Christ alone*, for the *glory of God alone* (Eph. 2:8–10).

We are a Reformed Church: Reformed Churches come from different regions, mostly in Western Europe, during the Protestant Reformation. These churches believe and confess the doctrinal summaries of the Holy Scriptures that arose from that time period. Our tradition comes from the Scottish and English Reformations; thus, we believe and confess the Westminster Standards, written in England during the 1640's.

We are a Presbyterian Church: Presbyterians believe that the biblical form of Church government is through called, trained, tested, elected, and ordained elders. In the Greek New Testament, elders are called *presbyters*, which is where the name "Presbyterian" comes from. Our Teaching Elder preaches and teaches, and our Ruling Elders come alongside of him to shepherd, lead, keep the Church from false doctrine, and make decisions on her behalf. We also have called, trained, tested, elected, and ordained deacons who take care of the material needs of the Church.

Reformed Presbyterian Churches hold the public worship of God in high esteem. Thus, our **Lord's Day Worship Services** are the most important events of the week. During this time, we gather together to hear the Word of God, receive the Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper), pray, praise, and enjoy Christian fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to connect with me, or with one of our elders or deacons.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Rev. Scott C. McDermand II

CHURCH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 8TH

- 9:55 Announcements & Prelude
10:00 **Morning Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer**
11:30 Fellowship Meal: Chili Cook-Off

THIS WEEK

Today, we welcome back **Rev. Brian Frick** to our pulpit. Rev. Frick is a Teaching Elder in the PCA and the editor of the Reformed podcast, "The Heidelcast." He and his wife, Heather, are both graduates of Westminster Seminary in California, and are coming to us from the west side of the state.

Chili Cook-Off – Join us for our annual Chili Cook-Off after our worship service. No PM Service. Enjoy your food coma.

Theology Thursday: Book Study – We will finish Bonhoeffer's book "The Cost of Discipleship" this week. Charcuterie at 6:30. Book Study at 7:00.

Women's Fellowship –

Birthdays & Anniversaries –

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

Lenten Devotions – Lenten Devotions begin with our Ash-less Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Presbyterianism 101 – Our New members'/Presbyterian Refresher class will begin on Thursday, February 19th at 6:00 PM in the Lounge.

Men's Breakfast – If you're a man or are going to be a man when you grow up, join other men from the church as we gather in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, fellowship, sharpening, and prayer. Our next breakfast is on Saturday, Feb. 21. Kitchen opens at 8AM, breakfast begins at 9AM. SIGN-UP and SHOW UP.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Join us for an Irish worship service and feast! Our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held after our PM service on Sunday, March 15th. Service begins at 5:00 PM and the feast at 6:15. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board - we need some volunteers for the corned beef!

Great Lakes Reformed Conference 2026 – The Great Lakes Reformed Conference is an annual conference hosted by Oakland Hills Community Church (OPC) that seeks to promote Reformed Theology and its application for the Christian Life. This year's conference is on Saturday, March 21 beginning at 9:00 AM. This year's speaker is Dr. J.V. Fesko, who will be giving lectures titled, "Wisdom: Guidance for the Journey." Tickets are \$25. Let us know if you are interested in going by signing up.

Palm Sunday Brunch – Our annual Palm Sunday Brunch will be held after our AM Service on Sunday, March 29th.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

¹ The purpose of this page is to provide information so that you know what is going on at our church ahead of time. Some people have even taken to putting these events on their calendars and planning ahead for them. If you do not have a calendar, it is highly recommended as a general principle that you invest in one and learn how to use it. Many people have made use of this page and are even signing up for these events so that they can participate in them and let others know whether or not they plan on coming and bringing food. It really seems to be a beneficial system for all involved.

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN NEED OF PRAYER: Ann Armstrong, Mark & Michelle Green, Julia Mayes, and Lisa Schember; those who serve as caretakers; all who are ill or traveling; long-term care residents: Pam Belew (Courtney Manor), Bertha McTaggart, and Ann Thaut (Meadow Lanes); for those who have ceased attending public worship, that God would reveal to them the necessity of worship on the Lord's Day and fellowship with the saints.

OUR MISSIONARIES: Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker, the Kawachis (France), the Nachtergaeles (Belgium), the Shupes (British Columbia), and the Wilsons (Middle East), as they work as ambassadors of the King for the advancement of the Gospel of his Kingdom; that we would be missionaries by sharing the gospel and inviting people to our church; that God would grant courage and the words to speak as we interact with family and friends; that we would not be ashamed of sharing the gospel, but always ready to provide a defense for the hope that is within us.

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES: That the work of the Session, Diaconate, Sunday School program, Missions Committee, and of all the saints would glorify God and be Great Commission-focused; that our service would edify the church and facilitate growth; that we would remain vigilant and faithful to the Word of God and our denominational standards; that our Sunday school classrooms would be full; for the peace and purity of our church; that members would take their vows seriously and attend church regularly; that God would be glorified and we would be sanctified as we worship him.

OUR COUNTRY: That the civil magistrate would rule with justice and uphold laws; that they would protect and encourage the good and punish the evil; for our local, county, state, and federal civil servants; for the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches; that our leaders in government would come to know Christ: The King of kings and Lord of lords, and that their governance would demonstrate that knowledge; that Christians in the United States would live quiet, godly, and dignified lives; that Christians would direct others to God in the way that we live as salt and light.

THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL: That the Kingdom of God on earth would advance through the preaching of the gospel throughout the world; for Christians who are being persecuted and martyred: that they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and that their persecutors would be converted through this witness. This month we pray for Christians living under Islamic oppression and persecution in North Africa.

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Sovereign Grace (2011) | Piano, Briynne McCrea

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week; you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all of our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and do your will; and grant us patience and holiness as we await the consummation of your Kingdom on the last Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, together with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Collect | *The Lord's Day*

O give thanks to the LORD, for his is good; for his steadfast love endures forever...Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it...This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The Psalmist | *From Psalm 118*

It is the law of nature that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in his Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment, binding all men in all ages, he hath particularly appointed one day in seven for a Sabbath, to be kept holy unto him; which from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, was the last day of the week; and, from the resurrection of Christ, was changed to the first of the week, which in Scripture is called the Lord's Day, and is to be continued to the end of the world, as the Christian Sabbath.

The Westminster Divines | *WCF 21.7*

The outward and ordinary means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, Sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

The Westminster Divines | *WSC 88*

~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

Galatians

1:3-5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm

24:7-10

*PSALM OF PRAISE

2 – O

Worship the King

*RESPONSORIAL

from Psalm 24 &

124:5

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates!,
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

†Congregation: **Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

†Congregation: **Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!**

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the LORD!

†Congregation: **Who made heaven and earth!**

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

READING OF THE LAW

Exodus

20:1–6

Minister: The Word of God is living and active.

†Congregation: **Sharper than any two-edged sword.**

EXPOSITION OF THE LAW

Westminster Larger

Catechism

Minister: What is the second commandment?

†Congregation: **The second commandment is,
“You shall not make for yourself a carved image;
You shall not bow down to them or serve them.”**

Minister: What are the duties required in the second commandment?

†Congregation: **The duties required in the second commandment**

are:

**Receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire
all such religious worship and ordinances
which God has instituted in his Word, in particular:
reading, preaching, and hearing the Word;
the administration and receiving of the Sacraments;
prayer and thanksgiving in the name of Christ;
church government and discipline,
Christian ministry, and the support thereof;
religious fasting;
swearing by the name of God and vowing to him;
the disapproving, detesting, and opposing of all false**

worship;

and, in accordance with one’s role in this life and their calling,

**the removing of all false worship,
and all monuments of idolatry.**

Minister: Christian, have you done this perfectly and perpetually?

† Congregation: **No, for as the Apostle Paul says,
“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”
and as the Apostle John also writes,
“If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”**

Minister: What then, can we do?

† Congregation: **We must turn from our sin,
and turn to Christ, as he is offered in the gospel,
so that we would be renewed after his image,
as we die to our sin, and live unto righteousness.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Book of

Common Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone things which we ought to have done;
and we have done things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus.
Grant that we may hence live a godly, righteous, and sober life;

to the glory of His name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans

5:6–11

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

457 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every*

Blessing

OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Ruling Elder,

Mr. Kim Ziel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

THE WEEKLY OFFERING

Psalm 96:8

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and
come into his courts!

*THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

Doxology

THE SERMON

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT

Genesis

17

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

†Congregation: **But the Word of our God stands forever!**

SERMON

I Will Be Your God and You Will Be My

People

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*PSALM OF RESPONSE

100 – Holy, Holy,

Holy

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

CONFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED (AD 381)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION HYMN

535 – O the Deep, Deep Love of

Jesus!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda (3rd

Cent.)

Minister: Peace be with you.

†Congregation: **And also, with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

†Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

†Congregation: **It is good and right for us to give thanks.**

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke

22:17–20

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

*THE LORD'S SUPPER

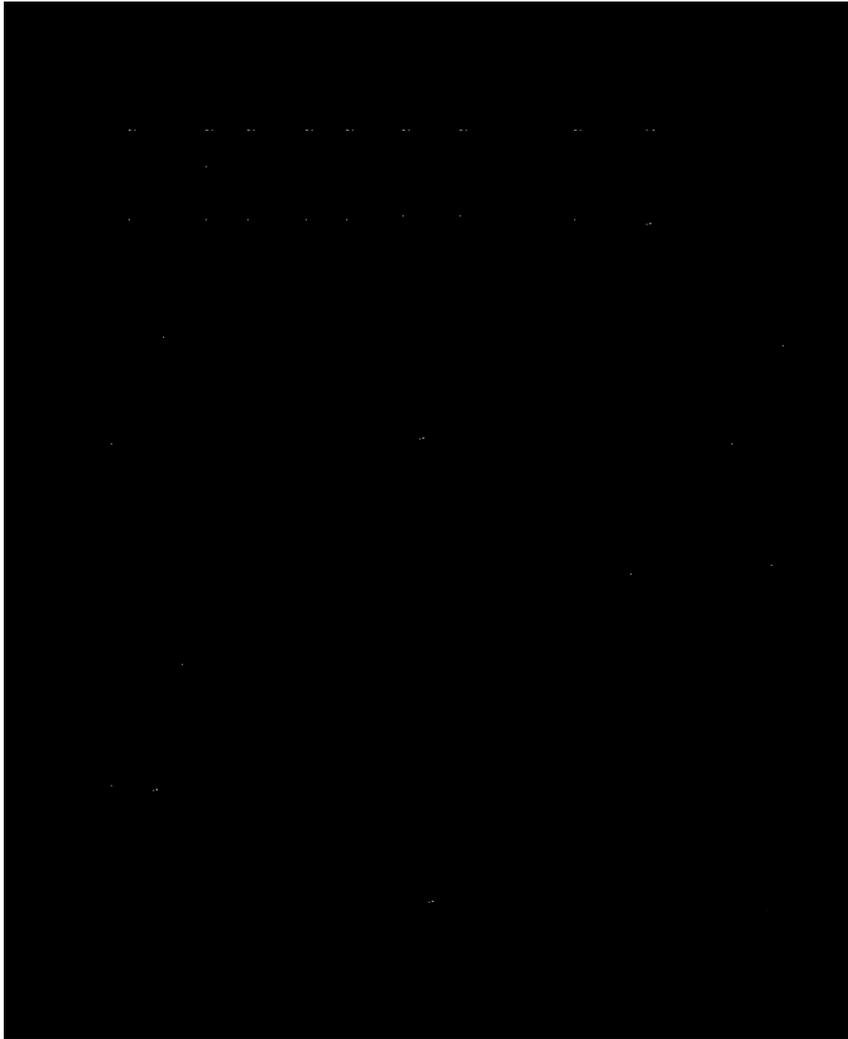
PRAYER OF APPLICATION

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY

Gloria

Patri



*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

EXTENDED PRAYER LIST

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstance;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

For the health of: Ann Armstrong (cancer), Mark (recovering at home from back surgery) & Michelle (caretaking) Green, Annette Knapp, Tom & Julia Mayes (constant pain and a recent fall), and Lisa Schember; for all those who serve as caretakers in our congregation; for those who are ill; and for those who are traveling. **For those living in long-term care facilities:** Pam Belew (Courtney Manor), Bertha McTaggart and Ann Thaut (Meadow Lanes); that our shut-in ministry would be fruitful and that our members would participate. **For non-attending members:** that God would reveal to them their sin and grant them an understanding of the necessity of public worship and the means of grace; that by his Spirit, he would bring them back to the body of Christ so that they would not forsake the communion of the saints and the public worship on the Lord's Day for his glory and their edification. **For Visitors:** That God would continue to bring in families, couples, and individuals who seek to glorify him, learn more about the Christian Faith and the Holy Scriptures, and grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Praise for recent visitors and that they would consider membership here in our local body of Christ.

For our Families: that husbands would love their wives as Christ loves the Church and that wives would submit to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ. That parents would take seriously their duty to raise and train their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. That fathers would bring their families to Church. That parents would bring their children to Sunday School every Lord's Day. That children would obey their parents and show respect to authorities in the home, church, and society. **For our singles and divorced:** that they would devote themselves to the Lord and to the ministries of the Church; and that God would grant marriage to those who desire it. **For our widows:** that the Lord would provide support and fellowship through the church; that they would devote themselves to Christ and serve His body. **For our College Students:** Regan Hobkirk and Hailee McLeod; that they would glorify God in their studies; that they would attend a local church on the Lord's Day; and that God would grant them vocational clarity.

For Family Members & Friends of our Church: for the physical and spiritual health of: Amanda Armstrong (Ann's niece: cancer); Linda Dumaw (Bonnie Perry, Judy Stokan, and Sharon Carpenter's friend); Tom Fata (Annette Knapp's brother: colon cancer); Virginia Gembariski (Sharon Gisel's sister: Leukemia); Libby Hill and Nancy McLeod (Allan McLeod's aunt and sister-in-law); Marge Mauer (Bonnie Perry's friend: stroke, surgery); Nicole Patterson (Gina's daughter: seizures); Cecil Shuart (friend of

the McLeod's); Bob Ziel (Kim's father: Courtney Manor, various health concerns); Anita (Kristin Smith's mother: recovery from heart surgery).

For all of our ministries: for faithfulness in our ordained officers, the ability to lead and shepherd for the Elders, strength and energy for the Diaconate as they take on numerous projects, wisdom and a view of the Great Commission for Trustees, for our Sunday School program: attendance (especially for children's catechism), Sunday School teachers, for those who serve in the Missions Committee; for a stronger local outreach; and for our men's and women's ministry's that they would be a blessing to us and to others. That those who participate in these would be blessed as they humbly serve for the glory of God. That these ministries would facilitate growth in the grace and knowledge Christ and be fruitful. That God would raise up and send more faithful men to lead and serve. That we would be faithful in obedience to the Holy Scriptures, the Westminster Standards, and the Book of Church Order. That God would bless our Church with more families, couples, and individuals who desire to glorify God, grow in Christ, and serve in our Church's ministries.

For our worship services: That the Holy Spirit would work through the Ministry of the Word, Sacraments, and prayer for the salvation, sanctification, and preservation of God's people. That through these ordinary means, we would be built up in the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. That we would worship God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. That Christ and him crucified would be preached faithfully, week in and week out. That the gospel would go forth and people would be brought into this local body. That God would send or raise up more musicians and singers to serve him with their gifts, especially a second pianist so that our pianist would be able to receive days of rest. That our giving would increase and be congruent with the blessings that God blessed us with. That we would properly sanctify the Lord's Day and attend to the means of grace. That our members would have a higher view of the Lord's Day and the worship services, and this would be evident in the fruit of their attendance of our morning and evening services.

OUR PRESBYTERY:

Gracehill Church, Grand Rapids, MI – Pastor Ben Seneker: Praise and thanksgiving for: financial stability, visitors, New Members Class starting in February, the installation and ordination of a new elder and deacon. Prayer Requests: growth and fruitfulness from a new semester of discipleship groups; a more permanent meeting place for our church. **Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fenton, MI –**

Pastors Mark (Nancy) Hudson, Lawrence (Ellen) Bowlin, Asst. Pastor David (Anaite) Groendyk: Pray that the Word of God would be proclaimed and believed on through the regular course of our ministries and Sunday worship; pray especially for our youth group students who will be attending their winter retreats. **Fellowship Reformed Church, Mount Pleasant, MI – Pastors Devon (Taylor) Rossman and Josh (Abigail) Duemler:** Praise for the Lord's sustaining grace in our church body; perseverance in witnessing to neighbors and students at Mid-Michigan College and Central Michigan University; for the pastors' diligence and perseverance as they shepherd; for ongoing officer training class; for particularization in late 2026/early 2027; and for the Lord's continued blessing on the preaching, pastoring, peace, and purity of our church.

OUR COMMUNITY & COUNTRY:

That in our community, we would be faithful witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ, ready to give a defense of the gospel and the hope that is in us. (1 Peter 3:15) That we would be lights in a dark place, salt in a flavorless world, a city on a hill. That there would be a need for church planting Reformed Churches in the Thumb; for wisdom, provision, and buy-in regarding the starting a Christian School. That our local, state, and federal civil magistrates would lead, rule, make and enforce laws according to Scripture; that our state and federal laws would protect rather than allow for the destruction of the unborn. That all of our leaders would bend the knee to Christ and his Rule. For the protection of our armed forces, veterans, law enforcement, doctors, nurses, EMTs and all others serving in dangerous vocations, domestically and abroad.

That the Church in the United States would live according to God's Word and for his glory. That Christians would live quiet, godly, and dignified lives, setting an example for non-believers and bringing glory to God. That our lives and good works would bring God glory and direct others to him and his kingdom. That we would lose influence and the ability to witness because of hypocrisy in the church. That we would all "kiss the Son, lest he be angry." (Psalm 2) That God would raise up leaders who seek to bring him glory as they serve on behalf of the community, county, state, and federal levels. For the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches in our country. For the Church's protection from government overreach and that the right to gather and worship would be protected regardless of the circumstances. That the Church in the United States would grow and thrive from a robust preaching of the Gospel and the whole counsel of God. That God would remove dead branches from the true church as well as false churches who teach things contrary to Word of God or preach a false gospel. That he would be glorified in all of this.

OUR MISSIONARIES & THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH:

Pray for all of our missionaries: Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker (Zambia), the Kawachi's (France), the Nachtergaele's (Belgium), and the Wilsons (Middle East), and the Shupes (Canada). This month, we pray in particular for the Nachtergaele's in Belgium. For our congregation: that we would be missionaries in our own contexts by inviting and bringing our family, friends, and neighbors to participate in the many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and learning that our Church offers. As Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." That our new Missions budget would be a blessing to our foreign missionaries and facilitate more local outreach.

For persecuted Christians throughout the world who are suffering because of the Cross. That they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ, even unto death, and that their persecutors would be converted through their witness. This month we pray in particular for Christians living under Islamic oppression and persecution in North Africa.

INFORMATION & STATISTICS

THE SESSION

Wayne Copeland	Ruling Elder, Missions
Chris Fluegge	Ruling Elder, Trustee
Scott McDermand	Teaching Elder, Moderator

Jim Philp
Kim Ziel

Ruling Elder, Clerk, Trustee
Ruling Elder

THE DIACONATE

Bob Hobkirk	Board Member, Trustee
Allan McLeod	Board Member
Scott McDermand	Advisory Board Member, Moderator
Sharon Carpenter	Diaconal Assistant
Dan Clarkson	Diaconal Assistant
Greg Davis	Diaconal Assistant
Linda Herndon	Diaconal Assistant
Carol Holtrop	Diaconal Assistant, Secretary
Lori McLeod	Diaconal Assistant
Alex Smith	Diaconal Assistant

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: FEBRUARY 1ST

AM Service	64
AM Livestream	
AM AVG. (2026)	64
AM AVG (2025)	65
PM Service	--
PM Livestream	--
PM AVG. 2025	12
PM AVG. 2024	17

GENERAL FUND GIVING

February Giving	\$
February Budget	\$