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Lord's Day 9

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**WELCOME**

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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 and prayer meeting. We invite you to join us after the service for coffee, fellowship, and snacks. 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 of the Christian Church: The Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Definition of Chalcedon, and the Athanasian Creed.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. Protestants believe in the authority of the inspired Holy Scriptures over bare Church tradition and that salvation is by God's *grace alone*, through *faith alone*, in *Christ alone*, and for the *glory of God alone* (Eph. 2:8–10).

**We are a Reformed Church.** Reformed Churches originated from different regions in 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 trained, called, elected, and ordained elders. In the Greek New Testament, they are called *presbyters*, which is where the name "Presbyterian" comes from. Our Teaching and Ruling Elders preach, teach, shepherd, protect the Church from false doctrine, and make decisions on her behalf. We also have trained, called, elected, and ordained deacons who take care of the material needs of the Church.

Reformed & Presbyterian Churches hold the public worship of God and the communion of the saints in high esteem. Thus, **the Lord's Day Worship Service** is the most important event of the week. During this time that we gather together to hear the Word of God, to pray and praise him, to receive the Sacraments, and to enjoy Christian fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to connect with Pastor Scott or one of our elders.

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Rev. Scott C. McDermand II

## CHURCH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### This Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

- 9:55 Announcements & Prelude
- 10:00 Morning Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer**
- 11:15 Fellowship: Coffee, Tea, & Snacks
- 11:45 Sunday School
- 4:00 Prayer Meeting
- 5:00 Evening Service: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer**

Mid-Week **Lenten Services** begin on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm with our Ash-less Wednesday service.

**Theology Thursday: Book Club** – See you at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> for Book 22 of the City of God. Join us at 6:30 for charcuterie and fellowship.

**Next Feast** – St. Patrick's Day Feast on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> after the AM Service. Church will provide corned beef, but we need some volunteers to cook it. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Ways to Serve** – There are several different ministries that you can participate in here at First Presbyterian. Check the bulletin board where you can find sign-up sheets for Hospitality (fellowship and meals), Lord's Supper Preparation, Greeter Ministry, and the Marketing Team.

You can also join us for our monthly **long-term care facility** worship services at Courtney Manor and Huron County Medical Care or come to our Prayer Meetings. Our next long-term care services will be next Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm, respectively.

**YouTube** – If you are unable to attend worship due to weather, sickness, vacation, or if you have been otherwise providentially hindered, be sure to watch our livestream services on YouTube! Just type in "First Presbyterian Bad Axe" in the search bar, and you can subscribe to our channel and receive notifications. In addition to our live services, you can watch several years' worth of sermons. You can also share these videos with your friends and family.

**Social Media** – Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook where you can stay up to date with everything going on at our church. Just search for @badaxefirstpres

**Church App** – We have a church app for your smart phone. Go to the App Store and download “The Church App” for free on your mobile device and search for First Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe. You can watch all of our sermons from the past five years, give online, see upcoming events, request prayers, and get connected.

**Podcast** – We also have a Podcast where you can find audio versions of all of our sermons. Just search First Presbyterian Bad Axe on your favorite podcast app and subscribe.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** –

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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**Church Members in Need of Prayer:** Jackson Fluegge, Michelle Green, Julia Mayes, Hailee McLeod; those who serve as caretakers; expecting mother Dana Fleugge; all who are ill or traveling; long-term care residents: Pam Belew, Lorrain Dutcher, Bertha McTaggart, Donna Noble, and Ann Thaut; our shut-in ministry; and those who have ceased attending public worship regularly, that God would reveal to them their sin, the necessity of worship, and the communion of the saints.

**Our Missionaries:** Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker (Zambia), the Kawachis (France), the Nachtergaeles (Belgium), the Shupes (British Colombia); the Wilsons (Middle East) as they work for the King and the advancement of the gospel of his kingdom; that we would be missionaries by sharing the gospel and inviting others to our church. That God would grant courage and the words to speak as we interact with our 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, Trustees, and all the saints would glorify God and always 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; that our members would take their public vows seriously and attend church on a regular basis; and that we would have better attendance at our PM services where the means of grace are offered.

**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; that the right to gather and worship God would be protected and the civil magistrate would not interfere in matters of faith and worship; that our leaders would come to know Christ: The King of kings and Lord of lords, and that their governing 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 they live their lives.

**The Church Universal:** That more people would come to faith through the preaching of the gospel throughout the world; for Christians who are being persecuted: that they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and that their persecutors would be converted through this witness. This month, we pray in particular for the Christians living under communist persecution in North Korea.

## **PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION**

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"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

Lowell Mason (1830) | Briynne McCrea, Piano

## **PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER**

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"Lord God Almighty, we ask not to be counted amongst the earthly great and rich, but to be numbered with the spiritually blessed. Preserve us from a false estimate of our character; and help us to pay regard to our conduct, motives, and actions. Grant a large abundance of the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, that we may be humbly prepared for every duty. Amen."

The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers | True Religion

"But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

The Lord Jesus Christ | Luke 14:13–14

"When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne...Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'"

The Lord Jesus Christ | Matthew 25:31, 34–36

"Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love...For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

St. Peter | 2 Peter 1:5–7, 10–11

## **~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*"The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!"*

(Psalm 146:10)

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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\*GOD'S GREETING

*1 Corinthians*

1:2–3

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 146*

\*PSALM OF PRAISE

*Insert: Psalm 146 (Trinity Psalter*

*Hymnal) –*

*Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him!*

\*RESPONSORIAL

*from Psalm 146;*

124:8

Minister: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

†Congregation: **for the LORD executes justice for the oppressed,  
He gives food to the hungry.**

Minister: The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

†Congregation: **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

Minister: Our help is in the name of the LORD;

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

\*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE



# THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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## READING OF THE LAW

*Leviticus*

19:9–18

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 sum of the six commandments  
which contain our duty to man?

†Congregation: **The sum of the six commandments  
which contain our duty to man;  
is to love our neighbor as ourselves,  
and to do to others what we would have them to do to us.**

Minister: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

†Congregation: **No mere man since the fall, is able, in this life  
to perfectly keep the commandments of God;  
but daily breaks them in thought, word, and deed.**

Minister: What does God require of us,  
that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

†Congregation: **God requires of us repentance unto life,  
faith in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the diligent use of the outward and ordinary means  
whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of**

**redemption.**

Minister: What is repentance unto life?

†Congregation: **Repentance unto life is a saving grace,  
worked in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God,  
whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger,  
but also, of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins,**

**and the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ  
to those who are penitent,  
that he so grieves over and hates his sins,  
so that he turns from them, and turns to God,  
purposing and endeavoring continually  
to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.**

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### CORPORATE CONFESSION

*Book of Common*

*Prayer*

**A**lmighty 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

*1 John 1:9; John*

*3:16, 18b*

### \*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*Insert – They'll Know We Are*

*Christians*



## OUR OFFERINGS

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Ruling Elder, Wayne*

*Copeland*

### 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

*2 Corinthians 9:6,*

*8-9*

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things...you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor, his righteousness endures forever.'

### \*OFFERING OF PRAISE

*The*

*Doxology*

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.

## THE SERMON

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### \*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SERMON TEXT

*Luke*

*14:12–14*

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

#### SERMON

*The Ministry of*

*Jesus:*

*Invite Those Who Cannot Repay*

#### SERMON NOTES

## PRAYER OF APPLICATION

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

319 – *Day of Judgment! Day of*

*Wonders!*

# **THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**Nicene Creed**

**(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**

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### LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

#### COMMUNION HYMN

*480 – Come, for the Feast is*

*Spread*

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Sursum Corda (3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Cent.)*

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**

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\*DOXOLOGY

*Gloria*

*Patri*

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.

\*BENEDICTION

*Hebrews*

*13:20–21*

\*POSTLUDE



## **PRAYER MEETING (4:00 PM)**

*“Q. What rule hath God given for our direction in the duty of prayer?”*

*“A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in the duty of prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which our Savior Christ taught his disciples, commonly called,  
The Lord’s Prayer.”*

(WLC 186)

### **PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:**

**For the health of:** Jackson Fluegge, Ashley Franzel, Julia Mayes, Hailee McLeod, and Ann Thaut; expectant mother: Dana Fluegge; 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), Lorraine Dutcher (Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bertha McTaggart and Donna Noble (Meadow Lanes); that our shut-in ministry would be fruitful and that our members who are able, would participate in our shut-in ministry. **For non-attending members:** that God would reveal to them their sin in and that he would grant them the 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 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 act like men and 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:** that they would devote themselves to the Lord and to the ministries of the Church; that God would grant marriage to those who desire it.

**For our widows:** that the Lord would provide them support and fellowship through the church; that they would devote themselves to Christ and serve His body. **For our College Students:** Mackenzie Copeland, Jackson Fluegge, Regan Hobkirk, Hailee McLeod, and Brennan Wissner; 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 Friends and Family Members:** for the physical and spiritual health of: Deb Cleland (Lori McLeod's friend: praise for recovery); Tom Fata (Annette Knapp's brother: colon cancer); Virginia Gembarski (Sharon Gisel's sister: Leukemia); Angie Gonzales (chronic pain); Andy Kish (Betsy Kish's stepson); Megan Knight and baby (Pastor Scott's sister who is expecting); Nicole Patterson; Libby Hill and Nancy McLeod (Allan McLeod's aunt and sister-in-law); Harvey Arthur Schmidt (The Ziel's newborn grandson: praise God for his recovery and health); Cecil Shuart (friend of the McLeod's); family of Tim Spitzley (Amanda McLeod's brother); Chip Vannest (Tammy Philp's brother); Brennan and Tiffany Winter (praise for a call to a PCA Church in Ferndale); Joe Yang (Pastor Scott's friend from seminary: colon cancer, chemotherapy); Bob Ziel (Kim's father: Courtney Manor, various health concerns); and Katie Ziel and baby (expecting mother, baby coming on March 5<sup>th</sup>).

**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, wisdom and a view of the Great Commission for Trustees, for our Sunday School program: attendance (especially for children's catechism), Sunday School teachers, and for those who serve in the Missions Committee. 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 the local body. That God would send or raise up more musicians and singers to serve him with their gifts. 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 DENOMINATION:

**Redeemer Presbyterian, Detroit MI – Pastor Jon (Vanessa) Saunders, Assoc. Pastor Dan (Laura) Millward, Pastor of Sojourn, Sterling Heights Steve (Mandy) Van Noort, Pastor of Grace, Dearborn Jerry (Katherine) Riendeau, and Pastor of Immanuel Micah (Laura) Jelinek, Pastor of Christ Church, Southfield Adam (Adrianne) Thomas:** The ministry of Redeemer continues to grow in the heart of the city. Our new member classes are consistently full. The Lord has not added to our numbers daily, but at least weekly and for this we give thanks. In a few weeks we will have the privilege of baptizing a former Muslim who recently came to faith in Christ. Redeemer's Assistant Pastor, Rev. DeMyron Haynes, recently received a new call as pastor of New City Fellowship in Grand Rapids. He will be missed. We are currently in the process of interviewing potential replacements.

The ministry of the Detroit Project continues to grow as church planters are engaging more and more people with the gospel in their local communities. There are plenty of reasons for praise and yet the obstacles for planting are still significant. Trying to find permanent spaces for worship, working with young/non-believers and the overall stress of the call to plant is very real for the pastors and their families. We are excited that Rev. Adam Thomas has joined the team. He will be revitalizing a former OPC church that will soon join the PCA.

**Christ Church, Ann Arbor MI** – Please pray as CCAA begins to search for a new Sr. Pastor. Pray that the search committee would have wisdom and unity, and that the Lord would even now begin to prepare the heart of the next man.

**Daniel (Abby) Eguiluz, Missionary with Serge, Lima Peru-** Thank you for praying for our support raising trip to the US. We were away for close to two months, but we are now back in Lima. Please pray for a smooth transition back into our many ministry and family activities, especially since our boys will start the new school year in a couple of weeks. This year could bring important changes to our ministry as we are considering getting more involved at the local church level. Please pray for wisdom and discernment. Our main mission will remain to provide quality theological education to Peruvian pastors and other church leaders, but these changes would demand reducing some of that activity.

### **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. 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 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.

**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 "kiss the Son, lest he be angry." 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 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 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 Aaron Shupe and family: as they transition from West Africa to a new ministry to refugees in British Colombia. 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." (Jn. 4:34).

**For persecuted Christians** throughout the world who are suffering because of the Cross. 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 communist oppression, labor camps, and prisons in North Korea.

## ~ CATECHETICAL WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 5:00 PM

### PRELUDE

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"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

Holy Spirit  
*Getty & Townend (2006)*

### PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

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"True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

The Westminster Divines | WLC 79

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

The Lord Jesus Christ | John 14:16–17

“You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God...and this word is the good news that was preached to you.”

St. Peter | 1 Peter 1:23, 25b

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

St. Paul | 2 Corinthians 5:17

# **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*GREETING

*Jude*

*1b–2*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm*

*104*

\*PSALM OF PRAISE

*2 – O Worship the King*

*(1–5)*

\*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

## **READING & RESPONSES**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel*

*37:22–32*

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION

*17.1, 2 – Of the Perseverance of the*

*Saints*

They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved,  
[and hath] effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit,  
can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace;  
but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.

This perseverance of the saints depends, not upon their own free will,  
but upon the immutability of the decree of election,  
flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father;  
upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ;  
the abiding of the Spirit and of the seed of God within them;  
and the nature of the covenant of grace:  
these are the grounds of the certainty  
and infallibility of their perseverance.

\*PSALM OF RESPONSE

*485 – O Thou That Hear'st*

*(1–4, 6)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

## **THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*John*

*14:15–31*

SERMON

*Of the Perseverance of the*

*Saints:*

*The Abiding Spirit and Seed of God*

SERMON NOTES

Perseverance and the Abiding of the Spirit

The Seed of God Within Us: New Life

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The Certainty and Infallibility of Perseverance

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PRAYER OF APPLICATION

\*HYMN OF APPLICATION

657 – *In Sweet Communion, Lord, with*

*Thee*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed (Tune:*

57)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Sursum*

*Corda*



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

*1 Corinthians*

*11:23–26*

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**\*THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**PRAYER OF APPLICATION**

## THE DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

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\*DOXOLOGY

*Now to Him Who is Able (Tune*

#66)

Now to him whose pow-r is able  
to protect our stumbling feet,  
and prepare our souls for glory  
there with joy our King to meet  
so that we may stand before him

faultless at his judgement seat-

To the only God our Savior,  
through our Lord Christ Jesus' name,  
be dominion, power, glory,  
majesty and matchless fame,  
from before the world's foundation,  
now and evermore the same!

\*BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians

13:14

\*POSTLUDE

## INFORMATION & STATISTICS

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### The Session

Wayne Copeland, *Ruling Elder, Missions*  
Chris Fluegge, *Ruling Elder, Trustee*  
Scott McDermund, *Teaching Elder (Moderator)*  
Jim Philp, *Ruling Elder (Clerk), Trustee*  
Kim Ziel, *Ruling Elder*

### The Diaconate

Bob Hobkirk, *Board Member, Trustee*

Allan McLeod, *Board Member*  
Scott McDermand, *Advisory Member (Moderator)*  
  
Sharon Carpenter, *Diaconal Assistant*  
Dan Clarkson, *Diaconal Assistant*  
Carol Holtrop, *Diaconal Assistant (Clerk)*  
Lori McLeod, *Diaconal Assistant*  
Alex Smith, *Diaconal Assistant*

Church Office Hours

Linda Herndon (*M–F, 8:00am–12:00pm*)  
Scott McDermand (*By appointment*)

Church Attendance: February 23<sup>rd</sup>

AM Service	65
AM Livestream	
AM AVG. 2025	60
AM AVG. 2024	64
PM Service	10
PM Livestream	
PM AVG. 2025	10
PM AVG. 2024	14

General Fund Giving

February Giving	\$
February Budget	\$



“Invitation to the Feast”

Eugene Burnand (1899)