



Faithful to the Scriptures.

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Obedient to the Great Commission.

Lord's Day 49

December 7th, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

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) and codified in the ancient creeds of the Christian Church: The Apostles' Creed (2nd century), the Nicene 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 foundational roots in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th and 17th centuries. Protestants believe in the authority of the inspired Holy Scriptures over unbiblical Church tradition. We 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 originated 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 trained, tested, called, 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), to pray, to 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: NOVEMBER 7TH

- 9:55 Announcements & Prelude
- 10:00 Morning Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer**
- 11:15 Fellowship: Coffee, Tea, & Snacks
- 11:45 Sunday School
- 1:00 Courtney Manor Service
- 5:00 Evening Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer**

THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 7TH–DECEMBER 13TH

Courtney Manor Service: Today at 1:00 pm.

Ladies Christmas Party –

Theology Thursday: Book Study – We will be discussing chapters 6 and 7 of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "The Cost of Discipleship." Charcuterie and fellowship at 6:30, study begins at 7:00.

Tabletalk Magazine – Don't forget to grab the December edition of Tabletalk: "Rome, the East, and the Ancient Tradition of the Church."

Birthdays & Anniversaries –

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: FUTURE EVENTS

Advent Feast – Join your church on Sunday, December 14th after the AM Service. Turkey and Roast Beef provided. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Sign up and then bring that thing that you signed up for. What? Yes, it's true.

Men's Breakfast – Join the men of the church on Saturday, December 20th for a big hearty breakfast, some strong coffee, fellowship, robust hymns, prayer, and encouragement. Kitchen opens at 8:00, breakfast starts at 9:00. Sign up and show up.

Christmas Eve Service – Join us for our service of Lessons and Carols at 6:00 PM. This is when we sing 10 Christmas carols. Not during Advent, but beginning at our Christmas Eve Service. If you like Christmas carols, you should come to this.

Christmas Morning – Before you tear into your presents, come join us as we celebrate the reason for Christmas: The Birth of Jesus Christ. Really? On Christmas morning? Yes, on Christmas morning. I thought everyone loved baby Jesus? Our service of Word, Sacrament, & Prayer goes from 9:00–10:00 AM. Join us after the service for donuts and coffee in the Lounge.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN NEED OF PRAYER: Ann Armstrong, Mark & Michelle Green, Tom & 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 their sin, and the necessity of worship and fellowship.

OUR MISSIONARIES: Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker, the Kawachis (France), the Nachtergaeles (Belgium), the Shupes (British Colombia), 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 our members would take their public vows seriously and attend church regularly; that our people would attend our PM services where the means of grace are offered; 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 in particular for Christians living under Muslim oppression and persecution in Nigeria.

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God whose only-begotten Son is the radiance of your glory and exact image of your nature; the Word who was with you in the beginning, who is God, and through whom all things were made: reveal your glory to us in the incarnate Word that we would have a true knowledge of him and follow in his earthly steps for your glory and our good; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Collect | Second Sunday of Advent

In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Preacher | Hebrews 1:2–4

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

St. Paul | Colossians 1:15–17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the light has not overcome it.

St. John | John 1:1–5

~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

Revelation 1:4b–5a

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Hebrews 1 & Psalm

45

*PSALM OF PRAISE

101 – Come, Thou

Almighty King

*RESPONSORIAL

from Hebrews 1; Psalm

124:5

Minister: In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,
whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.

†Congregation: **He is the radiance of the glory of God
and the exact imprint of his nature,
and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.**

Minister: For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?
Or again, “I will be to him a Father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

†Congregation: **When he brings the firstborn into the world,
he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”
But of the Son he says,
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.”**

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

Colossians

1:15–23

Minister: The Word of God is living and active.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE LAW

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Almighty God:

We confess that we have often lived apart from the hope of the Gospel,
we have trusted in our own wisdom, followed our own desires,
and have sought security in possessions rather than in you.

Forgive us, and guide us in the truth that you are before all things,
and in you, all things are held together.

Lord Jesus, Son of God, we thank you for the blood of your cross,
by which you have reconciled us to yourself and to one another.
Help us to live as those who have been reconciled,
and renew our minds by your Word and Spirit.

Spirit of the Living God,
by the grace of repentance, grant that as we turn from our sin,
we would also walk in newness of life,
as those who have been transformed by the Gospel.

We pray in the name of the preeminent One:

The Eternal Word of God: Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9; Colossians

1:13–14

OUR OFFERINGS

It belongs to those in the office of elder...to watch diligently over the flock committed to his charge, that no corruption of morals enter therein...They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.

Book of Discipline | BCO 8-3

The Holy Scriptures teach that God is the owner of all persons and all things and that we are but stewards of both life and possessions; that God's ownership and our stewardship should be acknowledged; that this acknowledgment should take the form, in part, of giving at least a tithe of our income and other offerings to the work of the Lord through Church of Jesus Christ, thus worshipping the Lord with our possessions.¹

Book of Worship | BCO 54-1

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Ruling Elder, Mr.

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;

¹ Offerings can be placed in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary, given online, or by using the "Church App" on your mobile device.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

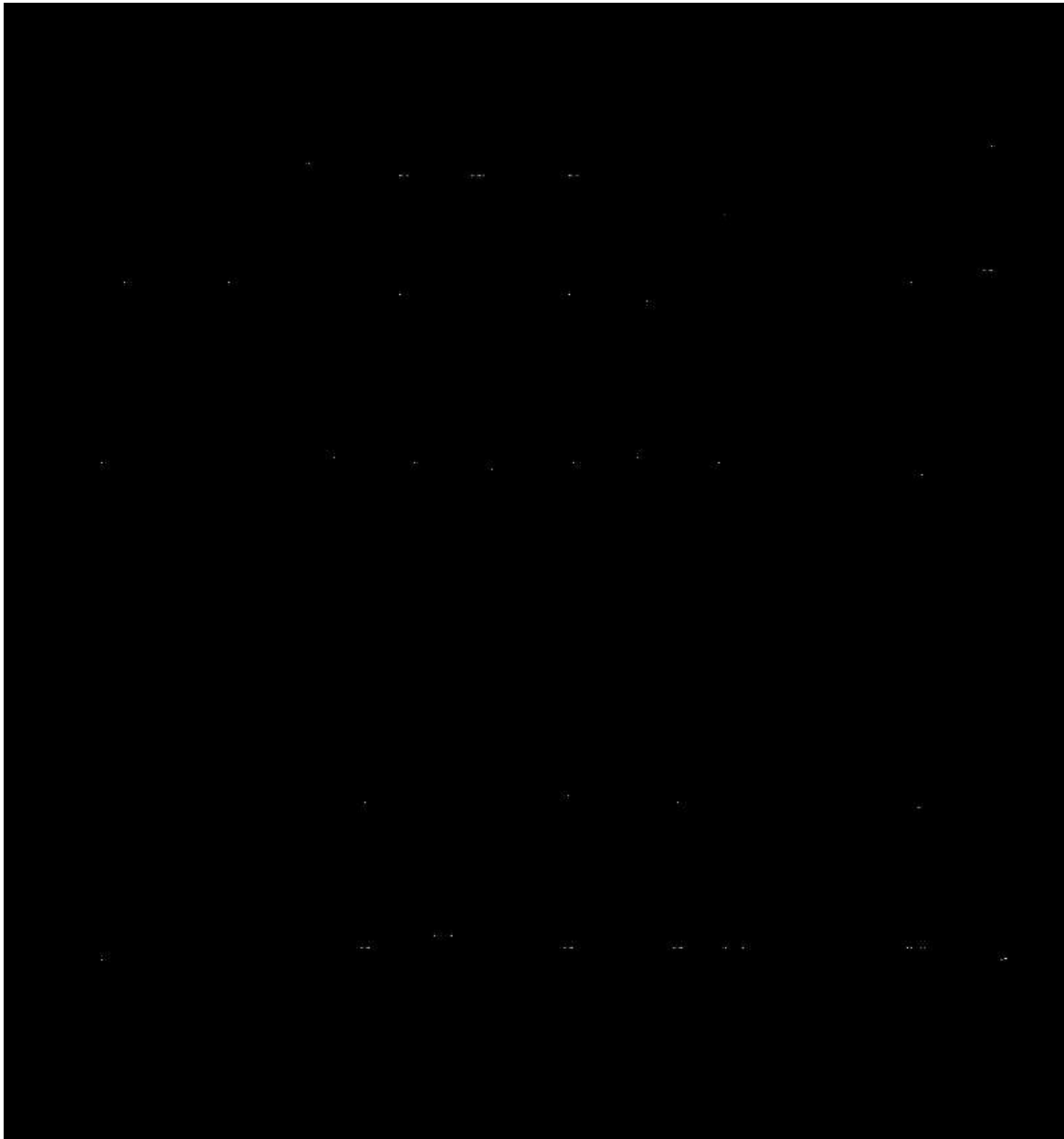
THE WEEKLY OFFERING

2 Corinthians

8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become
rich.

*THE OFFERING OF PRAISE



THE SERMON

It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate upon, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT

John

1:1–5

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON

Advent, Christmas, &

Epiphany with John:

Advent 2: The Eternal

Word

SERMON NOTES

IN THE BEGINNING

THE LOGOS

LIFE & LIGHT

APPLICATION FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

HYMN OF RESPONSE

162 – *Of the Father's Love*

Begotten

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

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

193 – *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep*

Silence

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

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

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY

O Come, Messiah, Come

Again

*BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians

13:14

*POSTLUDE

EVENING WORSHIP:

CATECHETICAL SERVICE (5:00 PM)

PRELUDE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Emmanuel

Veni

French Processional (15th Century)

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

God gave to Adam a law, as a covenant of works, by which he bound him and all his posterity to personal, entire, exact, and perpetual obedience; promised life upon the fulfilling, and threatened death upon the breach of it; and endued him with power and ability to keep it. This law, after his fall, continued to be a perfect rule of righteousness; and, as such, was delivered by God upon mount Sinai in ten commandments, and written in two tables; the first four commandments containing our duty towards God and the other six our duty to man.

The Westminster Divines | WCF 19.1–2, "Of the Law of God"

Beside this law, commonly called moral, God was pleased to give to the people of Israel, as a Church under age, ceremonial laws, containing several typical ordinances, partly of worship, prefiguring Christ, his graces, actions, sufferings, and benefits; and partly holding forth diverse instructions of moral duties. All which ceremonial laws now abrogated under the New Testament.

The Westminster Divines | WCF 19.3, "Of the Law of God"

To them also, as a body politic, he gave sundry judicial laws, which expired together with the State of that people, not obliging any other, now, further than the general equity thereof may require.

The Westminster Divines | WCF 19.4, "Of the Law of God"

In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

The Preacher to the Hebrews | Hebrews 8:13

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GREETING

1 Peter

1:1b–2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalms 2, 45, &

110

*PSALM OF PRAISE

311 – Hail to the

Lord's Anointed

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

READING & RESPONSES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

from Genesis 49, 2 Samuel 7,

Isaiah 9

CONFESSIONAL STATEMENT

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

194 – O Come, O

Come, Emmanuel

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter

2:13–17

SERMON

Of the Law of God: The Expired Judicial

Laws

SERMON NOTES

REVIEW: COVENANT OF WORKS, MORAL LAW, & CEREMONIAL LAWS

THE JUDICIAL (CIVIL) LAWS OF ISRAEL

THE EXPIRATION OF THE JUDICIAL LAWS

THE GENERAL EQUITY OF THE JUDICIAL LAWS

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*HYMN OF APPLICATION

309 – Rejoice, the Lord is

King

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Insert – Apostles'

Creed

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum

Corda

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*DOXOLOGY

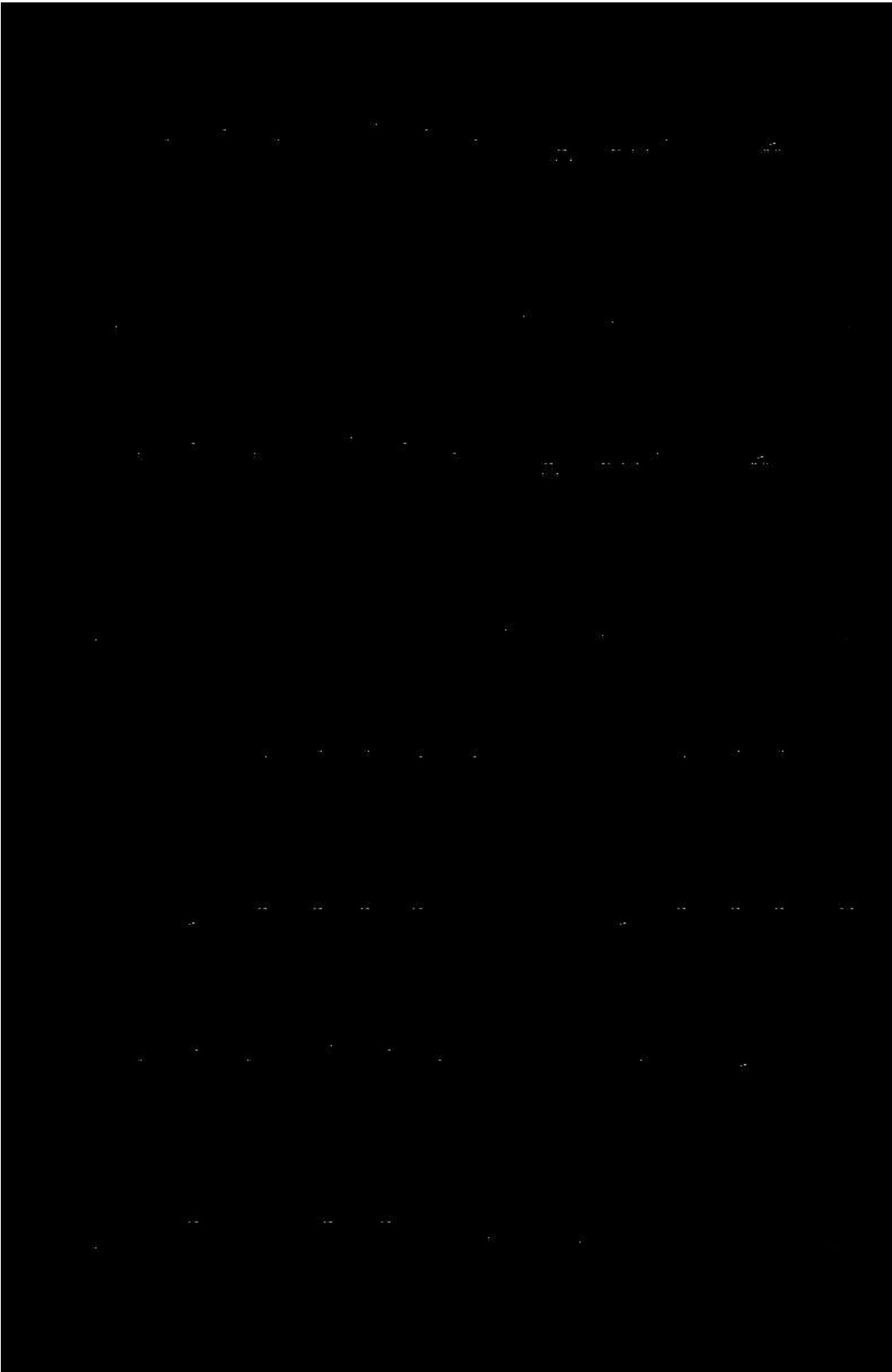
11 – Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

(1, 2)

*BENEDICTION

Hebrews

13:20–21



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.”*

(1 Thessalonians 5:16–18)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

For the health of: Ann Armstrong (cancer), Mark (major back surgery, recovering at Courtney Manor) & Michelle (pneumonia) Green, Tom & Julia Mayes (recovery from surgery and pain), 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 in it.

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 the Bible and the Christian Faith, and come to a Reformed understanding of Scripture. 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 Gembarski (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.

For our sanctuary improvement project: That God would provide the means and the labor for our pews to be reupholstered and re-painted, for the sanctuary to be re-painted, and for new carpet/flooring; that those who are able, would give towards this project as we anticipate our 150th year anniversary as a church.

OUR PRESBYTERY:

Redeemer Presbyterian, Detroit MI – Pastor Jon (Vanessa) Saunders, Asst. Pastor Jonathan (Kara) Lacy – Pray for: 1) Windsor Ontario is right across the Detroit River. Rev. Kingsley Lai has received a call to plant Redeemer Windsor. He will be coming from Grace PCA Toronto. Please be praying for all that goes into a scratch plant—fundraising, finding a home, meeting key contacts, etc...2) We have all the finances in place for plant/revitalization in Northville which is wealthy suburb outside of Detroit. Please pray for the right pastor to come and lead this work. 3) Redeemer Detroit is in the third year of starting at Classical Christian School in the heart of the city—Detroit Christian. We are about to begin an aggressive campaign for a permanent building.

Christ Church, Ann Arbor MI – Please pray for CCAA as we joyfully anticipate the installation of Pastor Steve Gonzales as our new senior pastor. Pray for a smooth transition for Steve and his family as they relocate and become a part of the church life in Ann Arbor. Pray that his ministry, through the power of the Holy Spirit, would bear much fruit for the kingdom of God and that He would receive all the glory

Daniel (Abby) Eguiluz, Missionary with Serge, Lima Peru: Thank you for praying for our ministry of theological education to church leaders in Peru and the rest of the Spanish-speaking world. Hundreds attended the conferences in Cusco, Cordoba and Trujillo, and the feedback was very positive. We'll be focusing on teaching through the local seminary in Lima for the rest of the year. Please pray that the students get equipped through the courses, and those that graduate in December will be encouraged to put their studies to the service of Christ and his kingdom.

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 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 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 Muslim oppression and persecution in Nigeria (7th most persecuted Christians in the world).

INFORMATION & STATISTICS

THE SESSION

Wayne Copeland	Ruling Elder, Missions
Chris Fluegge	Ruling Elder, Trustee
Scott McDermand	Teaching Elder, Moderator
Jim Philp	Ruling Elder, Clerk, Trustee
Kim Ziel	Ruling Elder

THE DIACONATE

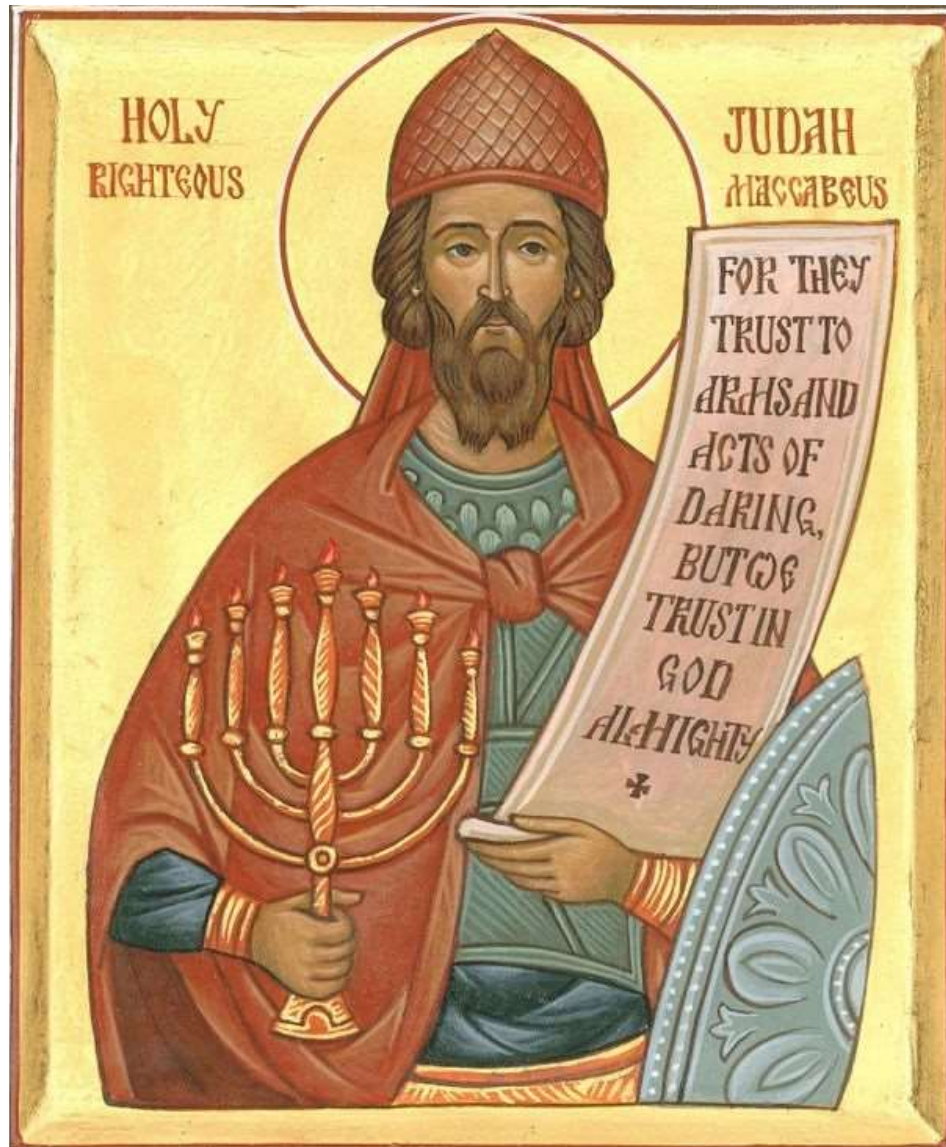
Bob Hobkirk	Board Member, Trustee
Allan McLeod	Board Member
Scott McDermand	Advisory Member, Moderator
Sharon Carpenter	Diaconal Assistant
Dan Clarkson	Diaconal Assistant
Greg Davis	Diaconal Assistant
Linda Herndon	Diaconal Assistant
Carol Holtrop	Diaconal Assistant
Lori McLeod	Diaconal Assistant
Alex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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: NOVEMBER 30TH

AM Service	76
AM Livestream	
AM AVG. 2025	65
AM AVG. 2024	64
PM Service	--
PM Livestream	
PM AVG. 2025	16
PM AVG. 2024	14

GENERAL FUND GIVING

November Giving	\$
November Budget	\$



"...until Shiloh comes."

(Genesis 49:10)

