



Faithful to the Scriptures.

True to the Reformed Faith.

Obedient to the Great Commission.

Lord's Day 13

March 30th, 2025

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 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 16th and 17th 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

This Sunday, March 30th

9:55 Announcements & Prelude

10:00 Morning Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer

11:15 Fellowship: Coffee, Tea, & Snacks

11:45 Sunday School: All Ages

5:00 Evening Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer

Please Silence Your Cell Phones

Please join us after our morning worship service for as we recognize and celebrate the work and ministry of our long-time office administrator, Linda Herndon, who will be retiring after six decades here at First Presbyterian.

Prayer Meeting – No prayer meeting this evening; enjoy your food coma! However, we do still have an evening service this evening as we continue in our series on **The Perseverance of the Saints**. We do have an evening service tonight. It's at 5pm. Word, Sacrament, prayer.

Next Feast: Palm Sunday Brunch – Join us after our morning service on **April 13th**. Sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board. Ham provided – just need two volunteers to cook a ham!

Lenten Devotions are every Wednesday at 6:00 pm until Passion Week.

As we do every year at Pentecost, we will be receiving new members into our Church. **If you are considering membership, our Presbyterianism 101 class** is beginning on Wednesday April, 23rd. Please let Pastor Scott know if you are interested in the class. Time of class to be determined based on participation.

Theology Thursday: Book Club – There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the next book that we will read. Let us know what you want to read and we will read it. Our next book study will begin after Passion Week in late-April.

New Hymnals – Thank you to all of you who contributed to the new hymnals! If you would like to take an old hymnal home for family or private worship, feel free to grab a red hymnal from the couch in the Historical Room.

Tabletalk – the new issues of Tabletalk are on the table in the narthex.

YouTube – If you are unable to attend worship due to weather, illness, 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.

Reach the Forgotten Annual Banquet (formerly *Forgotten Man Ministries*) – Thursday, April 10th at Harvest Church in Bad Axe. Fellowship begins at 6:00 and the Dinner begins at 6:30. Let Wayne Copeland know if you plan on attending.

Fifth-Sunday Offering – Today, we will be taking a fifth-Sunday offering for “Members in Need” (Diaconal Fund).

Birthdays & Anniversaries –

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Members in Need of Prayer: 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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Olivet (Lowell Mason, 1832) | Brienne McCrea, Piano

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

"Almighty and everlasting God, you forgive the sins of all who are truly penitent: Create in us contrite hearts, that worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, forgiveness and remission of sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

The Collect | For True Repentance

"You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

King David | Psalm 32:7, 10–11

"What woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Lord Jesus Christ | Luke 15:8–10

"Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace, the doctrine whereof is to be preached by every minister of the gospel, as well as that of faith in Christ...Men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance, but it is every man's duty to endeavor to repent of his particular sins particularly."

The Westminster Divines | WCF 15.1, 5

~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other."*

(Isaiah 45:22)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

Galatians 1:3–5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 32

and Isaiah 45

*HYMN OF PRAISE

44 – How Great Thou

Art

*RESPONSORIAL

from Psalm 32;

124:8

Minister: Let everyone who is godly offer prayer to the LORD;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

†Congregation: **You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

Minister: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

†Congregation: **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all your upright in heart!**

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

Psalm

51

Minister: The Word of God is living and active.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE LAW

Westminster Shorter

Catechism

Minister: What is sin?

†Congregation: **Sin is any want of conformity unto,
or transgression of, the Law of God.**

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

†Congregation: **To escape the wrath and curse of God,
due to us for sin,
God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ,
repentance unto life,
and the diligent use of the outward means
whereby Christ communicates to us
the benefits of redemption.**

Minister: What is repentance unto life?

†Congregation: **Repentance unto life is a saving grace,
whereby, a sinner,
out of a true sense of their sin,
and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ,
doth, with grief and hatred of his sin,
turn from it unto God,
with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.**

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

1 John 1:9; Joel

2:13

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

32 – Great Is Thy

Faithfulness

OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Ruling Elder, 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 & 5th SUNDAY OFFERING

Luke

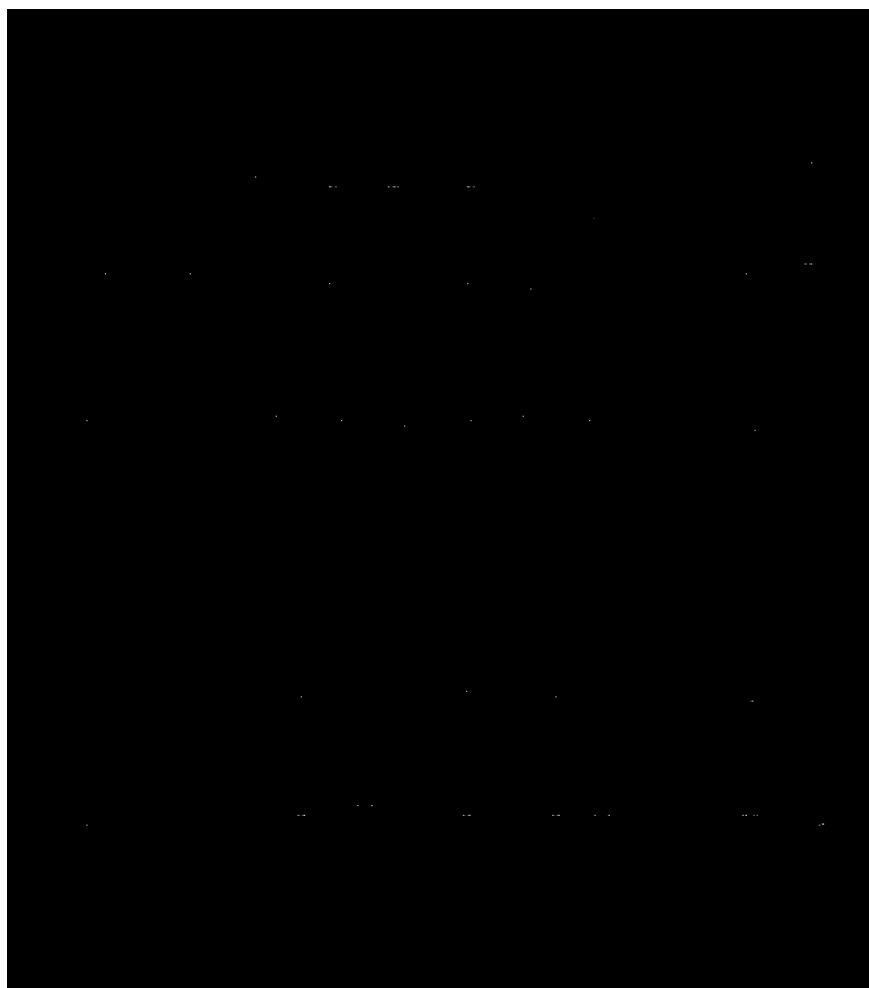
6:38

Give, and it will be given to you...For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

*OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Doxology (Next

Page)



THE SERMON

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT

Luke

15:8–10

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON

The Ministry of Jesus: The Parable of the

Lost Coin

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

460 –

Amazing Grace!

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

"He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow."

(Philippians 2:8–10)

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION HYMN

251 – Beneath the Cross of

Jesus

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda (3rd

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

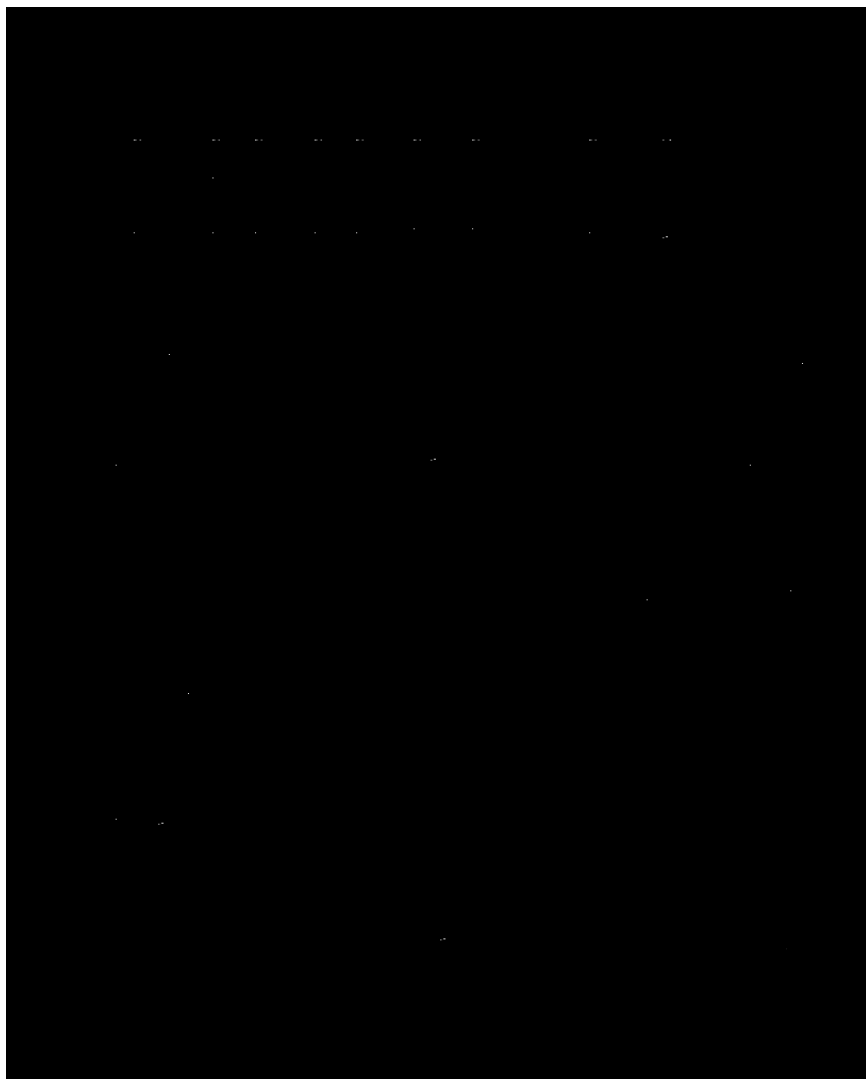
And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This 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

*DOXOLOGY



*BENEDICTION

Hebrews

13:20–21

*POSTLUDE

CATECHETICAL

WORSHIP SERVICE (5:00 PM)

PRELUDE

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Ville Du Havre
Philip P. Bliss (1876)

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

"The perseverance of the saints depends...upon the immutability of the decree of the election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Christ; the abiding of the Spirit...and the nature of the covenant of grace: from which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof."

The Westminster Divines | WCF 17.2

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The Lord Jesus Christ | John 10:27-30

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

St. Paul | Philippians 1:6

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

St. Jude | Jude 1:24-25

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GREETING

Jude

1b–2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm

134

*PSALM OF PRAISE

400 – O Bless Our God with One

Accord

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

READING & RESPONSES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah

40

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

5 – God, My King, Thy Might

Confessing

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John

1:18–25

SERMON

Of the Perseverance of the

Saints:

Responding to Common Objections

SERMON NOTES

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

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

*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

1 Thessalonians

5:23–24, 28

*POSTLUDE

INFORMATION

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 McDermund, *Advisory Member (Moderator)*

Sharon Carpenter, *Diaconal Assistant*
Dan Clarkson, *Diaconal Assistant*
Linda Herndon, *Diaconal Assistant*
Carol Holtrop, *Diaconal Assistant (Clerk)*
Lori McLeod, *Diaconal Assistant*
Alex Smith, *Diaconal Assistant*

CHURCH OFFICE (989-269-7161)

Church Office Hours (*M–F, 8:00am–12:00pm*)
Scott McDermund (*By appointment*)

STATISTICS

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: MARCH 23RD

AM Service	73
AM Livestream	5
AM AVG. 2025	64
AM AVG. 2024	64
PM Service	8
PM Livestream	---
PM AVG. 2025	10
PM AVG. 2024	14
Wednesday PM (Lent)	15
Wednesday PM AVG	19
2024 AVG	23

GENERAL FUND GIVING

March Giving	\$
March Budget	\$



The Parable of the Lost Silver Coin

Godefridus Schalcken (ca. 1680)