

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAD AXE (EST. 1878)

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

FAITHFUL TO THE SCRIPTURES

TRUE TO THE REFORMED FAITH

OBEDIENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

Lord's Day 25

June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

“The Coming of the Son of Man”



Ascension  
(1775)

*John Singleton Copley*

# 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. 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> century), the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed (AD 381), the Definition of Chalcedon (AD 451) and the Athanasian Creed (5<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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. McDermind II

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EVENTS**

### **THIS LORD'S DAY**

- 9:55      Announcements & Prelude
- 10:00      Morning Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer**
- 11:15      Fellowship: Coffee, Tea, & Snacks hosted by

### **THIS WEEK**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** –

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**Ladies Night** –

**Attic Treasure Sale** – Date and times TBD based on how many donations we receive. Please bring your donations during office hours or contact the Diaconate to assist you.

**Missions Sunday** – We will be hosting Rev. Dom Marko next Sunday. He will be preaching and presenting his Mission Work in Dearborn, Grace Presbyterian Church, during Sunday School.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ** – Join us for our Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Essians. BBQ begins at 1:00 PM. Please bring a side-dish. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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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); expectant mother Maddie Wissner and baby, 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 persecution in Pakistan.

# PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and be ever-ready for the coming of the Son of Man; that in the last day, when he shall come again on the clouds in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Prayer | *The Coming of the Son of Man*

“There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and foreboding of what is coming on the world. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when you see these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

The Lord Jesus Christ | *Luke 21:25–28*

“Watch yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness, and cares for this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and do stand before the Son of Man.”

The Lord Jesus Christ | *Luke 21:34–36*

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

St. John | *Revelation 1:6b–7*

# ~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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\*GOD'S GREETING

*Galatians*

1:3-5

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm*

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Minister: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

†**Congregation: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives  
way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the  
sea,  
though its waters roar and foam.**

Minister: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
He utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us,  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

†**Congregation: "Be still and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"**

**All: The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

\*PSALM OF ENTRANCE

*God Is Our Refuge and Our*

*Strength (1, 3, 5)*

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

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

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\*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE



# THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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## READING OF THE LAW

*Isaiah*

58:13–14

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 fourth commandment?

†Congregation: **The fourth commandment is,  
Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy.**

Minister: How is the Sabbath, or the Lord's Day to be kept holy?

†Congregation: **The Sabbath, or Lord's Day is to be kept holy  
by a holy resting all that day,  
not only from such works that are at all times sinful,  
but even from such worldly employments and  
recreations  
that are on other days lawful;  
and making it our delight to spend the whole time –  
except for that which is taken up  
in works of necessity and mercy –  
in the public and private acts of God's worship;  
and to that end, we are to prepare our hearts  
beforehand  
with such diligence and moderation,  
to do away with and complete our worldly business,  
so that we may be free and fit for the duties of that day.**

Minister: What is sin?

†Congregation: **Sin is any lack of conformity unto  
or transgression of the law of God.**

Minister: Christian, have you kept God's law perfectly?

†**Congregation: No, for we have all sinned  
and fallen short of the glory of God.**

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; Colossians*

*1:13–14*

\*PSALM OF ASSURANCE

*558 – That Man Is Blest, Who Fearing*

*God*

## **OUR OFFERINGS**

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### **\*THE WEEKLY OFFERING**

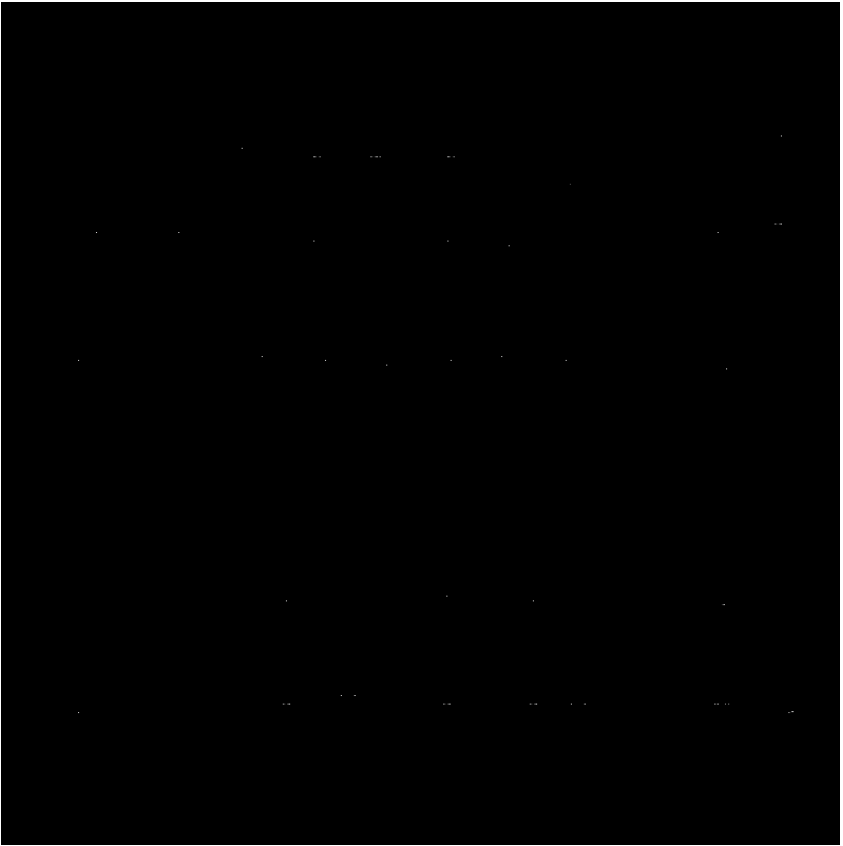
*Galatians*

6:7–9

Whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

### **\*THE OFFERING OF PRAISE**

*Doxology*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Ruling Elder*

*Mr. Jim Philp*

## 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 SERMON

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SERMON TEXT

*Luke*

21:25–38

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON

*Passion Week: The Coming of the Son of Man  
Prophesied*

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

\*HYMN OF APPLICATION

*Lo He Comes with Clouds*

*Descending*

**Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**

C. Wesley & J. Cennick (1760)  
Tune: Picardy, French Carol, (17<sup>th</sup> C)  
Arr., R. Vaughn Williams (1906)

1        Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
          once for favored sinners slain;

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thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God appears on earth to reign.

2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Ev'ry island, sea, and mountain,  
heav'n and earth, shall flee away;  
all who hate him must, confounded,  
hear the trump proclaim the day:  
Come to judgment! Come to judgment!  
Come to judgment, come away!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly, O come quickly;  
alleluia! come, Lord, come.

## 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**

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LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION HYMN

426 – *Till He*

*Come*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

*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."

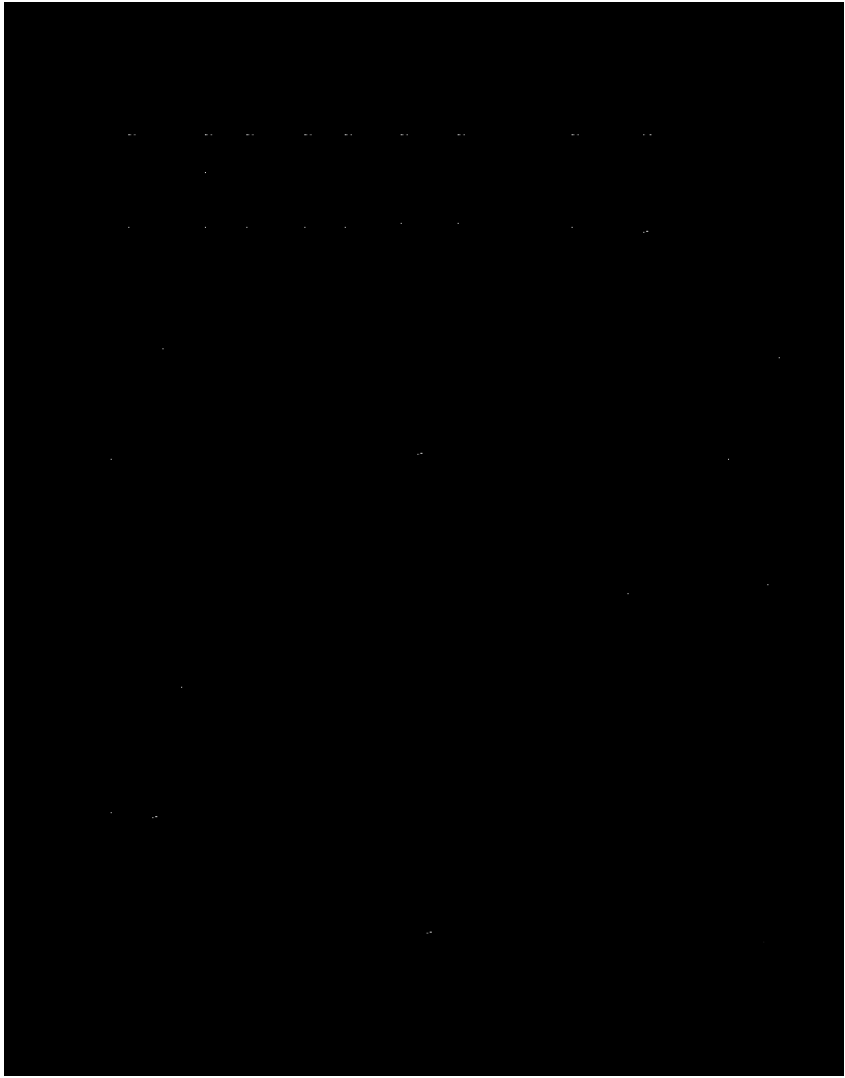
\*THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

## DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

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\*DOXOLOGY



\*BENEDICTION

*1 Thessalonians 5:23,*

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\*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.”*

(1 Thessalonians 5:16–18)

**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:** **For the health of:** Expectant mother Maddie Wissner and baby; Ann Armstrong (cancer), Mark & Michelle Green, Tom & Julia Mayes, Lisa Schember, and the families of Alan Moulds and Kurt 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 they would not forsake the communion of the saints and public worship. **For Visitors:** That God would continue to bring in families, couples, and individuals who seek to glorify him 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:** Jackson Fluegge, 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 & Jack Armstrong (Ann’s niece and brother: cancer); Andrea Bouverette Droulliard (Linda Herndon’s friend, Beth Bouverette’s daughter: learning to walk again after heart transplant); Kari Campbell (Joy Gentner’s friend); 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). **For all of our ministries:**

for faithfulness in our ordained officers; Elders: the ability to lead and shepherd their flocks; Diaconate: strength and energy; Trustees: wisdom and a view for the Great Commission; Sunday School program: faithful attendance, growth, and discipleship; Sunday School teachers: knowledge and joy; Missions Committee: participation in local missions and outreach; for a stronger local outreach; Men's and Women's ministry: better participation and being a blessing to us and to others. That those who participate in these various ministries 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 and act like men; that we would be faithful in obedience to the Holy Scriptures, the Westminster Standards, and the Book of Church Order; that God would continue to 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 that this would be evident in the fruit of their attendance of our AM and PM services.

**OUR PRESBYTERY: Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo MI—Pastor Neil (Leandra) Quinn** – We continue to rejoice in God's faithfulness as another school year of ministry comes to an end, and we enter the summer season. Please pray for Pastor Ryan and his family as they enjoy a summer sabbatical. Pray for our college students and campus outreach staff as many return home for the summer, go on various trips, participate in summer beach project, raise support, and seek internships. Pray also for the joy and peace of the gospel to abound in our congregation and community. **Heart City Church, Elkhart IN – Pastor Joel (Jamie) Irvin – Praise God:** for His faithfulness, presence, and power seen in members' witness. **Pray for:** Comfort for the Irvins' with their recent losses, for HCC; Discipleship, Laborers (Musicians, Volunteers, Leaders), and additional Finances to replace rooftop HVAC units.

**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 interest 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. 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 the Word of God or preach a false gospel.

**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 the 4.8 million Christians living under Islamic oppression and persecution in Pakistan (8<sup>th</sup> on the list of most persecuted countries for Christians).

## **INFORMATION & STATISTICS**

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## **THE SESSION**

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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**

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Bob Hobkirk	Deacon, Trustee
Allan McLeod	Deacon
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 OFFICES**

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Church Office	M–F, 8:00–12:00
Pastor’s Office	T–F, By Appointment

## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE: JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>**

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AM Service	62
AM Livestream	
AM AVG. (2026)	66
AM AVG (2025)	65
PM Service	31
PM Livestream	
PM AVG. 2025	16
PM AVG. 2024	17

## **GENERAL FUND GIVING**

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June Giving	\$
June Budget	\$