



Faithful to the Scriptures.

True to the Reformed Faith.

Obedient to the Great Commission.

Lord's Day 41

October 12th, 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) 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, although we trace our beliefs and practices to the Apostolic Church, 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 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, we gather together to hear the Word of God, receive the Sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper), to pray, to praise, and to enjoy Christian fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to connect with Pastor Scott or with one of our elders or deacons.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Rev. Scott C. McDermand II

CHURCH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY: OCTOBER 12TH

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

THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 12TH – OCTOBER 18TH

Sign-Up Sheets – Check the bulletin board for sign-up sheets for upcoming Feasts, Fellowship Snacks, Men's and Women's Events, and ways that you can serve the Church.

Men's Breakfast – October 18th

Theology Thursday: Book Study – Book Sign-up sheet will be on the board soon. Study begins November 13th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries –

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: FUTURE EVENTS

Steve Gonzales Ordination Service – Sunday, October 19th at 5pm at Christ Church in Ann Arbor. Our PM service will be canceled. All are invited.

Women's Fellowship Event – October 25th

German Reformation Dinner – Join us for our 7th annual German Reformation Dinner on Sunday, October 26th following our PM Service. Service at 5pm, Dinner at 6:15pm. Bring a German dish, dessert, or drink to share. Prost!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN NEED OF PRAYER: Ann Armstrong, Mark & Michelle Green, Julia Mayes, and Lisa Schember; expectant mother: Yvonne Krug; 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); our shut-in ministry; for those who have ceased attending public worship regularly, 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 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 in North Korea, China, Laos, and Vietnam suffering under Communist and post-Communist oppression.

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Christ the True and Better"

Boswell, Getty, & Papa (2005) | Briynne McCrea (Piano)

O God, whose Blessed Son opened the eyes of the blind: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Christ in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect | For the Eyes of Faith

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

St. Luke | Luke 18:31–34

Jesus Christ was the main subject of the prophets' studies. Their inquiry into the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow, would lead to a view of the whole gospel, the sum whereof is, that Christ Jesus was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification...The doctrine of the prophets, and that of the apostles, exactly agree, as coming from the same Spirit of God. The gospel is the ministration of the Spirit...Let us then search diligently those Scriptures which contain the doctrines of salvation.

Matthew Henry (1662–1714) | Commentary on the Old and New Testaments

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

St. Paul | Ephesians 1:16–21

~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

Galatians 1:3-5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 22

*PSALM OF PRAISE

2 – O Worship the King

(1-3, 5)

*RESPONSORIAL

from Psalms 22 &

124:5

Minister: I will tell of your Name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the LORD, praise him!

†Congregation: **From you comes my praise in the great
congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

Minister: All you, offspring of Jacob, glorify him!
Stand in awe of him, all you, offspring of Israel!

†Congregation: **It shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness.**

Minister: All the ends of the earth shall turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

†Congregation: **For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

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

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

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

READING OF THE LAW

Exodus

20:1–15

Minister: The Word of God is living and active.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE LAW

Minister: Which is the eighth commandment?

†Congregation: **The eighth commandment is:**

Thou shall not steal.

Minister: What is required in the eighth commandment?

†Congregation: **The eighth commandment requires:**

**the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth
and outward estate of ourselves and others.**

Minister: What is forbidden the eighth commandment?

†Congregation: **The eighth commandment forbids:**

**whatsoever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own,
or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.**

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

†Congregation: **No, for as the Apostle Paul says,**

**“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”
and as the Apostle John also writes,**

**“If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”**

Minister: What then, can we do?

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

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Book of

Common Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone things which we ought to have done;

and we have done things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent;

according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus.

Grant that we may hence live a godly, righteous, and sober life;

to the glory of His name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9; Colossians

1:13–14

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

585 – Take My Life and Let it Be

(1–5)

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.

Book of Worship | BCO 54-1

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Teaching Elder, Rev. Scott

McDermand

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.

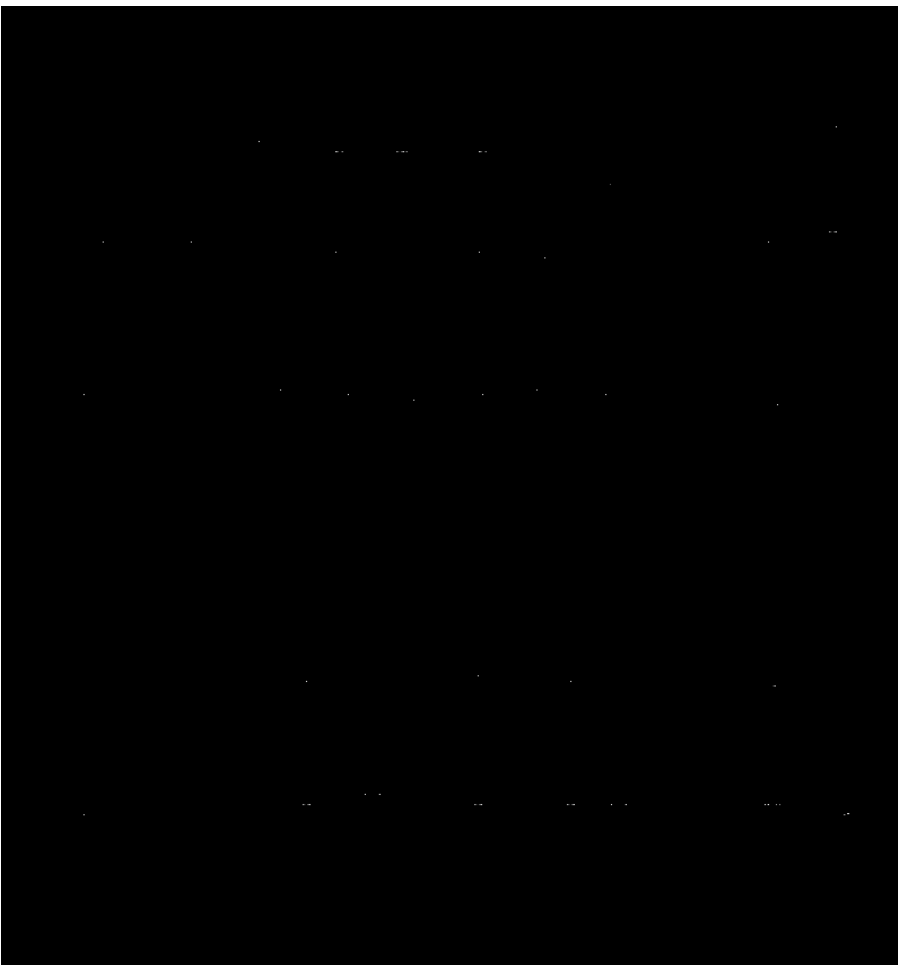
THE WEEKLY OFFERING

Ephesians

5:1–2

Therefore, be imitators of God...and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*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.

The Westminster Divines | WLC 160

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT

Luke

18:31–43

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON

The

Ministry of Jesus:

Eyes to See: Passion Prophecy and Kingship

SERMON NOTES

A PASSION PROPHECY

THE BLIND MAN WHO COULD ALREADY SEE

APPLICATION: LET US SEE CHRIST IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*HYMN OF APPLICATION

Christ the True and Better (pp.

21–22)

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

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

The Prophet Isaiah | Isaiah 53:3

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION PSALM

246 – *Man of Sorrows! What a*

Name

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda (3rd

Cent.)

Minister: Peace be with you.

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

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke

22:17–20

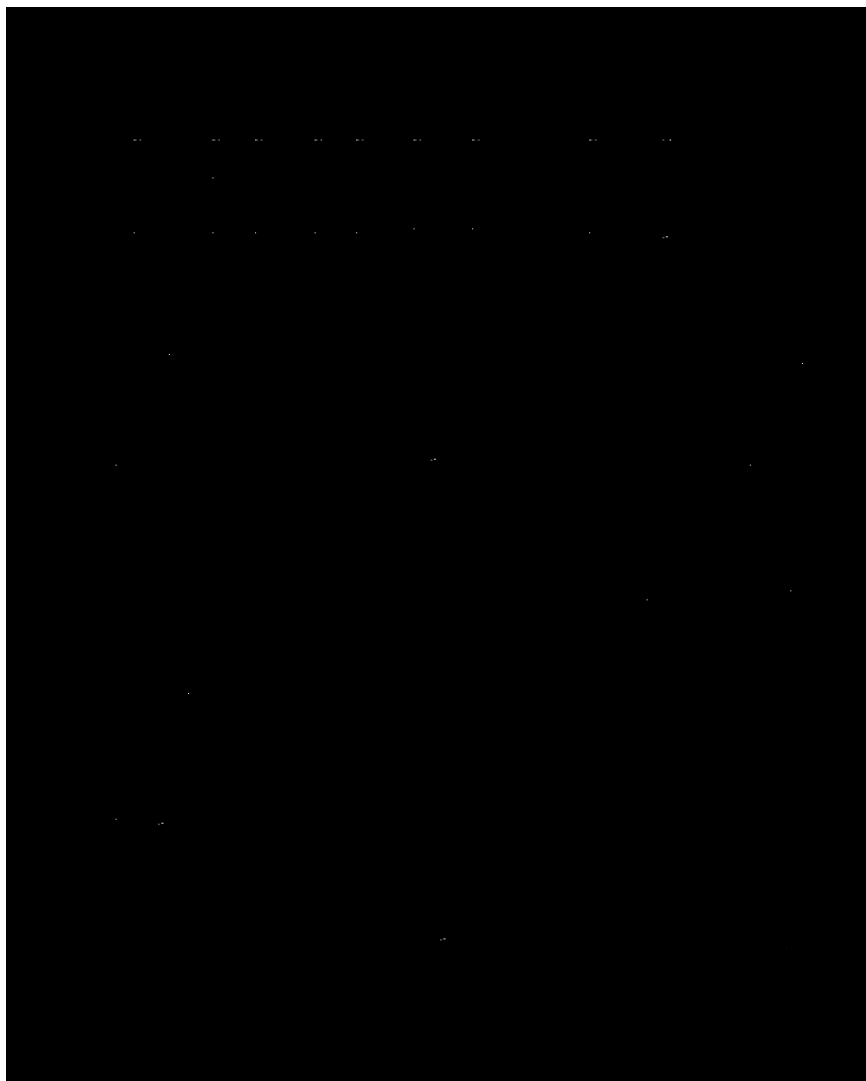
And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This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

*THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY



*BENEDICTION

Hebrews

13:20–21

*POSTLUDE

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

(5:00 PM)

PRELUDE

"My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD...When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.'"

The LORD through Nathan the Prophet | 2 Samuel 7:5a, 12–14b

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession."

King David | Psalm 2:1–8

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

Ethan the Ezrahite | Psalm 89:1–4

The LORD said to my Lord; "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool." The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

The LORD has sworn and will not change his minds, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up head.

King David | Psalm 110

I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

The Prophet Ezekiel | Ezekiel 34:22–24

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of the kingdom there will be no end."

St. Luke | Luke 1:30–33

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road. And the crowds that went before him and followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

St. Matthew | Matthew 21:6–9

The gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Paul | Romans 1:1b–4

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GREETING

1 Peter

1:1b–2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:1–8, 13–18,

52

*PSALM OF PRAISE

99 – My Song Forever Shall

Record (1–5, 8)

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

READING & RESPONSES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel

7:1–17

CONFESSIONAL STATEMENT

7.6 – Of God's Covenant with

Man

[The Covenant of Grace] was differently administered
in the time of the law and in the time of the gospel:
under the law it was administered by promises,
prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the paschal lamb,
and other types and ordinances delivered to the people of the Jews,
all fore-signifying Christ to come,
which were for that time sufficient and efficacious,
through the operation of the Spirit,
to instruct and build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah,
by whom they had full remission of sins and eternal salvation;
and is called the Old Testament.

*PSALM OF RESPONSE

311 – Hail to the Lord's

Anointed

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke

1:26–38

SERMON

Covenant Theology: I Will Be Your

God

The Davidic Covenant

SERMON NOTES

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

IN REFORMED THEOLOGY

IN THE HISTORY OF REDEMPTION

IN APPLICATION: THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*PSALM OF APPLICATION

314 – O Wherefore Do the Nations

Rage

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (p.

845)

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION HYMN

87 – The Lord's My

Shepherd

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum

Corda

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

11 – Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

(1, 2)

*BENEDICTION

Numbers

6:24–26

Christ The True And Better

Matt Boswell, Keith Getty
and Matt Papa

1. Christ, the true and bet - ter Ad - am, Son of God and Son of man; Who, when
 2. Christ, the true and bet - ter I - saac, hum - ble Son of sac - ri - fice; Who would
 3. Christ, the true and bet - ter Mo - ses, called to lead a peo - ple home; stand - ing
 4. Christ, the true and bet - ter Da - vid; low - ly Shep - hers, might - y King. He, the

5 tempt - ed in the gar - den nev - er yield - ed, nev - er sinned. He, Who
 climb the fear - ful moun - tain, there to of - fer up His life. Laid with
 bold to earth - ly pow - ers, God's great glo - ry to be known. With His
 cham - pion in the bat - tle; where O death, is now thy sting? In our

9 F/A B♭ F C/E Dm B♭ma9 C C/B♭

makes the man - y right - eous, brings us back to life a - gain. Dy - ing,
 faith up - on the al - tar; Fa - ther's joy and on - ly Son. There sal -
 arms stretched wide to heav - en, see the wa - ters part in two. See the
 place He bled and con - quered; crown him Lord of Maj - es - ty. He shall

13 F/A Gm/B♭ F/C C7 F

He re - versed the curse; then, ris - ing crushed the ser - pent's head.
 va - tion was pro - vid - ed; oh, what full and bound - less love!
 veil was torn for - ev - er; cleansed with blood we pass now through.
 be the throne for - ev - er. We shall e're His peo - ple be.

Chorus
17 B♭ C/E F C/E Dm C/E F F/A

A - men, a - men from be - gin - ning to end. Christ, the

22 B♭ C Dm7 F/A B♭ma7 Dm C F

sto - ry; His, the glo - ry. Al - le - lu - iah, a - men.

EXTENDED PRAYER LIST

“Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.”

(Westminster Larger Catechism 178)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

For the health of: Ann Armstrong, Jackson Fluegge, Mark & Michelle Green, Julia Mayes, and Lisa Schember; expectant mother: Yvonne Krug; 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 who are able, would participate in our shut-in ministry. **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 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:** 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, 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: the family of Kim Brown (Pam Belew's sister); Alfreda Brewer (Pam Belew's friend); Linda Dumaw (Bonnie, Judy, and Sharon's friend: barn fire); Tom Fata (Annette Knapp's brother: colon cancer); Virginia Gembarski (Sharon Gisel's sister: Leukemia); Angie Gonzales (chronic pain); Megan Knight and baby (Pastor Scott's sister who is expecting); 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, 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

Rev. Walter (Mynda) Lorenz (Pastor at Large of GLP) Please join in thanks to God that Red Tree Presbyterian Mission Church (Ann Arbor, MI.) is now officially our newest "particular church" in the Gt. Lks. Presbytery of the PCA. Please pray for Lead Pastor Ryan McVicar (wife Megan) and newly ordained Elders and Deacons, that God will give them great wisdom and Christ-likeness as they under-shepherd and care for God's precious people at Red Tree and as they reach out to the world around them with the Gospel. The beginning members and officers of a new church have a great effect on forming the "personality" of a church that carries on for generations to come. And please pray for us as we work with various church plants and some non-PCA churches thinking of joining us in the GLP, that God will likewise give us great wisdom and Christ-likeness.

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 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."

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 in particular for Christians living under Communist and post-Communist oppression in North Korea (1), China (15), Laos (22), and Vietnam (44).

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: OCTOBER 5TH

AM Service	60
AM Livestream	
AM AVG. 2025	64
AM AVG. 2024	64
PM Service	11
PM Livestream	
PM AVG. 2025	15
PM AVG. 2024	14

GENERAL FUND GIVING

October Giving	\$
Septber Budget	\$

“David Slaying Goliath”

Peter Paul Rubens (ca. 1616)



“Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth...When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.’”

(2 Samuel 7:8–9, 12–14a)