

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

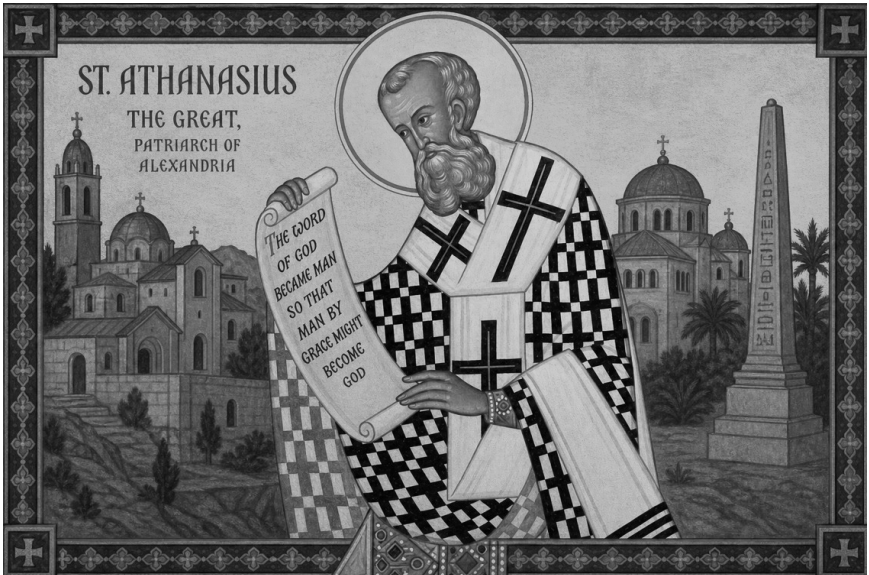
OBEDIENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

Lord's Day 22

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

“The Holy Trinity and Redemption”



Athanasius of Alexandria (ca. 296–373)

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) as codified in the ancient creeds and confessions of the Church: The Apostles' Creed (2nd century), the Nicene-Constantinopolitan 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 historical roots in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th and 17th 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,

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
- 11:45 Sunday School
- 5:00 Evening Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer**

THIS WEEK

Birthdays & Anniversaries

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Backyard BBQ & PM Service – June 14th at the McDermid's home. BBQ begins at 1pm and outdoor service at 3pm. Future locations are on the bulletin board. We need someone to host in August!

Attic Treasure Sale –

Missions Sunday – We will be hosting TE Dom Marko on June 28th. He will be preaching and presenting his Mission Work in Dearborn, Grace Presbyterian Church, during Sunday School.

4th of July BBQ – Join us for our Annual 4th of July BBQ on Sunday, July 5th hosted by the Essians. BBQ begins at 1:00 PM.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN NEED OF PRAYER: Ann Armstrong, Mark & Michelle Green, Julia Mayes, Lisa Schember, and the family of Kurt 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 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 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 Nigeria.

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Getty & Townend (2006) | *Piano, Briynne McCrea*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer | *Trinity Sunday*

According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

St. Peter | *1 Peter 1:2*

Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

The Lord Jesus Christ | *John 17:1–5*

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone. The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; he proceeds from the Father and the Son. Accordingly, there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. None in this Trinity is before or after, none is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other.”

The Athanasian Creed | *5th Century*

~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

1 Peter

1:1-2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm

95

*HYMN OF ENTRANCE

101 – Come, Thou Almighty

King

*RESPONSORIAL

Minister: O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

†Congregation: **For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**

Minister: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

†Congregation: **Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen!**

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

READING OF THE LAW

Ephesians

1:3–14

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

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;

Matthew 28:19b

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Union with Thee (1–3,

5)

OUR OFFERINGS

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

THE WEEKLY OFFERING

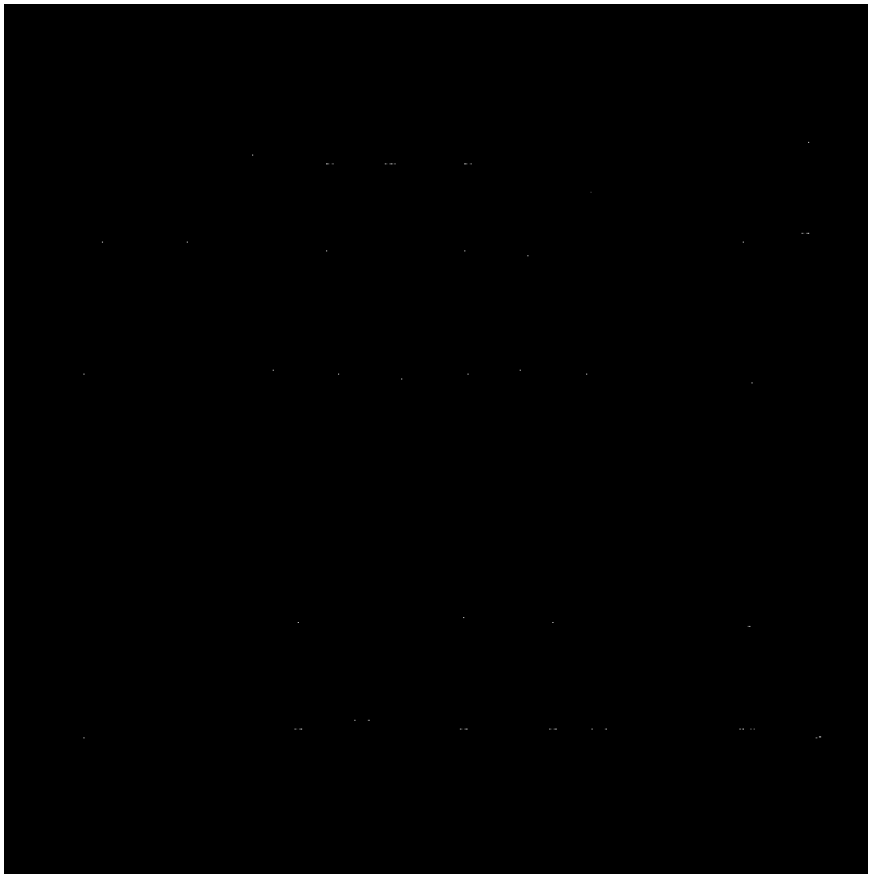
1 Chronicles

16:29

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

*THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

Doxology



THE SERMON

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT

John

17

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON

The Gospel According to John: Passion, Pascha,

Pentecost

Trinity Sunday: The Holy Trinity & Redemption

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*HYMN OF APPLICATION

102 – All Glory Be to Thee, Most

High

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

CONFESSION OF FAITH

ATHANASIAN CREED (5TH CENTURY)

Minister: Whoever desires to be saved
should above all hold to the universal Christian faith.
Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken
will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the true faith:

†Congregation: That we worship one God in Trinity
and the Trinity in unity,
neither blending their persons
nor dividing their essence.

‡All: For the person of the Father is a distinct person,
the person of the Son is another,
and that of the Holy Spirit still another.

But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.

Minister: Such as the Father is, such is the Son,
and such is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated,
the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable,

the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.
The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal,
the Holy Spirit is eternal.

†Congregation: And yet there are not three eternal beings;
there is but one eternal being.

†All: So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings;
there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

Minister: Similarly, the Father is almighty,
the Son is almighty,
the Holy Spirit is almighty.

Yet there are not three almighty beings;
there is but one almighty being.

†Congregation: Thus, the Father is God,
the Son is God,
the Holy Spirit is God.

Yet there are not three gods;
there is but one God.

Thus, the Father is Lord,
the Son is Lord,
the Holy Spirit is Lord.

Yet there are not three lords;
there is but one Lord.

†All: Just as Christian truth compels us to confess
each person individually as both God and Lord,
so, the true religion forbids us to say
that there are three gods or lords.

Minister: The Father was neither made nor created
nor begotten from anyone.

The Son was neither made nor created;
he was begotten from the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten;
he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly, there is one Father, not three fathers;
there is one Son, not three sons;
there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

Nothing in this Trinity is before or after,
nothing is greater or smaller;
in their entirety the three persons are coeternal
and coequal with each other.

So, in everything, as was said earlier,
we must worship the Trinity in unity
and the unity in Trinity.

†Congregation: Anyone then who desires to be saved
should think thus about the Trinity.

But it is necessary for eternal salvation
that one also believe in the incarnation
of our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully.

Minister: Now this is the true faith:

†All: That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ,
God's Son, is both God and man, equally.

He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time;
and he is man from the essence of his mother, born in time;
completely God, completely man,
with a rational soul and human flesh;
equal to the Father as regards divinity,
less than the Father as regards humanity.

Although he is God and man,
yet Christ is not two, but one.

He is one, however,
not by his divinity being turned into flesh,
but by God's taking humanity to himself.

He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence,
but by the unity of his person.

For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh,
so too the one Christ is both God and man.

He suffered for our salvation;
he descended to hell;
he arose from the dead;
he ascended to heaven;
he is seated at the Father's right hand;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will arise bodily
and give an accounting of their own deeds.
Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

Minister: This is the universal Christian faith:
one cannot be saved without believing it firmly and faithfully.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION HYMN

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Foundation

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

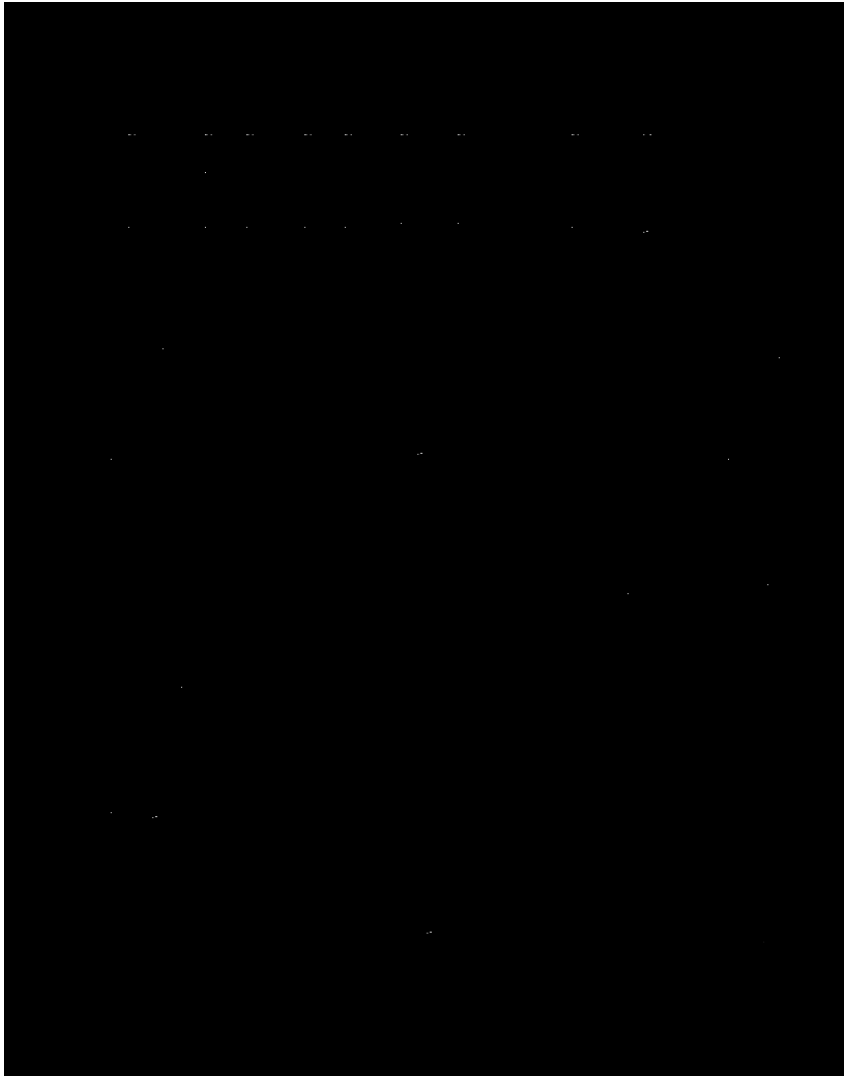
And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This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

2 Corinthians

12:13

*POSTLUDE

EVENING WORSHIP

CATECHETICAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Diademata

George J. Elvey, 1868

Because the power which God hath ordained, and the liberty which Christ hath purchased, are not intended by God to destroy, but mutually to uphold and preserve one another; they who, upon pretense of Christian liberty, shall oppose any lawful exercise of it, whether it be civil or ecclesiastical, resist the ordinance of God.

The Westminster Divines | *WCF 20.4, Of Christian Liberty*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad.

St. Paul | *Romans 13:1–3*

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

St. Peter | *1 Peter 2:13–16*

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercession, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

St. Paul | *1 Timothy 2:1–2*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*GREETING

Galatians

1:3-5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm

72

*PSALM OF PRAISE

311 – *Hail to the*

Lord's Anointed

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm

2

*PSALM OF RESPONSE

314 – *O Wherefore Do the Nations*

Rage

PASTORAL PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans

13:1-7

SERMON

Of Christian

Liberty, and of Liberty of Conscience:

Punishing Those Who Resist the Ordinance of God

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*PSALM OF APPLICATION

312 – *O God, Your Judgments Give the*

King

~ WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH ~

CHAPTER 20, PARAGRAPHS 4

OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY & LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE

AND BECAUSE the power which God hath ordained,
and the liberty which Christ hath purchased,
are not intended by God to destroy,
but to mutually uphold and preserve one another;
they who, upon pretense of Christian liberty,
shall oppose any lawful power, or the lawful exercise of it,
whether it be civil or ecclesiastical,
resist the ordinance of God.

And for their publishing of such opinions,
or maintaining of such practices,
as are contrary to the light of nature,
or to the known principles of Christianity,
whether concerning faith, worship, or conversation;
or to the power of godliness;
or such erroneous opinions or practices as,

either in their own nature,
or in the manner of publishing or maintaining them,
are destructive to the external peace and order
which Christ hath established in the Church;
they may lawfully be called to account,
and proceeded against by the censures of the Church,
and by the power of the Civil Magistrate.

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles'

Creed

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

Hebrews

13:20–21

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased from 1.5 million to 2.5 million (16% of the population) (Department of Health 1999).

There are a number of reasons for this increase. One of the main reasons is the increasing demand for health services. The population is ageing, and there is a growing incidence of chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes. This has led to a corresponding increase in the number of people who are employed in the public sector.

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~ DAILY LITURGY ~

(FOR FAMILY OR PERSONAL DEVOTION)

*“His delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.”*

(Psalm 1:2)

GLORIA PATRI

OPENING PSALM

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION OF SIN

CONFESSION OF FAITH

OLD TESTAMENT READING

APPLICATION

HYMN OR PSALM

NEW TESTAMENT READING

APPLICATION

HYMN OR PSALM

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

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 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 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); 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, Valparaiso IN – Pastor Andrew (Jenni) Gretzinger - Continue to pray for the preached word to transform hearts and minds; thanksgiving that our new members' class is full, and continued prayers for sustaining grace as we train and ordain new officers. Also, pray especially for preparations for summer missions and ministry.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Traverse City, MI - Pastor Austin (Michelle) Reed Praise God for the many blessings He has given to Redeemer. Please pray for the continued preaching and teaching of the gospel that believers in Jesus would be encouraged and strengthened in faith and those who do not yet believe would be drawn to Jesus.

Rev. Satoshi (& Cally) Kawachi - Please pray (1) for our efforts to reach out to local communities in various ways including Cally's art workshops for neighbors and new migrants at our place; (2) for an Iranian MBB theology student whom Satoshi mentors

and with whom we are seeking His guidance & wisdom, re. a Farsi speaking Church Plant project in town along with other Farsi-speaking MBB's; (3) for His blessings on our Church Planting project for the refugees and migrants, led by our teammates, Pastor David & Rashed and their children in their city in Southern Europe, along with our team's national partners, Alejandro & Victoria and their children. The latter is urgently in need of legal documents and other financial needs. In addition, for our new teammate, James M's (Knox PCA--Harrison Township, MI) partnership development in the US; (4) for his blessings on our Brazilian co-workers, Pastor José & Marli's CP project for the locals on the other side of the border; (5) for our twin daughters, age 28, Suzi, a Dermatology PA, who has been looking for a PA job since last December when she was laid off and Sophi, who graduated from a med school in Blacksburg, VA, on May 8 and will start working as OB/Gyn resident doctor at Riverside Hospital in Newport News, VA, in June; (6) for the spiritual welfare of Cally's bedridden 96-year-old mother in Northern Virginia, as well as, for His intervention & provisions so that she can receive the best care possible. Grazie mille!

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 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 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 Islamic oppression and persecution in Nigeria.

INFORMATION & STATISTICS

THE SESSION & DIACONATE

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

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: MAY 24th

AM Service	71
AM Livestream	
AM AVG. (2026)	67
AM AVG (2025)	65
PM Service	N/A
PM Livestream	N/A
PM AVG. 2025	15
PM AVG. 2024	17

GENERAL FUND GIVING

May Giving	\$
May Budget	\$