



Faithful to the Scriptures.

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Obedient to the Great Commission.

Lord's Day 2
January 11th, 2026
The Epiphany

WELCOME

Grace to you and Peace!

On behalf of the elders, deacons, and all the saints: Welcome to **First Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe**. We are pleased that you are here with us today to worship our Triune God. This bulletin contains a liturgy which will guide you through our worship services. We invite you to join us after the service for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Here's a bit of info about who we are and what we believe:

We are a Christian Church: Thus, we believe in the Holy Trinity: One God, in three persons: The Eternal Father, the Eternally-Begotten Son, and the Eternally-Proceeding Holy Spirit. As Christians, we confess the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3) and codified in the ancient creeds of the Christian Church: The Apostles' Creed (2nd century), the Nicene Creed (AD 381), the Definition of Chalcedon (AD 451) and the Athanasian Creed (5th century).

We are a Protestant Church: As Protestants, we trace our beliefs and practices to the Apostolic Church, but we also have foundational roots in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th and 17th centuries. Protestants believe in the authority of the inspired Holy Scriptures over unbiblical Church tradition. We also believe that salvation is by God's *grace alone*, through *faith alone*, in *Christ alone*, for the *glory of God alone* (Eph. 2:8–10).

We are a Reformed Church: Reformed Churches originated from different regions, mostly in Western Europe, during the Protestant Reformation. These churches believe and confess the doctrinal summaries of the Holy Scriptures that arose from that time period. Our tradition comes from the Scottish and English Reformations; thus, we believe and confess the Westminster Standards, written in England during the 1640's.

We are a Presbyterian Church: Presbyterians believe that the biblical form of Church government is through called, trained, tested, elected, and ordained elders. In the Greek New Testament, elders are called *presbyters*, which is where the name "Presbyterian" comes from. Our Teaching Elder preaches and teaches, and our Ruling Elders come alongside of him to shepherd, lead, keep the Church from false doctrine, and make decisions on her behalf. We also have trained, tested, called, elected, and ordained deacons who take care of the material needs of the Church.

Reformed Presbyterian Churches hold the public worship of God in high esteem. Thus, our **Lord's Day Worship Services** are the most important events of the week. During this time, we gather together to hear the Word of God, receive the Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper), to pray, to praise, and enjoy Christian fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to connect with me, or with one of our elders or deacons.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Rev. Scott C. McDermand II

CHURCH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY: JANUARY 11TH

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

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 11TH– JANUARY 17TH

Epiphany Feast – Our annual Epiphany Feast is today after our morning service. Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Guests welcome!

Ladies Night –

Theology Thursday: Book Study – We will be discussing chapters 14–17. Charcuterie at 6:30, study begins at 7:00.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, January 17th. Join the men of the church for a hearty breakfast, fellowship, hymns, prayer, and encouragement. Future men are also welcome. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Sign up and show up. Kitchen opens at 8:00, breakfast begins at 9:00.

Birthdays & Anniversaries –

Mailboxes – Check your mailboxes!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: FUTURE EVENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting – Our Congregational Meeting will be held after our morning worship service on Sunday, January 25th. There will be fellowship and snacks afterward, but no Sunday School or PM Service that day. Annual reports and write-ups will be available at the beginning of January prior to the meeting.

Missions Giving – Beginning in 2026, our giving toward missions will now be part of our budget. We will be giving 10% of our 2025 tithing toward foreign and local missions. If you are currently giving additional offerings toward missions, we encourage you to simply factor that into your weekly or monthly giving. We are also looking for several people who are missions-minded and would like to serve in local outreach. Thank you!

Chili Cook-Off – Our annual Chili Cook-Off will be held after our morning worship service on Sunday, February 8th. We need at least 10 chili-makers to enter the Cook-Off and many sides, drinks, and desserts will also be needed! Feel free to use chicken, ground turkey, venison, or duck in place of beef.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN NEED OF PRAYER: Ann Armstrong, Mark & Michelle Green, Tom & Julia Mayes, and Lisa Schember; those who serve as caretakers; all who are ill or traveling; long-term care residents: Pam Belew (Courtney Manor), Bertha McTaggart, and Ann Thaut (Meadow Lanes); for those who have ceased attending public worship, that God would reveal to them their sin, and the necessity of worship and fellowship.

OUR MISSIONARIES: Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker, the Kawachis (France), the Nachtergaeles (Belgium), the Shupes (British 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 our members would take their public vows seriously and attend church regularly; that our people would attend our PM services where the means of grace are offered; that God would be glorified and we would be sanctified as we worship him.

OUR COUNTRY: That the civil magistrate would rule with justice and uphold laws; that they would protect and encourage the good and punish the evil; for our local, county, state, and federal civil servants; for the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches; that our leaders in government would come to know Christ: The King of kings and Lord of lords, and that their governance would demonstrate that knowledge; that Christians in the United States would live quiet, godly, and dignified lives; that Christians would direct others to God in the way that we live as salt and light.

THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL: That the Kingdom of God on earth would advance through the preaching of the gospel throughout the world; for Christians who are being persecuted and martyred: that they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and that their persecutors would be converted through this witness. This month we pray for Christians living under communist oppression and persecution in North Korea.

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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Piano, Briynne McCrea

Almighty and everlasting God, who has made known the incarnation of your Son by the bright shining of a star, which, when the wise men beheld, they presented costly gifts and adored your majesty; grant that the star of your righteousness may always shine into our hearts; and that, as our treasure, we may give ourselves and all we possess to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, together with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Collect | The Epiphany

The star, when it stood over the child, held still. This itself demonstrates a power greater than any star...From this, all who beheld it were encouraged to believe. This is why the Magi rejoiced. They found what they were seeking...Their long journey was not without fruit. Their longing for the Anointed One was fulfilled. He who was born divine, they recognized this in their worship.

John Chrysostom | The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 7.4

Gold was the prerogative of monarchs, who commonly owned all of it they could get their hands on. Incense was used in many ancient cultures in religious rites to indicate the presence of deity. Myrrh was used as a painkiller, an embalming substance, a fragrance, and a beauty treatment; it was added to the oil used when anointing priests. Thus, by the gifts that they bring, the Magi identify Jesus as the supreme ruler of the world; as God's anointed (messiah) high priest; and as the suffering servant who dies as a fragrant and beautiful offering before God.

Laurence Hull Stookey | Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

St. John | John 3:16-17

~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

Galatians 1:3–5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah

60:1–6

*PSALM OF PRAISE

442 –

Arise, O God

*RESPONSORIAL

from Isaiah 60 & Psalm

124:5

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

†Congregation: **Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

Minister: The wealth of the nations shall come to you,
a multitude of camels shall cover you,
those of Midian, Ephah, and Sheba shall come.

†Congregation: **They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.**

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

Matthew

2:1–12

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

Merciful God,

You have caused your light to arise and your glory to appear,
yet we have often loved the shadows and walked in our own ways.

We confess that we have followed after fading treasures,
rather than come with joy to behold the brightness of Christ,
we have withheld from him the gold of our obedience,
the frankincense of our prayers, and the myrrh of loving others.

Forgive us for hearts that are divided, for minds that wander,
and for lives that do not reflect the light of your gospel.

By your Spirit, lead us again to the true King,
that we may fall down in repentance,
rejoice with great joy, and offer ourselves as gifts at his feet.

Lift the darkness from us,
clothe us with the radiant righteousness of Christ,
and make us walk as children of the light.
for the glory of your holy name,
through our only Savior and King, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

60:1, 4

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Kings

1 John 1:9; Isaiah

We Three

166 We Three Kings

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem . . . Magi from the east came. Matt. 2:1



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are: Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far—
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain: Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom—
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise: King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



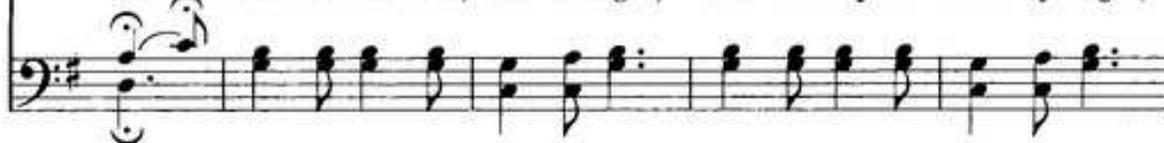
Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain— Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
 Prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
 Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth to heav'n re - plies.



Refrain



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.



OUR OFFERINGS

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

Book of Discipline | BCO 8-3

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

Book of Worship | BCO 54-1

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Ruling Elder, Mr.

Wayne Copeland

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

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

THE WEEKLY OFFERING

Matthew

2:11

And going into the house, [the Magi] saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

*THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

O Come, Let Us Adore

Him

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

John

3:1–20

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON

Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany with

John:

The Epiphany: God So

Loved the World

SERMON NOTES

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JESUS & NICODEMUS: ARE YOU THE TEACHER OF ISRAEL?

GOD SO LOVED *THE WORLD*: THE GOSPEL IS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

SALVATION IS FOR ALL IN THE WORLD...WHO BELIEVE

CONDEMNATION FOR ALL WHO DO NOT BELIEVE

CHILDREN OF GOD LIVING AS LIGHT IN THE WORLD

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

226 – *As with Gladness Men of*

Old

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

CONFESSION OF FAITH DEFINITION OF CHALCEDON (AD 451)

We, then, following the holy fathers,
who all with one consent, teach men to confess
one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood;
truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and body;
co-essential with the Father according to the Godhead,
and consubstantial with us according to the manhood;
in all things like unto us, yet without sin;

Begotten of the Father before the ages regarding the Godhead,
and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation,
born of the Virgin Mary, the God-bearer, regarding the manhood;
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten;

To be acknowledge in two natures,
without confusion, without change,
without division, without separation;
the distinction of the natures being in no way annulled by the union,
but rather, the property of each nature being preserved,
and concurring in one person and one subsistence,
not parted or divided into two persons,
but one and the same Son, and only-begotten:
God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ;

As the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him,
and as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us,
and the creed of the holy fathers has handed down to us.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION HYMN

193 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep

Silence

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda (3rd

Cent.)

Minister: Peace be with you.

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

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians

11:23–26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY 203 – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
(1, 2)

*BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians
13:14

*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: Ann Armstrong (cancer), Mark (recovering at home from back surgery) & Michelle (caretaking) Green, Tom & Julia Mayes (constant pain and a recent fall), and Lisa Schember; for all those who serve as caretakers in our congregation; for those who are ill; and for those who are traveling. **For those living in long-term care facilities:** Pam Belew (Courtney Manor), Bertha McTaggart and Ann Thaut (Meadow Lanes); that our shut-in ministry would be fruitful and that our members would participate. **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 Christian Faith, and come to a Reformed understanding of Scripture. Praise for recent visitors and that they would consider membership here in our local body of Christ. **For our Families:** that husbands would love their wives as Christ loves the Church and that wives would submit to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ. That parents would take seriously their duty to raise and train their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. That fathers would bring their families to

Church. That parents would bring their children to Sunday School every Lord's Day. That children would obey their parents and show respect to authorities in the home, church, and society. **For our singles and divorced:** that they would devote themselves to the Lord and to the ministries of the Church; and that God would grant marriage to those who desire it. **For our widows:** that the Lord would provide support and fellowship through the church; that they would devote themselves to Christ and serve His body. **For our College Students:** Regan Hobkirk and Hailee McLeod; that they would glorify God in their studies; that they would attend a local church on the Lord's Day; and that God would grant them vocational clarity. **For Family Members & Friends of our Church:** for the physical and spiritual health of: Amanda Armstrong (Ann's niece: cancer); Linda Dumaw (Bonnie Perry, Judy Stokan, and Sharon Carpenter's friend); Tom Fata (Annette Knapp's brother: colon cancer); Virginia Gembariski (Sharon Gisel's sister: Leukemia); Libby Hill and Nancy McLeod (Allan McLeod's aunt and sister-in-law); Marge Mauer (Bonnie Perry's friend: stroke, surgery); Nicole Patterson (Gina's daughter: seizures); Cecil Shuart (friend of the McLeod's); Bob Ziel (Kim's father: Courtney Manor, various health concerns); Anita (Kristin Smith's mother: recovery from heart surgery). **For all of our ministries:** for faithfulness in our ordained officers, the ability to lead and shepherd for the Elders, strength and energy for the Diaconate as they take on numerous projects, wisdom and a view of the Great Commission for Trustees, for our Sunday School program: attendance (especially for children's catechism), Sunday School teachers, for those who serve in the Missions Committee; for a stronger local outreach; and for our men's and women's ministry's that they would be a blessing to us and to others. That those who participate in these would be blessed as they humbly serve for the glory of God. That these ministries would facilitate growth in the grace and knowledge Christ and be fruitful. That God would raise up and send more faithful men to lead and serve. That we would be faithful in obedience to the Holy Scriptures, the Westminster Standards, and the Book of Church Order. That God would bless our Church with more families, couples, and individuals who desire to glorify God, grow in Christ, and serve in our Church's ministries. **For our worship services:** That the Holy Spirit would work through the Ministry of the Word, Sacraments, and prayer for the salvation, sanctification, and preservation of God's people. That through these ordinary means, we would be built up in the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. That we would worship God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. That Christ and him crucified would be preached faithfully, week in and week out. That the gospel would go forth and people would be brought into this local body. That God would send or raise up more musicians and singers to serve him with their gifts, especially a

second pianist so that our pianist would be able to receive days of rest. That our giving would increase and be congruent with the blessings that God blessed us with. That we would properly sanctify the Lord's Day and attend to the means of grace. That our members would have a higher view of the Lord's Day and the worship services, and this would be evident in the fruit of their attendance of our morning and evening services. **For our sanctuary improvement project:** That God would provide the means and the labor for our pews to be reupholstered and re-painted, for the sanctuary to be re-painted, and for new carpet/flooring; that those who are able, would give towards this project as we anticipate our 150th year anniversary as a church.

OUR PRESBYTERY:

Good Shepherd, Valparaiso IN – Pastor Andrew (Jenni) Gretzinger - Prayer for a lasting impact on our community and faithful discipleship of members and congregation. Continue praying for the men of the congregation to be strengthened and built up, to lead their families, and to serve our church. May we glorify our Lord and stand steadfast on His word. **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 as well as a potential CP project in Yerevan, Armenia; (3) for His blessings on our Church Planting project for the refugees and migrants, led by our teammates, Pastor David & Rashel 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 27, Suzi, a Dermatology PA, who is seeking a PA job after being laid off on 12/1, due to her office's financial slow down and Sophi, a 4th year D.O. Med school student in Danville, VA, who is on an Ob/Gyn Audition Rotation in Vineland, NJ, 12/15-1/11 and for her 17 residency job interviews through February 5, 2026; (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.

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 the 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 Communist oppression and persecution in North Korea (North Korea continues to be the most dangerous country for Christians, where simply owning a Bible can lead to severe punishment, including imprisonment or execution. [Open Doors World Watch List]).

INFORMATION & STATISTICS

THE SESSION

Wayne Copeland	Ruling Elder, Missions
Chris Fluegge	Ruling Elder, Trustee
Scott McDermant	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 McDermant	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: JANUARY 4TH

AM Service	65
AM Livestream	

AM AVG. 2025	65
PM Service	11
PM Livestream	
PM AVG. 2025	17
PM AVG. 2024	14

GENERAL FUND GIVING

January Giving	\$
January Budget	\$