



Faithful to the Scriptures.

True to the Reformed Faith.

Obedient to the Great Commission.

Lord's Day 33

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**WELCOME**

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Grace to you and Peace!

On behalf of the elders, deacons, and all the saints: Welcome to **First Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe**. We are pleased that you are here with us today to worship our Triune God. This bulletin contains a liturgy which will guide you through our worship services 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> century), the Nicene Creed (AD 381), the Definition of Chalcedon (AD 451), and the Athanasian Creed (5<sup>th</sup> century).

**We are a Protestant Church:** As Protestants, although we trace our beliefs and practices to the Apostolic Church, we also have foundational roots in the Protestant Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

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### **THIS SUNDAY: AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*\*Please Silence or Turn Off Your Devices\**

### **THIS WEEK: AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> – AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**PM Service Series** – Join us tonight as we begin for our new PM series, "Covenant Theology: I Will Be Your God."

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** –

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR: FUTURE EVENTS**

**Ladies Night** –

**Men's Breakfast: Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

**Session Meeting** – August 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

**Backyard Service & BBQ: Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** – BBQ at 12:00 pm, PM Service at 3:00 pm. Hosted by the Philps:

**Sunday School** – Starts back up on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents please fill out the card in the bulletin so that we know which classes we will need this year. Thank you!

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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**MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Ann Armstrong, Mark & Michelle Green, Julia Mayes, and Lisa Schember; expectant mother: Yvonne Krug; those who serve as caretakers; former pastor Jan Dykshoorn (recovery from heart surgery); 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; and those who have ceased attending public worship regularly, that God would reveal to them their sin, and the necessity of worship and the communion of the saints.

**OUR MISSIONARIES:** Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker (Zambia), the Kawachis (France), the Nachtergaeles (Belgium), the Shupes (British Colombia); the Wilsons (Middle East) as they work for the King and the advancement of the gospel of his kingdom; that we would be missionaries by sharing the gospel and inviting others to our church; that God would grant courage and the words to speak as we interact with our family and friends; and 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 always be Great Commission-focused; that our service would edify the church and facilitate growth; that we would remain vigilant and faithful to the Word of God and our denominational standards; that our Sunday school classrooms would be full; that our members would take their public vows seriously and attend church on a regular basis; and that we would have better attendance at our PM services where the means of grace are offered; and that God would be glorified 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; that the right to gather and worship God would be protected and the civil magistrate would not interfere in matters of faith and worship; that our leaders would come to know Christ: The King of kings and Lord of lords, and that their governing would demonstrate that knowledge; that Christians in the United States would live quiet, godly, and dignified lives; that Christians would direct others to God in the way they live their lives.

**THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL:** That the Kingdom of God on earth would advance through the preaching of the gospel throughout the world; for Christians who are being persecuted: that they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and that their persecutors would be converted through this witness. This month, we pray in particular for the Christians in the war-torn Middle East, especially in Israel, Lebanon, Gaza, Palestine, and Syria.

## **PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Getty and Townend (2005) | Brynne McCrea (Piano)

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works and service, begun and ended in you, we may humbly glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect | For Guidance

It is the duty of every person to remember the Lord's Day; and to prepare for it before its approach. All worldly business should be so ordered, and seasonably laid aside, as that they may not be hindered thereby from sanctifying the Sabbath, as the Holy Scriptures require.

The Lord's Day | BCO 48-3

It is no abatement of their guilt by whom an offence comes, nor will it lessen their punishment that offences will come. Faith in God's pardoning mercy, will enable us to get over the greatest difficulties in the way of forgiving our brethren. As with God nothing is impossible, so all things are possible to him that can believe. Our Lord showed his disciples their need of deep humility. The Lord has such a propriety in every creature, as no man can have in another; the he cannot be in debt to them for their services, nor do they deserve any return from him.

The Westminster Confession of Faith | 25.1, "Of the Church"

When you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our duty.'

The Lord Jesus Christ | Luke 17:10

## ~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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\*GOD'S GREETING

*1 Ephesians*

*1:1b-2*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*From Psalm*

*34*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*457 – Come, Thou Fount of Every*

*Blessing*

\*RESPONSORIAL

*from Psalm 34; Psalm*

*124:5*

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

†Congregation: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

†Congregation: **The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be  
condemned.**

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

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

\*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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## READING OF THE LAW

*Exodus*

20:1–11

Minister: The Word of God is living and active.

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

## EXPOSITION OF THE LAW

*Westminster Shorter*

*Catechism*

Minister: Which is the fourth commandment?

†Congregation: **The fourth commandment is:**

**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy;  
for the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.**

Minister: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be  
the weekly Sabbath?

†Congregation: **From the beginning of the world  
until the resurrection Christ,  
God appointed the seventh day of the week  
to be the weekly Sabbath;  
and the first day of the week ever since the resurrection,  
which is the Christian Sabbath,  
and is to continue to the end of the world.**

Minister: What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

†Congregation: **The fourth commandment forbids the omission,  
or careless performance, of the duties required,  
and the profaning of the day by idleness,  
or doing that which is in itself sinful,**

**or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works,  
about our worldly employments or recreations.**

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*

**A**lmighty 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;*

*Ephesians 2:7*

## \*PSALM OF ASSURANCE

*391 – Safely through Another*

*Week*

## **OUR OFFERINGS**

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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

*Ruling Elder,*

*Mr. Kim Ziel*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven

Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

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

## THE WEEKLY OFFERING

*Galatians*

6:7–10

Whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are in the household of God.

\*THE OFFERING OF PRAISE



## **THE SERMON**

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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*

*17:1–10*

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

### SERMON

*The Ministry of Jesus: The Life of A*

*Disciple*

### SERMON NOTES

## **A WARNING: DON'T BE A STUMBLING BLOCK**

## **REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS**

## **FAITH: EVEN A LITTLE**

## **A PARABLE ON HUMBLE SERVICE**

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PRAYER OF APPLICATION

HYMN OF APPLICATION

*Changing*

624 – *Through All the*

*Scenes of Life (1 -4, 6)*

## **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**

"The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is shown forth; and worthy receivers are, not after a corporal or carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace."

(Westminster Shorter Q.96)

## LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)*

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

*Cent.)*

Minister: Peace be with you.

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

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Luke*

*22:17–20*

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

## \*THE LORD'S SUPPER

### PRAYER OF APPLICATION

## **DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION**

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\*DOXOLOGY





\*BENEDICTION

*Hebrews*

13:20–21

\*POSTLUDE

## **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**(5:00 PM)**

## **PRELUDE**

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"We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name"  
Breastplate

St. Patrick's

*Donald P. Hustad*

## **PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER**

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The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

The Prophet Moses | Genesis 2:15–17

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made...So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then their eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked...And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden...

The Prophet Moses | Genesis 3:1, 6–8

Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

The Prophets Moses | Genesis 3:22–24

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them

by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me.

The Prophet Hosea | Hosea 6:4–7

For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

St. Paul | Romans 3:9–18

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned – for sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

St. Paul | Romans 5:12–14

When God created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death. Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

The Westminster Divines | WSC 12, 13

The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

The Westminster Divines | WSC 16, 17

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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\*GREETING

*Galatians*

1:3–5

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*From Psalm*

104

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

115 – *All Creatures of Our God and*

*King*

\*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

## READING & RESPONSES

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

CONFSSIONAL STATEMENT

*WCF 7.1, 2 – God's Covenant with*

*Man*

The distance between God and the creature is so great  
that although reasonable creatures  
do owe obedience to him as their Creator,  
yet they could never have any fruition of him  
as their blessedness and reward  
but by some voluntary condescension on God's part,  
which he hath been pleased to express by way of covenant.

The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works,  
wherein life was promised to Adam,  
and in him to his posterity,  
upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*All Mankind Fell in Adam's*

*Fall*

PASTORAL PRAYER

## **THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD**

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Romans*

5:12–21

SERMON

*Covenant Theology: I Will Be Your*

*God*

*The Covenant of Works*

SERMON NOTES

## **THE COVENANT OF WORKS IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

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## **IN REFORMED THEOLOGY**

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**IN THE HISTORY OF REDEMPTION**

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**IN APPLICATION: THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

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PRAYER OF APPLICATION

## THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed (Tune:*

57)

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



# THE DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

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\*DOXOLOGY

*O God Beyond All*

*Praising*

\*BENEDICTION

*2 Corinthians*

*13:14*



# INFORMATION & STATISTICS

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## THE SESSION

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

## THE DIACONATE

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Bob Hobkirk	Board Member, Trustee
Allan McLeod	Board Member
Scott McDermand	Advisory Member, Moderator
Sharon Carpenter	Diaconal Assistant
Dan Clarkson	Diaconal Assistant
Linda Herndon	Diaconal Assistant
Carol Holtrop	Diaconal Assistant
Lori McLeod	Diaconal Assistant
Alex Smith	Diaconal Assistant

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE: AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

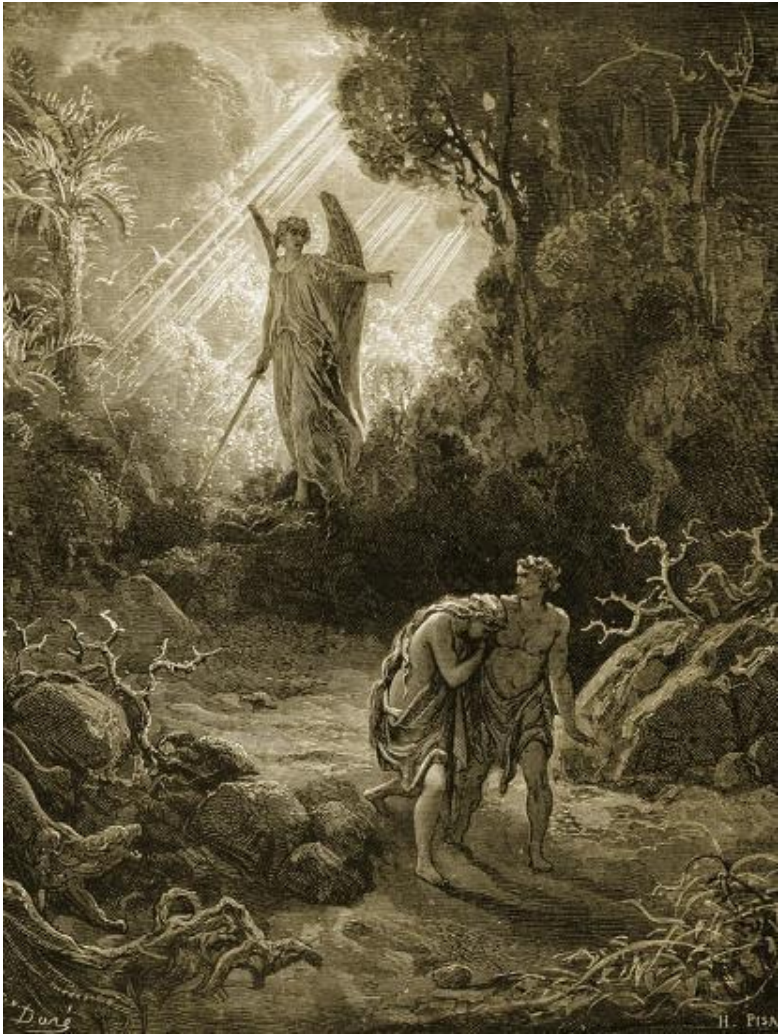
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AM Service	57
AM Livestream	
AM AVG. 2025	64
AM AVG. 2024	64
PM Service	16
PM Livestream	
PM AVG. 2025	15
PM AVG. 2024	14

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

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August Giving	\$
August Budget	\$



“Adam and Eve Driven Out of Eden”

Gustave Dore (1866)

