



Faithful to the Scriptures.

True to the Reformed Faith.

Obedient to the Great Commission.

Lord's Day 7

February 15th, 2026

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,
Rev. Scott C. McDermand II

CHURCH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 15TH

- 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

Lenten Devotions – Our Wednesday night Lenten Devotions begin with our Ash-less Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Presbyterianism 101 – Our New members'/Presbyterian Refresher class will begin on Thursday, February 19th at 6:00 PM in the Lounge.

Men's Breakfast – Join the men of the church as we gather in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, fellowship, sharpening, and prayer. Our next breakfast is on Saturday, Feb. 21. Kitchen opens at 8AM, breakfast begins at 9AM. SIGN-UP and SHOW UP.

Birthdays & Anniversaries –

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Join us for an Irish worship service and feast! Our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held after our PM service on Sunday, March 15th. Service begins at 5:00 PM and the feast at 6:15. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board - we need some volunteers for the corned beef!

Great Lakes Reformed Conference 2026 – The Great Lakes Reformed Conference is an annual conference hosted by Oakland Hills Community Church (OPC) that seeks to promote Reformed Theology and its application for the Christian Life. This year's conference is on Saturday, March 21 beginning at 9:00 AM. This year's speaker is Dr. J.V. Fesko, who will be giving lectures titled, "Wisdom: Guidance for the Journey." Tickets are \$25. Let us know if you are interested in going by signing up.

Palm Sunday Brunch – Our annual Palm Sunday Brunch will be held after our AM Service on Sunday, March 29th.

Backyard BBQ and Worship Service – If you are interested in hosting one of our Sunday BBQs and outdoor worship services between April and September, you can find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. This is a wonderful time of fellowship, feasting, and worshipping together outdoors.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

OUR MISSIONARIES: Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker, the Kawachis (France), the Nachtergaeles (Belgium), the Shupes (British Columbia), and the Wilsons (Middle East), as they work as ambassadors of the King for the advancement of the Gospel of his Kingdom; that we would be missionaries by sharing the gospel and inviting people to our church; that God would grant courage and the words to speak as we interact with family and friends; that we would not be ashamed of sharing the gospel, but always ready to provide a defense for the hope that is within us.

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES: That the work of the Session, Diaconate, Sunday School program, Missions Committee, and of all the saints would glorify God and be Great Commission-focused; that our service would edify the church and facilitate growth; that we would remain vigilant and faithful to the Word of God and our denominational standards; that our Sunday school classrooms would be full; for the peace and purity of our church; that members would take their vows seriously and attend church regularly; that God would be glorified and we would be sanctified as we worship him.

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

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

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Sovereign Grace (2011) | Piano, Briynne McCrea

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turned us from the old life of sin; Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, together with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Collect | *Baptism*

When God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

St. Peter | *1 Peter 3:20–22*

Baptism is a Sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible Church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

The Westminster Divines | *WLC 165, What is Baptism?*

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

The Lord Jesus Christ | *Matthew 28:18–20*

~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

1 Peter

1:1b-2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 29:1-5, 7-8,

9c-11

*PSALM OF ENTRANCE

45 – Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the

Mighty

*RESPONSORIAL

from Psalm 29 &

124:5

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

†Congregation: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

Minister: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

†Congregation: **The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Minister: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.

†Congregation: **May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

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

Colossians

2:6–15

Minister: The Word of God is living and active.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE LAW

Westminster Larger

Catechism

Minister: How is our Baptism to be improved upon by us?

†Congregation: **The needful but much neglected duty**

of improving upon our baptism

is to be performed by us all our life long,

especially in times of temptation,

and when we are present at the administration of it to others,

by a serious and thankful consideration of its nature,

the purposes for which Christ instituted it,

the privileges and benefits bestowed and sealed by it,

and our solemn vows made therein;

by being humbled for our sinful defilement

and for the ways in which we fall short of it

and walk contrary to the grace of Baptism and our vows

therein;

by growing up to assurance of pardon for our sin;

by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ,

into whom we are baptized;

for the putting to death of sin and walking in newness of life;

by endeavoring to live by faith,

and having a way of life in holiness and righteousness,

**as those who have given up their names to Christ in Baptism;
and by walking in brotherly love,
since we are baptized by the same Spirit into one body.**

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

Colossians

2:12–14

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

252 – When I Survey the Wondrous

Cross

THE SERMON

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT

Matthew

28:16–20

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON

Baptism in Scripture, the Church, and the

Christian Life

SERMON NOTES

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

BAPTISM IN THE CHURCH

BAPTISM IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

THE LITRUGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

THE COVENANT PROMISES

Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:17; Acts

16:31

The promise is for you and your children and all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself...And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

Directory of Worship: BCO

56-5

- 1) Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2) Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do your own?
- 3) Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrine of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

4) Do you, as a congregation, undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed (p.

845)

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Directory of Worship: BCO 56-6; Mt.*

28:19

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

414 – Dear Lord,

Today Our Child

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.

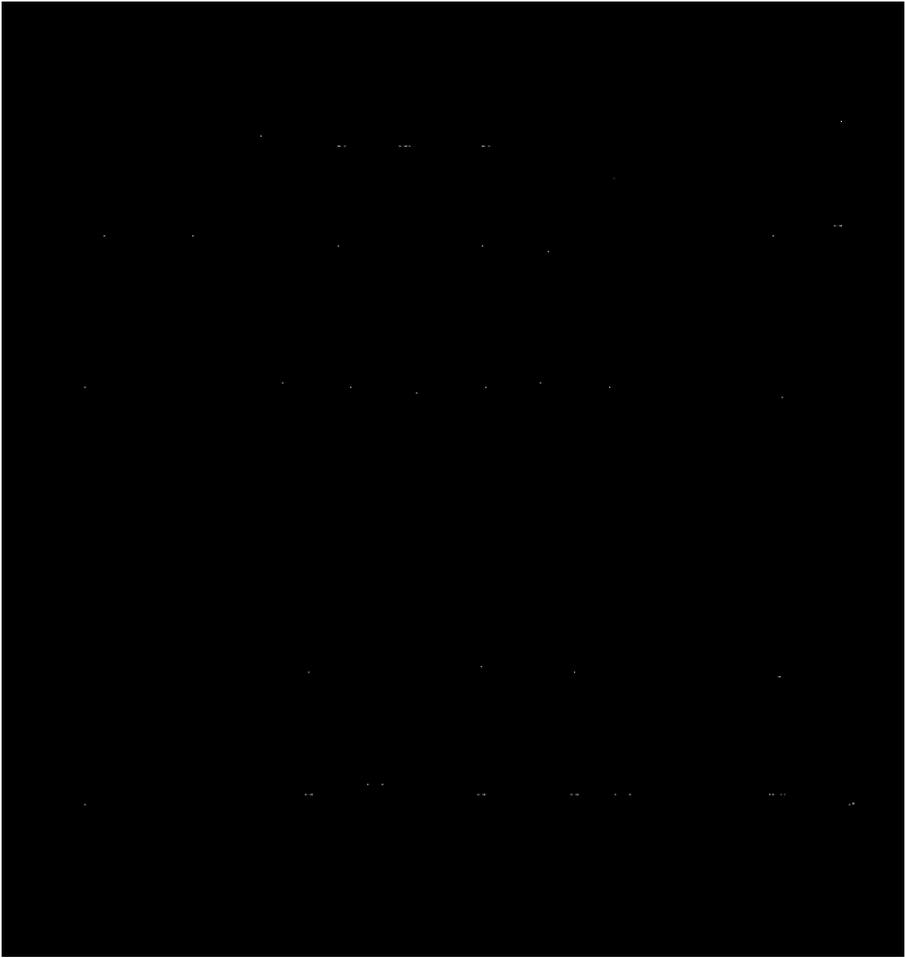
THE WEEKLY OFFERING

Malachi 3:10

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...and thereby put me to the test,
says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you
and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

*THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

Doxology



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

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION HYMN

347 – The Church's One Foundation (1, 2,

5, 6)

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

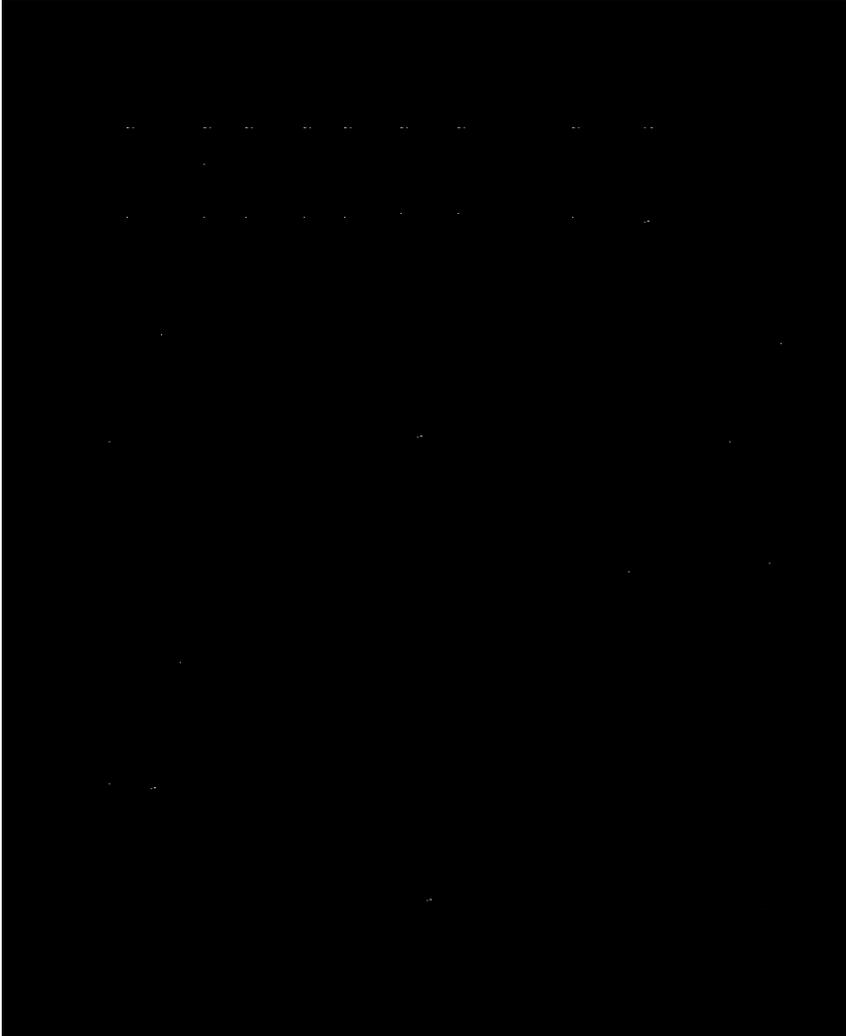
PRAYER OF APPLICATION

DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY

Gloria

Patri



*BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians

13:14

*POSTLUDE

EVENING WORSHIP: CATECHETICAL SERVICE (5:00 PM)

PRELUDE

"Nothing but the Blood"

Plainfield

Robert Lowry (1876)

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and will of God, and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly; to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives; to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery, and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of his perfection of obedience.

The Westminster Divines | WLC 95, "Of what use is the moral law to all men?"

The moral law is of use to unregenerate men, to awaken their consciences to flee from wrath to come, and to drive them to Christ; or, upon their continuance in the estate and way of sin, to leave them inexcusable, and under the curse thereof.

The Westminster Divines | WLC 96, "What particular use is there of the moral law to unregenerate men?"

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

St. Paul | *Romans 3:19–20*

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully.

St. Paul| 1 Timothy 1:8

The law is not of faith, rather, “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hanged on a tree”.

St. Paul| Galatians 3:12–13

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*GREETING

1 Peter

1:1b–2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm

19

*PSALM OF PRAISE

151 –

Jehovah's Perfect Law

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

READING & RESPONSES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus

20:1–21

CONFESSIOAL STATEMENT

WCF 19.6 – Of the Law of

God

Although true believers be not under the law,
as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified or condemned;
yet it is of great use to them, as well as to others;
in that, as a rule of life informing them of the will of God,
and of their duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly;
discovering the sinful pollutions of their nature, hearts, and lives;

so as, examining themselves thereby,
they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for,
and hatred against sin,
together with a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ,
and the perfection of his obedience.

It is likewise of use to the regenerate,
to restrain their corruptions, in that it forbids sin;
and the threatenings of it, serve to show what even their sins
deserve;

and what afflictions, in this life, they may expect from them,
although freed from the curse thereof threatened in the law.

The promises of it, in like manner,
show them God's approbation of obedience,
and what blessings they may expect upon the performance thereof;
although not as due to them by the law as a covenant of works;

So as, a man's doing good, and refraining from evil,
because the law encourageth to the one, and deterreth from the
other,
is no evidence of his being under the law; and not under grace.

*PSALM OF RESPONSE

47 – *God the*

Lord is King

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans

3:9–20

SERMON

Of the Law of God: The First Use of the

Law

21

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*HYMN OF APPLICATION

150 – The Law of God Is Good and

Wise

THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CONFESSION OF FAITH

845 – Apostles'

Creed

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

COMMUNION PSALM

461 – Not What My Hands Have

Done

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

~ 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: Ann Armstrong (cancer), Mark & Michelle Green, Tom & Julia Mayes, 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 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:** 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 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, various health concerns).

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.

OUR PRESBYTERY:

Redeemer Presbyterian, Detroit MI – Pastor Jon (Vanessa) Saunders, Asst. Pastor Jonathan (Kara) Lacy – Pray for: 1) Windsor Ontario is right across the Detroit River. Rev. Kingsley Lai has received a call to plant Redeemer Windsor. He will be coming from Grace PCA Toronto. Please be praying for all that goes into a scratch plant—fundraising, finding a home, meeting key contacts, etc...2) We have all the finances in place for plant/revitalization in Northville which is wealthy suburb outside of Detroit. Please pray for the right pastor to come and lead this work. 3) Redeemer Detroit is in the third year of starting at Classical Christian School in the heart of the city—Detroit Christian. We are about to begin an aggressive capital campaign for a permanent building. **Christ Church, Ann Arbor MI – Pastor Steve Gonzales** - Pray for a smooth transition for Steve and his family as they relocate and become a part of the church life in Ann Arbor. Pray that his ministry, through the power of the Holy Spirit, would bear much fruit for the kingdom of God and that God would receive all the glory in building his Church.

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 Islamic oppression and persecution in North Africa.

INFORMATION & STATISTICS

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 Board Member, Moderator |
| Sharon Carpenter | Diaconal Assistant |
| Dan Clarkson | Diaconal Assistant |
| Greg Davis | Diaconal Assistant |

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| Linda Herndon | Diaconal Assistant |
| Carol Holtrop | Diaconal Assistant, Secretary |
| Lori McLeod | Diaconal Assistant |
| Alex Smith | Diaconal Assistant |

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: FEBRUARY 8TH

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| AM Service | 75 |
| AM Livestream | |
| AM AVG. (2026) | 66 |
| AM AVG (2025) | 65 |
| PM Service | -- |
| PM Livestream | -- |
| PM AVG. 2025 | 12 |
| PM AVG. 2024 | 17 |

GENERAL FUND GIVING

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| February Giving | \$ |
| February Budget | \$ |



Baptism of Lydia

Marie Ellenrieder, 1861