

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 21

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

"The Holy Spirit"



Pentecost

Restout (1732)

Jean

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EVENTS

THIS LORD'S DAY

9:55 Announcements & Prelude

10:00 Morning Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer

11:30 Pentecost Feast

THIS WEEK

No PM Service – There will be no PM services this evening. Enjoy some fellowship with the saints!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Backyard BBQ & PM Service – June 14th at the McDermand's home. BBQ begins at 1pm and PM 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*

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, together with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer | *The Day of Pentecost*

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.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed | *AD 381*

There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished in their personal properties. It is proper to the Father to beget the Son, and to the Son to be begotten of the Father, and to the Holy Spirit to proceed from the Father and the Son from all eternity.

The Westminster Divines | *WLC 9, 10*

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever...The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things...when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me...It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."

The Lord Jesus Christ | *John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7*

~ THE DIVINE SERVICE ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

1 Peter

1:1-2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm

104

*HYMN OF ENTRANCE

115 – All Creatures of Our God and King

(1-3, 5)

*RESPONSORIAL

from Psalm

104

Minister: O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all!

†Congregation: **When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.**

Minister: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in all his works!

†Congregation: **Bless the LORD, O my soul!
Praise the LORD!**

Minister: Christ has ascended to his throne!

†Congregation: **He is enthroned indeed! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

READING OF THE LAW

Galatians

5:16–26

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;

Titus 3:4–6

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

335 – Gracious Spirit, Dwell with

Me

OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Teaching Elder

Rev. Scott McDermand

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE WEEKLY OFFERING

Galatians

6:6–10

Whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh 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 faith.

*THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

Doxology



THE SERMON

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT

John 14:15–17, 25–26; 15:26;

16:7

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

Pentecost: The Holy Spirit

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

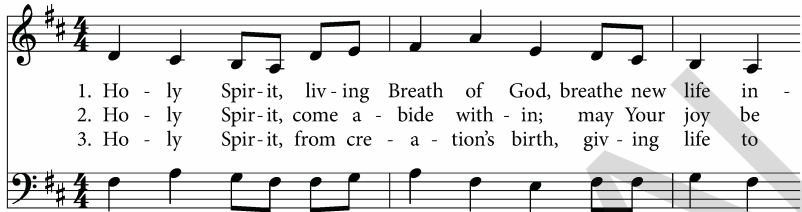
*HYMN OF APPLICATION

God

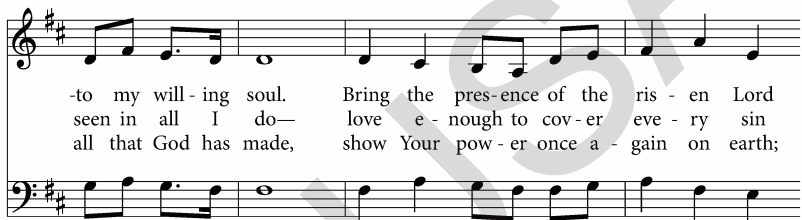
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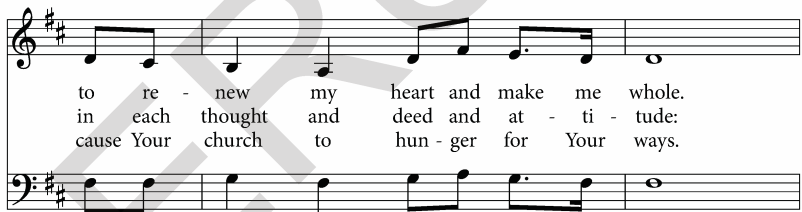
"...the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." John 14:26



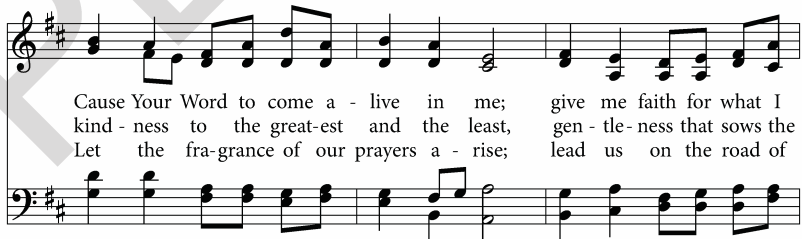
1. Ho - ly Spir-it, liv-ing Breath of God, breathe new life in -
 2. Ho - ly Spir-it, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be
 3. Ho - ly Spir-it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv-ing life to



-to my will-ing soul. Bring the pres-ence of the ris-en Lord
 seen in all I do— love e-nough to cov-er eve-ry sin
 all that God has made, show Your pow-er once a-gain on earth;



to re-new my heart and make me whole.
 in each thought and deed and at-ti-tude;
 cause Your church to hun-ger for Your ways.



Cause Your Word to come a-live in me; give me faith for what I
 kind-ness to the great-est and the least, gen-tle-ness that sows the
 Let the fra-grance of our prayers a-rise; lead us on the road of

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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

457 – Come, Thou Fount of Every

Blessing

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

~ 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 Drouillard (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 & 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 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 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 McDermand	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 10th

AM Service	65
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	\$