

Weekly Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Praises & Thanks

- That every time we draw near to God, God draws near to us (James 4:8)
- That our Lord brings and keeps his word near (Romans 10).
- For God's constant care, body & soul, of our members and future members (Psalm 103).
- For wisdom and weakness in our Leadership (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Prayer Requests

Great Lakes Presbytery Churches

- **University Reformed Church, East Lansing MI –Sr. Pastor Jason (Leah) Helopoulos, Assistant Pastor Nate (Sarah) Groelsema, Assistant Pastor Nick (Emma) Settingington, Assistant Pastor Kevin (Rachel) McAlvey, Assistant Pastor Dave (Amity) Hinkley, Assistant Pastor Ben (Kim) Falconer** - Praise for the recent ordination and installation of a long time staff as a Teaching Elder (Dave Hinkley). Pray for wisdom and fruitfulness as we head into the summer schedule.
- **Rev. Walter (Mynda) Lorenz (Pastor at Large of GLP)** Praise to God for growth of His Church in our presbytery. We have particularized 2 new churches and have others in process as well. We have now 30+ churches, 7 mission works, and another church applying to join the GLP-PCA. But with wonderful growth, as we know from the Scriptures and experience, there will also come powerful attacks from the Devil to thwart the work of our Lord and His Gospel. So, please also join in earnest pray that all of us (in your own context and in all our churches and missions) will be given grace to grasp the biblical and Holy Spirit taught meaning of realities such as -- humility – grace – forgiveness (like Christ's to us) - logs in one's own eye - shunning gossip – being true and praying people - (add one or two other things that come to your mind.) Pray that all of us remember our membership promise to "study the peace and purity of the Church." This includes member to member, elders, pastors, sessions, presbyters. It is in a problem filled world that great glory can be given to our Savior, pray that we do so. Thanks be to Him for such saving grace.

Missions

- **MAY- China Mission (to Xining/ Xi'An)** Pray for the reign of Christ to be realized among Chinese, Muslims, Tibetans, and students. Pray for the fledgling church among the Tib people to grow stronger in faith and witness to the reconciling work of Christ between the Han and Tib members of His Body. Pray for our former Chinese teacher as she now lives abroad 'in exile' and her son is struggling to complete his graduate degree in another neighboring country.

Indiana/ Local

- Sister churches to faithfully preach the gospel, reach the lost. (Tim Sheets, Northside Nazarene)
- Foster Friendly Alliance- Heart City is hosting monthly meetings to help support foster parents
- Sufficient cashflow to provide the newest church in the city a new mortgage for 303 S. 3rd

"If you are a praying person, you are one of God's gifts to mankind." - Unknown

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Heart City Exists to Know & Make Known the Heart of King Jesus!

The Lord's Day May 25, 2025

Prayer 10a Worship 11a



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Belief #9: What does God require in the first, second, and third commandment?

First, that we know God as the only true God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry. Third, that we treat God’s name with fear and reverence.

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We welcome you as Jesus welcomes us (Romans 15:7)! We are glad to have you and your children join us to worship! Services streamed for any unable to come.

Announcements, Weekly Belief, Prayer Requests

Moment of Meditation (Matthew 11:28-30)

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

WORSHIP SERVICE (11:00) *Stand if you can

God Greets Us: Ephesians 1:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***God’s Call to Worship: From Psalm 59**

Elder: You are my strength, I watch for you;
you, God, are my fortress,
my God on whom I can rely.

***People: I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;***

**ALL: You are my strength, I sing praise to you;
you, God, are my fortress,
my God on whom I can rely.**

Announcements

Monthly Prayer (10a-10:40a):
Worship (11a): Church Empowered (Acts series)
Thursday, Grow Group (6:00-7:30 meeting): “Gentle & Lowly” **NEW!!**
Friday, ‘Game Night’ at Bethel AOG (5p): All are invited
(Monday & Friday Prayer): by conference call (7 a); send prayer requests

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Monthly Prayer-10a Worship- 11a				Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Daly Dash/Block Party GLP Presbytery Cleaning- Irvin
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday School-10a Worship- 11a Fellowship Meal	Joe’ with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Church Workday- 8:30a Cleaning- Evans
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School-10a Worship- 11a Happy Mother’s Day!	Joe’ with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Cleaning- Liddell Women Fellowship 10a
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School-10a Worship- 11a Fellowship Meal	Joe’ with Pastor Joel 8:30a-10a			Grow Group: 6:00-7:30		Cleaning- Volunteer?
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Monthly Prayer-10a Worship- 11a			Women’s Fellowship 6p	Grow Group: 6:00-7:30	Game Night @ Bethel	Cleaning- Volunteer?

Parking Lot Attendant: Sam DeBoe

April Income

General Fund Income: \$8,648.72 Balance: \$79,874.40 (includes \$21,627.13 building fund)

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* Pastor Joel is off on Wednesdays (Please contact officers)

Grape juice is the outer ring and wine is in the middle of the tray. We also provide prepackaged individual gluten free units. Let us know if you would like the Supper brought to you.

The Lord’s Supper

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Host of this meal. All who are baptized, living under Jesus’ authority, and are members of His Church are welcome. By eating the bread and drinking the cup as a visitor, you acknowledge you are a sinner trusting in Jesus alone for salvation. There is no shame in staying seated. There is grace for you right where you are as Jesus reveals Himself in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:30-32)

*We Bless God

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*God Blesses Us

*We Depart With Hope: “Father I Know”

*In service that Your will appoints There are no bonds for me
My secret heart is taught the truth That makes Your children free
A life of self renouncing love Is one of liberty*

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Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)

Lord from sorrows deep I call When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall Hear my desperation
For so long I’ve pled and prayed God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains Still my heart will praise You

**Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You’re still my God my salvation**

Storms within my troubled soul Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold Cause this heart to praise You

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Should my life be torn from me Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night Be my hope and refuge
’Til my faith is turned to sight Lord my heart will praise You

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Why Confess?
God gives the Law “that all our life long we may learn more and more to know our sinful nature, and so become more earnest in seeking remission of sins and righteousness in Christ.” (HC 115)

Why together?
Jesus taught us to pray “Forgive us our debts” (Matt 6: 12) “He who is alone with his sin is utterly alone.” (Bonhoeffer)

Forgiven!
The Minister speaks God’s gospel promise of forgiveness in Christ for all who repent and believe.

God’s Word Calls Us to Confess: 1 Corinthians 4 (JB Phillips)
...we should make no hasty or premature judgments. For who makes you different from somebody else, and what have you got that was not given to you? And if anything has been given to you, why boast of it as if it were something you had achieved yourself?

Confess Sin & Shame To God (William Temple)
O blessed Jesus, you know the impurity of our affection, the narrowness of our sympathy, and the coldness of our love; take possession of our souls and fill our minds with the image of yourself; break the stubbornness of our selfish wills and mold us in the likeness of your unchanging love, O you who alone can do this, our Savior, our Lord and our God. Amen.
(Take a Moment to Confess Sin & Shame)

We Find Forgiveness! Ephesians 2:13-17 (ESV)
...now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

Congregational Prayer
(Everyone invited to pray the Lord’s Prayer at the End)

*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.*
(Matthew 6: 9-13)

***Our Confession: Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Corporate Prayer
Prayer is not a spiritual gift given to some, but a means of grace given to all the saints. We are invited to hasten the coming of God’s Kingdom.

The Creed
EVERY church has a creed, or a summary of what the Bible teaches about God, salvation, and how it is sinful people can be rightly related to Him. We recite the Apostles’ Creed as we stand in line with the historic Christian faith that continues to be passed down to every generation.

* Lower case, little “c” catholic simply means universal, or worldwide church.

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory Let the land and seas rejoice

**You're the author of creation You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out Across the lands**

Yet You left the gaze of angels Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free

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With a shout You rose victorious Wrestring victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home

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Before the Throne

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (Repeat)

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (Repeat)

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (Repeat)

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God Speaks to Us: Acts 10:1-23 (ESV)

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” ⁴ And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.” ⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, ⁸ and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹ The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰ And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” ¹⁵ And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.”¹⁶This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate ¹⁸ and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. ¹⁹ And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them.” ²¹ And Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?”²² And they said, “Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” ²³ So he invited them in to be his guests.

Sermon “2 Men; 2 Prayers; 2 Visions” Pastor Joel

Prayer

Children Draw pictures of what you hear. If you can write, write down something important, or count how many times you hear the words below.

SHAME

PRAYER

EAT

(Monthly Meditation): “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (Jesus, John 8:31-32)