

## Order of Service

Quiet Preparation

Ringling of the Bells

Call to Worship: Psalm 25\*

Silence of Anticipation  
Prayer

Songs: Doxology/Everlasting Story\*  
Trust & Obey\*

Responsive Reading *(from the 1689 2<sup>nd</sup> London Baptist  
Confession of Faith – ch. 21, pt. 1)*

Tithes & Offerings

Songs: Praise Him in All\*  
Blessed Be Your Name\*

Declaring Our Faith: The Nicene Creed\*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Giving Thanks for All of You  
*(1 Thessalonians 1:1-2) by Pastor John Gunden*

Doxology\*

Benediction\*

\*Congregation, stand if you are able

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## Welcome

We are glad you are here to worship this morning! Our service begins 5 minutes prior to the “Ringing of the Bells.” Please use this time to silence your phone, prepare your heart for worship, and acknowledge the Lord's presence in this place.

*“But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.” –Habakkuk 2:20*

**If you're a first time visitor or a returning guest,** please fill out a “Welcome Card” and put it in the offering basket or hand it to an usher. We would love to get to know you! The back side of the card is for prayer requests *(cards are located on the front welcome table, in the seat backs with the Bibles, and also in the Resource Center).*

Check out the *Resource Center* for Bibles, books, and other tools to help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ! There are also some free resources on the rack by the front café door (including a *TableTalk* magazine/devotional).

## Valley of Vision Prayer – “Creator & Controller”

*(read this to help prepare your heart for worship)*

Most High God, the universe with all its myriad creatures is Thine, made by Thy word, upheld by Thy power, governed by Thy will. But Thou art also the Father of mercies, the God of all grace, the bestower of all comfort, the protector of the saved.

Thou hast been mindful of us, hast visited us, preserved us, given us a goodly heritage—the Holy Scriptures, the joyful gospel, the Saviour of souls. We come to Thee in Jesus' name, making mention of His perfect righteousness only.

We plead Jesus' obedience and sufferings who magnified the law both in its precepts and penalty, and made it honourable. May we be justified by His blood, saved by His life, joined to His Spirit. Let us take up His cross and follow Him.

Make us willing that Thou should choose our inheritance and determine what we shall retain or lose, suffer or enjoy. If blessed with prosperity may we be free from its snares, and use, not abuse, its advantages.

May we patiently and cheerfully submit to those afflictions which are necessary. When we are tempted to wander, hedge up our way, excite in us abhorrence of sin. Wean us from the present evil world. Assure us that we shall at last enter Immanuel's land where none is ever sick, and the sun will always shine.

## The River's Edge Family Life

Our normal gatherings:

Sundays – 10am Lord's Day Worship Service

Wednesdays – 6pm Meal\*, Teaching & Prayer

\*Bring some food to share! Teaching starts around 6:50pm if you can't make it for the meal.

### Upcoming:

- 4/29 Crown Financial Class 7pm @ TL Bushey's.
- 5/6 Women's Book Study ask Emily Badgerow for details (989) 450-9169.
- 5/10 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:15-8:30am @ the café (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month).
- 5/11 The Lord's Supper (communion)
- 6/16-20 VBS 5:30-8pm @ the roller rink. Ages 3-12. Help needed! Details below.

### Some Ways to Serve:

- Sundays: "Hospitality" – Scan this code to sign up to serve snacks & drinks before service. (or talk to Nick or Emily Vogel)  
  
"Greeter" – Welcome people with a smile and a bulletin! Contact Sue Badgerow to get scheduled: (989) 550-6043
- Wednesdays: Bring some food to share and if you're able, come early (5:30pm) or stay after to help with set up and/or clean up.
- Fellowship Meals: Once a month (or every other month) after Sunday service. Bring some food to share and let Stefan Van Valkenburgh know if you can help with set up and/or clean up: (989) 975-6718
- Prayer Chain: Pray for your church and various needs represented in our community and around the world. To join or send prayer requests, email Pastor Ryan: ryanbadgerow@gmail.com
- Vacation Bible School: There are many areas where help is needed! Whether it's before, during or after VBS (June 16-20), contact Emily Badgerow if you're interested! (989) 450-9169.

For a quick link to online giving, scan this code:



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### Why We Gather

We gather to glorify God, proclaim His Gospel,  
grow in Christ, serve His Church,  
and devote ourselves to one another  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.



## THE RIVER'S EDGE

A REFORMED FELLOWSHIP

April 27, 2025

Lord's Day Worship

### We Believe Salvation is:

Through **Faith** alone- Sola fide |

In **Christ** alone- Solo Christo | By **Grace** alone- Sola gratia | According to **Scripture** alone- Sola scriptura |

That we would **Glorify** God alone- Soli Deo Gloria