

Order of Service

Quiet Preparation

Ringling of the Bells

Why We Gather*

Call to Worship: Psalm 109*

Silence of Anticipation
Prayer

Songs: On Christ the Solid Rock*
Come Praise & Glorify*

Responsive Reading (*from the 1689 2nd London Baptist
Confession of Faith, ch. 10:4*)

Tithes & Offerings

Songs: Even So Come*
Lord, Prepare Me*

Declaring Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God

Sermon: Stay Awake At All Times (Luke 21:29-36)
by Pastor John Gunden

Pastoral Prayer

Doxology*

Benediction*

*Congregation, stand if you are able

Notes:

Welcome

We are glad you are here to worship this morning! Our service begins 5 minutes prior to the "Ringling of the Bells." Please use this time to silence your phone, prepare your heart for worship and welcome 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 – Meeting God

(read this to help prepare your heart for worship)

Great God, in public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer, filled with the spirit of grace and supplication, each prayer perfumed with the incense of atoning blood. Help me, defend me, until from praying ground I pass to the realm of unceasing praise.

Urged by my need, invited by Thy promises, called by Thy Spirit, I enter Thy presence, worshipping Thee with godly fear, awed by Thy majesty, greatness, glory, but encouraged by Thy love.

I am all poverty as well as all guilt, having nothing of my own with which to repay Thee, but I bring Jesus to Thee in the arms of faith, pleading His righteousness to offset my iniquities, rejoicing that He will weigh down the scales for me, and satisfy Thy justice.

I bless Thee that great sin draws out great grace, that, although the least sin deserves infinite punishment because done against an infinite God, yet there is mercy for me, for where guilt is most terrible, there Thy mercy in Christ is most free and deep.

Bless me by revealing to me more of His saving merits, by causing Thy goodness to pass before me, by speaking peace to my contrite heart.

Strengthen me to give Thee no rest until Christ shall reign supreme within me, in every thought, word, and deed, in a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens me to Thee, and ever clings to the cross.

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:

- **8/04** Fellowship Meal/Picnic @ The Walsh's on M-25 east of town. Bring some food to share, a chair, and your swimsuit! If it rains, we'll meet @ the rink.
- **8/10** Men's Breakfast 7:15-8:30am @ the café. Every 2nd Saturday. All men & boys welcome!
- **8/11** Service in the Park/Baptisms 11am @ Caseville County Park Amphitheater. Join us @ the beach afterward for baptisms. If you're interested in being baptized, talk to Pastor John or Pastor Ryan.
- **8/18** The Lord's Supper (communion) after the preaching @ 10am worship service.
- **8/18** Politics & Popcorn (Q&A) 6pm. Submit questions to Pastor Ryan (989) 415-6853. The focus will be on how Christians should engage in politics.
- **9/6-13** 4th Annual Church Camping Trip @ Sleeper State Park. Talk to Emily Badgerow for more info (989) 450-4169.

Some Ways to Serve:

- Sundays: "Hospitality" – Scan this code to sign up to serve snacks and drinks before service. (or talk to Nick or Emily Vogel) 
"Greeter" – Welcome people with a smile and a bulletin! Ask Pastor Ryan to get scheduled.
- 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.
- 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

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

July 21, 2024
Lord's Day Worship

CELEBRATING

25 Years

OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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