Order of Service Quiet Preparation Ringing of the Bells Call to Worship: Psalm 28* Silence of Anticipation Prayer Songs: Come Praise & Glorify* One Pure & Holy Passion* Responsive Reading (from the 1689 2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith - ch. 21, pt. 3) Tithes & Offerings Songs: Grace Alone* Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* Pastoral Prayer Sermon: Loved & Chosen by God (1 Thessalonians 1:4-10) by Pastor John Gunden The Lord's Supper Songs: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Give Us Clean Hands* Benediction* *Congregation, stand if you are able NI alaa

Notes:		

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 – "The Lord's Supper"

(read this to help prepare your heart for worship)

God of all good, I bless Thee for the means of grace; teach me to see in them Thy loving purposes and the joy and strength of my soul. Thou hast prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as guest, I wholly rest on the merits of Jesus and hide myself beneath His righteousness. When I hear His tender invitation and see His wondrous grace, I cannot hesitate, but must come to Thee in love.

By thy Spirit enliven my faith rightly to discern and spiritually to apprehend the Saviour. While I gaze upon the emblems of my Saviour's death, may I ponder why He died, and hear Him say: "I gave my life to purchase yours. I presented myself an offering to expiate your sin. I shed my blood to blot out your guilt. I opened my side to make you clean. I endured your curses to set you free. I bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice."

O may I rightly grasp the breadth and length of this design, draw near, obey, extend the hand, take the bread, receive the cup, eat and drink, testify before all men that I do for myself, gladly, in faith, reverence and love, receive my Lord, to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, delight.

In the supper I remember His eternal love, boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony, cross, redemption, and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, so may Thy indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast.

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:

- 5/13 & 27 Crown Financial Class 7pm @ TL Bushey's
- 5/20 Women's Book Study (last one until August) ask Emily Badgerow for more info
- 5/21 VBS Info Meeting 5pm @ cafe
- 5/24 R U Red E? Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 11am 'til gone @ roller rink (ask Emily Badgerow or Gretta Van Valkenburgh to pre-purchase tickets)
- 6/08 The Lord's Supper (communion)
- 6/14 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:15-8:30am
 @ the café (every 2nd Saturday of the month)
- 6/16-20 VBS 5:30-8pm @ the roller rink (ages 3-12)
 Help needed! Details below.
- 6/29 Church Anniversary/Fellowship Meal @ CFA (roller rink) after 10am worship service. Bring some food to share!

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.
- <u>Fellowship Meals:</u> 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
- <u>Prayer Chain:</u> 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
- <u>Vacation Bible School:</u> 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.

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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.



May 11, 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 I
That we would Glorify God alone- Soli Deo Gloria