

## God of Creation and Providence

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*"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host."  
Psalm 33:6*

By the works of creation and providence, all things come to pass from the Father, through the Son, and by the Spirit to accomplish the eternal and unchangeable plan of God. With Moses in Exodus 15:11 we may exclaim, "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

*WSC Q. 8, How doth God execute his decrees?*

*A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.*

The greatest book of all time begins with these words, "In the beginning, God." In these four words there is an unfathomable depth of knowledge beyond our understanding. Before the beginning, there was only God who was dwelling in perfect unity while in Trinity. Before the beginning, there was no time, no matter, and no space. This category of 'nothing' is beyond the human mind to comprehend. The moment we put words to what 'nothing' means, we add substance to our perception of 'nothing' and fail in our quest of defining 'nothing' altogether.

Nevertheless, there is a beginning. There is a beginning to time, matter, and space. There is a beginning to this world and all of creation. There is a beginning to our existence. At the dawn of time, God spoke and made all things ex nihilo, out of nothing. By the word of God's power, the world and everything in it was made. God the Father spoke through his Son as the Spirit hovered over the expanse of creation. Creation, therefore, is a Trinitarian act of our one true and living God.

And God made all things in the space of six days. God could have made everything instantaneously, yet God chose by the counsel of his own will to create all things in six days. Why? To give us an example of how we are to pattern our lives. Exodus 20:11, "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day." God's creation teaches us the necessity of a holy rest on the Sabbath.

And God made all things very good as a reflection of his infinite, eternal, and unchangeable goodness. Not only were all things created very good, but even the ordering of his creation teaches the depth of God's goodness. "The goodness of God shines forth in this order of the creation, in that the places were prepared before the dwellers, the food before the eaters, and all necessary to the use of man before man himself" (Boston). God's eye was towards the culmination of creation week. God was already showing his care for those made in his image.

*WSC Q. 9, What is the work of creation?*

*A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.*

# March 2026

## Sundays Weekly:

Prayer Meeting- 8:00  
 Sunday School- 9:00  
 AM Worship- 10:15  
 PM Worship- 5:30

## Highlights for April:

- Good Friday Service- 4/3
- Kids Art Day- TBD
- Game Night/Coffee Shop Music Night- 4/17

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Women's AM Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM  Women's PM Bible Study- 6:00-7:30PM	4 Women's Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM  MidWeek at WPC 5:15-7:00PM	5 Carpenters Apprentices- 6-7AM	6 Food Ministry- 9AM	7
8  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS- Spring Forward	9	10 Women's AM Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM	11 Women's Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM  MidWeek at WPC 5:15-7:00PM	12 Carpenters Apprentices- 6-7AM	13 Food Ministry- 9AM	14
15  **Lord's Supper- AM**	16  SPRING BREAK WEEK	17 NO WOMENS AM BIBLE STUDY (Spring Break) Session Meeting 5:30PM Diaconate Meeting 6:30PM Women's PM Bible Study- 6:00-7:30PM	18 Women's Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM NextGen Youth Event NO MIDWEEK AT WPC (Spring Break)	19 Carpenters Apprentices- 6-7AM	20 Food Ministry- 9AM	21
22 Missions Conference Lunch- Donny Harwood  Lord's Supper- PM	23	24 Women's AM Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM	25 Women's Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM  MidWeek at WPC 5:15-7:00PM	26 Carpenters Apprentices- 6-7AM	27 Food Ministry- 9AM	28
29 Palm Sunday Picnic and Egg Hunt  Palm Sunday	30  Missions Meeting- 5:30-7:00 PM	31 Women's AM Bible Study- 9:30-10:45AM  Women's PM Bible Study- 6:00-7:30PM				

Key: BLUE- Church Wide Events | PURPLE- Bible Studies | ORANGE- NextGen | GREEN- Children's Events | BROWN- Food Ministry | RED- Meetings | BLACK- Holidays

Quarterly Communion Offering: Opportunity Place- a low-barrier shelter offering a safe haven for families and single women facing homelessness in Fort Walton Beach, FL

# Missionary Highlight:



Donny and Courtney Harwood



Franklin and Beth Beaver

## Donny and Courtney Harwood, MTW, Glasgow, Scotland

Pray for Donny and his family as they leave soon to go to Glasgow, Scotland to be fulltime missionaries. Pray that the Lord would provide for their support needs and that they would be able to settle quickly so they can start their ministry work of supporting a local church and ministering to college students.. Pray that the people of Scotland would return to the Lord and that the the Free Church of Scotland's vision of 30 new church plants by 2030 to come to fruition.

## Franklin and Beth Beaver, MTW Worldwide

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Please pray for Franklin and Beth Beaver as they are working on a large videography project for 2026, a sunday school curriculum that focuses on encouraging churches to be more involved with global Missions. Pray also as they continue their other work sharing stories about the lives and ministries of Missionaries all over the world working with MTW. Pray for their upcoming trips to Scotland and London this year.

## How can I support Missions?

**PRAY** for our Missionaries | **GIVE** to Missions | **GO** on a Missions Trip | **JOIN** the Missions Team

Local:

- Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Chaplain Shane Hardesty

National:

- Presbyterian and Reformed Chaplain Corp (PRCC)
- Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UF, Pastor Steve Lammers
- Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at FSU, Pastor Kelly Jackson

International:

- Middle East Reformed Fellowship, Pastor Victor Atallah
- Brenda Carter, MTW San Yi, Taiwan
- Chris and Savanna, MTW (sensitive)
- Franklin and Beth Beaver, MTW Worldwide
- David and Jill Martin, MTW Odessa, Ukraine/Brasov, Romania
- Ang Bahay Parola (The Lighthouse) Children's Home, MTW Manila, Philippines
- Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Kyiv, Ukraine
- Perry and Betty, MTW (sensitive)
- Robert and Lisa Stewart, MTW Nagoya, Japan
- Verne and Alina Marshall, MTW Santiago, Chile
- John and Lu Elliot, IXO Nicoya, Costa Rica
- Donny and Courtney Harwood, MTW Glasgow, Scotland