

9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, June 9, 2024

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Wayne Potter

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 133 – The Message)

Anna Misico

Leader: “How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along! It’s like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard, flowing down Aaron’s beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes. It’s like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion. Yes, that’s where God commands the blessing, ordains eternal life.”

All: Come, let us worship God!

Worship Songs - **“10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”**
“Build My Life”

(As the children come forward for the children’s message, please take a moment to sign the Friendship pad located at the end of each pew and pass it along to the person(s) next to you. Thank you!)

Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Scripture Reading – 1 Samuel 8:4-10

Halle Misico

Sermon

“Statements of Faith”

Merrick Peters, Madelyn Conrad, and Halle Misico

“Misplaced Hope”

Wayne Potter

Responsive Song – **“Forever Reign”**

Bringing Confirmation Students into Membership

Sandi Gray and Wayne Potter

As part of this process, we’ll read **The Apostles’ Creed** together (pg. 35 in the hymnal)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

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. Amen.

Giving Back to God

- Our Offering- Your gifts honor God and help provide financial support of the ministries and mission of this church.
- Our Service- Get connected! Fill out a Connection Card to get more involved in the life and ministries of the church.
- Our Prayers- How can we help you in prayer today? Fill out a prayer card and let us know. *Please place your financial gift, Connection Card, or Prayer Card in the Offering Box in the narthex.*

Closing Song – **“My Jesus”**

Charge and Blessing

Leader: In the coming week what does God call us to do?

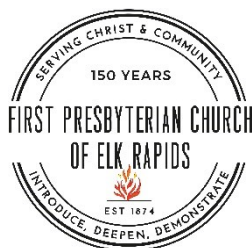
**People: We are called to: Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;
deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;
and demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world.**

*For anyone desiring special prayers today, Mel Matchett will be at the front of the sanctuary to pray for you.
Please come forward after the service.*

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Don & Louise Pond, and our snack volunteer.



10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, June 9, 2024

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Prelude – *“This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made”* by Carter

Welcome

Wayne Potter

Invitation and Centering Words

Let us be still before the Lord, quiet our hearts, and wait patiently as we are drawn into his presence.

Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Sandi Gray

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory!

People: You are our God, and we will praise you; You are our God, and we will exalt you.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: His faithful love endures forever!

Opening Prayer

Sandi Gray

All: Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we are made a new creation. Amen.

Opening Hymn 35 – *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*

Prayer of Confession

Sandi Gray

All: Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Sandi Gray

Leader: The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven, loved and restored, receiving the gift and promise of new life and resurrection now. Go and share the wondrous news of God's love in Jesus the Christ.

All: Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Sandi Gray

Leader: As we have been forgiven by God, let us now in turn forgive others in the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please greet those around you with the words, "Peace be with you." Responding: "And also with you."

Leader: After greeting your neighbors, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad located at the end of the pew and pass it along to the person(s) sitting next to you. Thank you!

Anthem – "Footsteps" by Courtney

Scripture Reading – 1 Samuel 8:4-10

Halle Misico

Sermon

"Statements of Faith"

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"Misplaced Hope"

Wayne Potter

Responsive Hymn 458 – "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet"

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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(The ushers will now come forward to receive this morning's offering. Please place your financial gift, Connection Card, and/or Prayer Card in the offering plate as it is passed along the pew.)

Doxology – "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

All: Knowing that many voices clamour and compete, we pray that these offerings given may become symbolic of our decision to serve one master, one God.

Closing Hymn 300 – *“We Are One in the Spirit”*

Charge and Blessing

Leader: In the coming week what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to: Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him; deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him; and demonstrate Christ’s way of love in service to the world.

Benediction

Benediction Response – *“Let There Be Peace On Earth”*

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Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Ken Kohlman & Pam Coleman, and our snack volunteer.

We express our sympathy to Dick Gray and his family for the death of Charl Gray on May 28. Funeral services are planned for Saturday, June 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following. Visitation is on Friday, June 14 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gardens at Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City, and from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15 before the service.

Thank you for your generous giving during this challenging time! Your gifts support all the work and ministries of the church, as we continue to do the work of Christ in the world today. You can mail your pledges to the church at: First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids, 404 Spruce Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629, give through online giving at www.erfpc.org (click on the Giving tab at the top right), or set up a one time or recurring donation by contacting our Treasurer, Mike Husby, at finmanager@erfpc.org. Again, we thank everyone for their continued support of the ministries and mission of the church!

Nursery – Qualified caregivers welcome infants and children during the service.



Did You Know...

Though not mentioned in the local records, the church must have been without a minister and undoubtedly without services for nearly two years as there are no recorded minutes from September 30, 1987 until September 22, 1899.

From Celebrate the Journey by Stan Holzhauser. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office.

Vacation Bible School – Register Your Children Today!



Mark your calendar for VBS week, June 24-28 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon and register your children today on the VBS banner on the homepage of our website (www.erfpc.org) or by scanning the QR code here. Bring your children, grandchildren and friends to this exciting program!

Wired Word – We will be meeting for Wired Word the first and third Wednesdays of the month **June 5 and 19, July 17 and August 7 and 21**. We will be meeting at Shorts at 6 PM to discuss the latest topics in the news and how we might view them as Christians and what we can do as Christians as part of our world community. Our sessions usually last an hour. If you wish to order food and a beverage, please come a little early as we start at 6. If you are not getting the articles for discussion, please contact Klaus Lehrer at klauslehrer@yahoo.com to get on the email list.

Musicale Presents 2024 Scholarship Winners – June 13 at Congregational Church

A performance of the 2024 Musicale scholarship winners will be presented at 6:30 and 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 13 at the Congregational Church located on Old Mission. The two times have different programs and are divided up, so the performance is not one long presentation. George and I stay for

the whole event. It is a long evening, but the students are remarkable and we enjoy it. Please consider attending and supporting Grand Traverse Musicale. Approximately \$22,000.00 in scholarships will be distributed.

Program Chairman, Grand Traverse Musicale
Cheryl Knight

Help Wanted!

Currently, we are looking to fill three staff positions! They are: permanent **Worship Leader for the Contemporary Service**; **AV Coordinator** for both services; and **Assistant Care Giver for the Nursery** on Sunday mornings. If you know of anyone who has gifts and talents in these areas and who would like to become a part of a wonderful church staff, please let us know! You can contact the church office at 231-264-8167 or info@erfpc.org for job descriptions and more information regarding all of these positions. Thanks!

Volunteers Needed!

We are also looking for additional volunteers in the following areas:

- **VBS Leaders and Support**- June 24-28; Contact Marcy Potter at marcytpotter@gmail.com
- **Sunday School Teachers** for Summer and Fall; Contact Wayne Potter at wayneraypotter@gmail.com
- **AV Help** during worship at both services; Contact Josh McCann at mccann.joshuap@gmail.com
- **Praise Team and Choir members**; Contact Leah Keaton at leahkat2004@gmail.com
Or for the Choir, contact Cheryl Knight at c509knight@gmail.com
- **Nursery Help** (one or two Sundays each month)

If you have gifts and talents in any of these areas--- and a willingness to help--- please let us know! Just call or email the church office at 231-264-8167 or info@erfpc.org. Thanks!

Take the Survey! Not sure where your gifts and talents lay? Or where you might be best suited to



serve? Then, take our Volunteer Accelerator Survey! It's fun, informative, and easy to do! Just scan the QR code to the left or click on the link:

<https://volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/ERFPC/survey.html>

Thanks for your willingness to help out!

150th Anniversary Picnic – Sunday, July 28, 2024

Following worship we will celebrate our 150th anniversary--we want to include our entire family of faith and also people who are and have been important to our ministry over the generations.



You can expect an invitation soon, but if you know you will be attending, please RSVP by scanning the QR code here, signing the RSVP list at the Activity Center, or contacting the church office (231-264-8167 or info@erfpc.org).

The Nominating Committee is beginning work to discern nominations for 2025. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone that you think would be a good candidate, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members: Shelia Conrad, Judy Husby, Connie Claar, Gail Halliday, LeRue Werner, Jeremy Canon, and Garry Sumerix. Please note that only members may be elected. If you have been approached in the past and declined, but now feel called, please let someone on the nominating committee know.

Capturing our Stories to Mark 150th Anniversary – We are celebrating our sesquicentennial anniversary this year (that's 150 years!). The Anniversary Task Force, headed by Laura Asiala and Jim Lagowski, is seeking youth and young adults who would be interested in interviewing senior members of our church family to capture stories, memories, and oral histories in celebration of that milestone. Training and workshops will be provided. Contact Laura Wonacott Asiala at (989) 430-4644 or LEAsiala@gmail.com if you'd like to learn more.

Community Cupboard Community Cash – Please submit your Village Market receipts **dated between Sept 1, 2023 and May 30, 2024** into the Community Cupboard **no later than Sunday, June 9, 2024**. Any receipts received after that date will not be able to be redeemed. They can be turned in one of three ways: In the lower left corner mail slot near the church office, in the box labeled “Community Cupboard” in the left corner of the brown box outside the Community Cupboard or mail them to Elk Rapids Community Cupboard, PO Box 572, Elk Rapids, MI 49629. Thank you for your continuous support.

The Community Cupboard is open every other Tuesday and Friday with a "shop for yourself system" for those in need. Check out the website: <https://www.elkrapidscommunitycupboard.com>. Call Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239 for more information or to set up an appointment. Plus, the Community Cupboard is accepting donations in a drop box outside the cupboard entrance on Chippewa Street or by mail to ERCC, Box 572, Elk Rapids MI 49629.

This Week's Activities

Sun. 6/9

9:00 a Contemporary Service
10:30 a Traditional Service

Mon. 6/10

9:00 a PEO – FHall

Tues. 6/11

11:30 a 150th Team – Conf

Wed. 6/12

9:00 a Bulletin Items Due
3:00 p UpNorth Group – FHall
6:30 p Praise Team Practice

Thurs. 6/13

7:00 p Trustees – FHall

Fri. 6/14

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FHall

Sat. 6/15

10:00 a Visitation
11:00 a Charl Gray Funeral
12 noon Luncheon following funeral