



9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, June 23, 2024

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Invitation to Worship

Grace Ward

Leader: It is God's grace that makes human faith possible. In this circle of grace and faith, God's miracles enter and bless our world.

All: Come, let us worship God!

Worship Songs - **"Jesus Messiah"**
"What A Beautiful Name"

(As the children come forward, 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 – Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon

"The Call and Gift of Pilgrimage"

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song – **"The Goodness of God"**

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.**

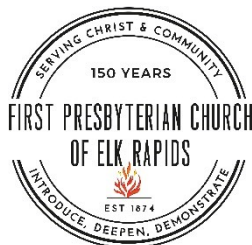
For anyone desiring special prayers today, Jan Burns will be at the front of the sanctuary to pray for you. Please come forward after the service.

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Gary & Jan Burns, and our snack volunteer: Shelia Conrad.

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10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, June 23, 2024

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Prelude – *“Listen, God Is Calling”*

Welcome

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Invitation and Centering Words

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Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

LeRue Werner

Leader: Come into God’s presence.

People: All are welcome here.

Leader: Come, saints and sinners alike.

People: We are all God’s children.

Leader: Faith has brought us here,

People: And God’s grace makes us whole.

All: Come! Let us worship the living God.

Opening Prayer

LeRue Werner

All: Faithful and loving God, your grace makes our faith possible. May we live and go about our lives as people who place our trust in you. May we love and care for others as people who turn to you for help. Where there is doubt or distrust, renew our faith. Where there is fear or insecurity, grant us courage. Where there is fatigue and weariness, give us amazing strength. Where there is confusion of purpose, give us wisdom. Where there is sorrow and loss, bring us peace. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 63 – *“The Lord Is God”*

Prayer of Confession

LeRue Werner

All: Loving God, we yearn to be as merciful with others as you are with us. Help us set aside past grudges and love others for who they are now. Forgive us for sitting in judgment and failing to see others as your beloved children. Fill us with your grace, that we might have enough faith to walk in your ways and to seek the healing of your world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

LeRue Werner

Leader: By the grace of God, our faith has made us well. In the grace of Christ, our faith has led us home. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, our faith has made us whole.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

LeRue Werner

Leader: By reaching out in faith, we trust in the presence and guidance of God. May we share God's love and grace as we pass the peace of Christ today.

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!

Scripture Reading – Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon

“The Call and Gift of Pilgrimage”

Rev. Jim Porter

Anthem – *“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”* arr. by Shackley

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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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: God of Abraham and Sarah, you bless our lives, that we might be a blessing to others. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to bless the world in your name. Send forth these gifts, we humbly ask, that they may be instruments of your love, grace, and peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn 69 – ***“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”***

Charge and Blessing

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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: Karen Blanchard & Scott Martin, and our snack volunteers: Tom & Susan Calkins.

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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...

New front doors and the canopy were added in 1963 at an approximate cost of \$400. The planter at the Church front was added the following year.

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

All VBS Volunteer Training – Today Between Services in Fellowship Hall

There will be an important VBS volunteer training today between service in the Fellowship Hall. All volunteers are encouraged to attend this important meeting to kickoff VBS week!

Vacation Bible School Begins Tomorrow – 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!

New Member Class – Rescheduled to Monday, June 24 at 6:00 PM

Would you like to join the church? Are you wondering what it means to be Presbyterian? Then, we invite you to join us on Monday, June 24, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. as we talk about what it means to join the church. Pizza and Refreshments will be served. Please email (info@erfpc.org) or call (231-264-8167) the church office if you would like to attend.

VBS Sunday, June 30 – One Indoor Service at 10:30 AM

Plan to attend our one 10:30AM Service on VBS Sunday, June 30 in the sanctuary. We'll highlight our VBS week and Youth Mission week in this special service.

Help with Housing for Our 150th Anniversary Celebration – We are looking for housing for Rev. Scott and Pam Fischer who will be here the evening of July 26 and 27 for the 150th celebration. Scott is a former pastor at our church and his wife is also a Presbyterian minister. Cheryl Knight will host the Fischers for dinner on Saturday, July 27, and has Rev. Hal and T.C. Schafer staying with her for the weekend. Please consider hosting this wonderful couple who are returning to celebrate a special event in our church. Contact Cheryl Knight for further details at 231-409-3316.

Wired Word – We will be meeting for Wired Word the first and third Wednesdays of the month **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.

Help Wanted!

Currently, we are looking to fill two staff positions! They are: permanent **Worship Leader for the Contemporary Service**; 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:

- **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).

THESE DAYS devotional booklets for July through September 2024 have arrived and are on the Welcome table in the narthex. Stop and pick up your copy today!

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 – 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. 6/23

9:00 a Contemporary Service
10:00 a VBS Volunteer Meeting - FHall
10:30 a Traditional Service

Mon. 6/24

9:00 a VBS/Youth Mission Week
6:00 p New Member Class – FHall

Tues. 6/25

9:00 a VBS/Youth Mission Week

Wed. 6/26

9:00 a VBS/Youth Mission Week
9:00 a Bulletin Items Due
6:30 p Praise Team Practice
7:00 p Session Meeting

Thurs. 6/27

9:00 a VBS/Youth Mission Week

Fri. 6/28

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