



10:30 AM One Service • Sunday, June 30, 2024

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“One Big Happy Family”*

VBS Children

Welcome

Wayne Potter

Introit – *“I Have A Friend”*

VBS Children

Call to Worship

Harry & Polly Conrad

Leader: When I feel alone,

People: God is a friend who’s real.

Leader: When I feel sad,

People: God is a friend who loves.

Leader: When I feel discouraged,

People: God is a friend we can trust.

Leader: When I feel inconsistent,

People: God is a friend forever.

Leader: When I feel separated,

People: God is a friend for everyone.

Opening Prayer

Stella Barraw

Leader: Dear God, sometimes I mess up.

People: Sometimes I hurt someone else because I am angry or mean.

Leader: Dear God, sometimes I’m not sorry about what I did.

People: But really I am not proud of my actions.

Leader: Dear God, sometimes I try hard to be kind and thoughtful.

People: Help me to live that way.

Leader: Dear God, thank you for the gift of forgiveness.

All: Amen

Opening Song – *“This Little Light of Mine”*

Scripture Readings

Alice Cannon

“We believe, and we know you are the Holy one of God.” John 6:69

“Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” John 13:34

“I am leaving you with a gift peace of mind and heart.” John 14:27

“I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.” John 11:25

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Sermon

Local Mission Week

Alison Croft, Violet Denherder, Dante Holsinger, Silas Hoppe,
Caitlin White, Leah Voss, Finley Walters

Vacation Bible School – Tara Denherder

Mission Week Recap – Wayne Potter

Responsive Hymn – ***“How Great is Our 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.

Presentation of Offering and Connection Cards

Closing Song – *“A Friend We Can Trust”*

VBS Children

Charge and Blessing

Gracie Ward

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

Rev. Jim Porter

Postlude – *“Thanks, God”*

VBS Children

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our usher: Shelia Conrad, and our snack volunteer: Marcia Hall.

Thank you for your generous giving during this challenging time! Your gifts support all of 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.

Thank You Notes

I want to thank all in my church family for the support and prayers during this difficult time of losing my Pam. Those who were able to attend the memorial service last Saturday were a great comfort to the family. – Family of Don Reynolds

Thank you to our Church Family for the many expressions of condolence and acts of kindness extended toward us after Robin's passing. We so appreciate every hug, card, and kind word as we learn to move forward without him in our lives. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. – Betty, Adam, and Andy Tezak

Please note that the church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Friday, July 5.



Did You Know...

The main door of the Elk Rapids High School was directly across the street from the door on the bell tower of our church. One Halloween night in the early 1920’s some pranksters tied the bell ropes of the church bell and the school together. One of the pranksters was my father. This was told to me by my grandmother. – Memories from Adam Schuler

Thank You VBS Volunteers

Thank you to everyone that had any part in our Vacation Bible School program this year. Whether you were a group leader, station leader, registration volunteer, or you made decorations or helped set up/take down, your help was appreciated and was a blessing to every child that attended.

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.



Please RSVP to let us know you will be attending 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. 6/30

10:30 a One Service

Mon. 7/1

9:00 a Bulletin Items Due

Tues. 7/2

Wed. 7/3

3:00 p UpNorth Group – FHall

3:00 p Service at Autumn House

6:30 p Praise Team Practice

Thurs. 7/4 – Independence Day

Office Closed

Fri. 7/5

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FHall