



9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, July 14, 2024

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Minute for Mission

Laura Asiala

Invitation to Worship

Polly Conrad

Leader: Gracious God, gather us into your presence to sing your praise today.
Lord Jesus Christ, teach us to follow you and feed us at your table.
Holy Spirit, send us forth from this place with Good News and love for everyone. Amen.

All: Come, let us worship God!

Worship Songs - ***“What A Beautiful Name”***
“Here I Am”

(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 – Acts 2:37-47

Sermon **“Celebrating 150 Years of Serving Christ and Community: What Shall We Do?”** Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song – ***“O Come To The Altar”***

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 – ***“God So Loved”***

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: Curt & Deb McGee, and our snack volunteer.



10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, July 14, 2024

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Prelude – *“There Is Gonna Come a Day”* by McDonald

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Invitation and Centering Words

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Lord Jesus Christ, teach us to follow you and feed us at your table.
Holy Spirit, send us forth from this place with Good News and love for everyone. Amen.

Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

LeRue Werner

Leader: Come, let us worship the living God, with passion and joy!

People: Let us worship our Savior with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.

Leader: God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ, destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship God as we offer our thanks and praise!

Opening Prayer

LeRue Werner

All: Lord of love and life, Creator of whirling winds and shimmering flames, move in us this day. Touch us with the power of your Holy Spirit, and breathe life into our songs of praise. Set our hearts ablaze to your word. May our worship bring joy to you, Lord. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Opening Hymn 550 – *“Give Praise to the Lord”*

Prayer of Confession

LeRue Werner

All: You have called us by name, Lord, and made us your family. Yet we do not always live as one body in Christ—we neglect to care for your creation; we forget that our neighbors are also our brothers and our sisters; we ignore those who are suffering in lands far away. Forgive us, we pray. Loosen the chains that we place upon our lives—chains of burden and busyness, chains of ignorance and stress. Free us to care for your family, that we all might love and sing, and praise your glorious name! Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

LeRue Werner

Leader: We belong to the king of glory who joyfully sets us free. In Christ's healing hands, we find forgiveness.

People: **In Christ's healing touch, we find forgiveness. Glory be to God! Amen.**

Passing of the Peace of Christ

LeRue Werner

Leader: We are adopted as God's children through Jesus Christ, and we are all members of God's family. We sit next to a sister, even when we know her as friend. We sit next to a brother, even when we think him a stranger. Turn now to your family in Christ and share with them signs of Christ's love and peace.

(Please greet those around you with the words, "Peace be with you." Responding, "And also with you." After the Passing of the Peace, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew, and pass it along to those who are seated beside you.)

Anthem – "Revelation Song" arr. by Larson

Scripture Reading – Acts 2:37-47

Sermon "Celebrating 150 Years of Serving Christ and Community: What Shall We Do?" Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Hymn 721 – "Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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: The earth is yours, O Lord, and all that is in it. All that we have comes from the richness of your grace. As you have blessed us, so may we in turn bless others. May these offerings bind us to your love for us and to your love for all the world's people. Amen.

Closing Hymn 547 – “Go, My Children With My Blessing”

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: Curt & Deb McGee, and Jane Lund, and our snack volunteer.

We express our sympathy to Diane Wagner and her family for the death of Dale Wagner on November 14, 2023. A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a luncheon following in the Fellowship 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.



Did You Know...

In 1999 the Grace Lutheran Church property, southwest of the church and contiguous to the church, was purchased. The building, a former Mud Lake School House, was moved to Elk Rapids and housed Grace Church. In 2011 the property was remodeled and enlarged, and is now known as the Lighthouse.

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

150th Anniversary Picnic – Sunday, July 28, 2024

Following worship on Sunday, July 28 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).

If you are able to walk without assistance, we would appreciate you parking at the Lighthouse, in front of the Church Garage, or on the Street on the day of our anniversary celebration Saturday, July 28. In that way, we are sure to leave the most accessible spots open to members and guests who may have issues with mobility. We hope to see everyone there!

Celebrating 150 Years of Serving Christ & Community!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 28

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 AM Fun, Fellowship & Children’s Activities Begin
 - Coffee & Snacks
 - Bounce House & Games
 - Photo Booth
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:30 AM BBQ Picnic Begins
- 12:30 PM Short Program & Dedication of New Entrance
- Thursday, August 1 & Friday, August 2
- 7:00 PM Harbor Voices Concert

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.

150th Anniversary Commemorative Coffee Mugs Now Available for Purchase

150th anniversary commemorative coffee mugs are now available for purchase or order. The mugs are on display in the narthex and are white with our beautiful 150th anniversary in 'Torch Lake' blue on the cup. They are \$10 per mug, with net proceeds from the sale going to support our efforts to alleviate food insecurity in the region.

Laura Asiala will have them available before and between services. Alternatively, you can order anytime by sending a note to LEASIALA@gmail.com or completing the form and placing it in the box in the narthex.

Loaves of Bread to Share Next Week – Sunday, July 21

Next Sunday Pastor Jim has a message from ACTS that you will not want to miss. The Adult Education Ministry Team will be giving out loaves of bread to each family to share with your family, friends, or neighbors. Be sure to be here next Sunday to hear what this "breaking of the bread" and fellowship is all about.

Wired Word Suspended for Summer – The adult education ministry team has decided to suspend the Wired Word meetings for the rest of the summer, but you will still be getting those thoughtful articles on current events to think about throughout the summer. We just will not be meeting to discuss them. Instead, we will be having some exciting "pop-up" sessions to discuss and put into practice some of the concepts that Pastor Jim will be presenting in his sermons from the book of ACTS. We will be letting you know about the topics, times and places of these events through the bulletins and eblasts.

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!

Opportunities for Serving Our Community at Maple Bay Farm

As we look for ways to fight food insecurity in our area, the Outreach Team has several opportunities to serve our community at Maple Bay Farm. Here's how you can help:

- Daily watering is ongoing! Please turn off both main spigots after watering.
- This summer, Mondays and Thursdays starting at 9:00 AM.

We'll keep you updated as more opportunities become available. Hope to see you there!

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.

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. 7/14	9:00 a Contemporary Service 10:30 a Traditional Service
Mon. 7/15	
Tues. 7/16	
Wed. 7/17	9:00 a Bulletin Items Due 3:00 p UpNorth Group – FHall 3:00 p Service at Autumn House 6:30 p Praise Team Practice
Thurs. 7/18	9:00 a Session Reports Due
Fri. 7/19	10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FHall



Welcome Project Update

July 2024

The Elevator Has Arrived!

As we celebrate our past during this 150th year, we continue to build toward the future by starting construction on the Welcome Project! Here's the latest:

- The elevator has arrived and installation will begin soon. Work continues on the drywall and mudding of the barrel ceiling and walls in the entryway.

Financial Update:

Thank You for Your Support--As we anticipate the arrival of the actual elevator next week, we can see the end of the construction phase of the Welcome Project and we marvel at the support and enthusiasm our congregation has shown for this important project. Our fundraising for this project continues as we continue to have a gap between the overall cost of the project and the amount raised to date. If you have not yet made a pledge or would like to make a new or increase your gift to the Welcome Project, **NOW is a great time to get involved!** A generous family in the church has offered a Matching Gift of up to \$15,000 to help close the gap. **That means, any new gift or pledge will be matched up to \$15,000 (for a total of \$30,000!)**. We're excited to report that we have received \$8,000 toward this matching grant. You too can be a part! Scan the QR code below to make a gift today!



After you enter an amount, choose either Recurring Gift or One-time Gift. Then choose General Budget or Welcoming Campaign from the drop-down menu.

Please continue to pray that all will go well as we move into this exciting new phase of the Welcome Project, and as always, we thank everyone in the church for your continued support of the work and ministry of ERFPC.

With Love and Gratitude,

Your Welcome Project Team

Randy Asmus, Andy Bogard, Peg Burns, Craig Cameron, Pam Coleman, Ron Dunbar, Mike Husby, Tom Klingler, Dave Nussdorfer, Jim Porter and John Werner