

9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, July 21, 2024

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Invitation to Worship

Adaline Peck

Leader: The promise of peace is not secured through strength of arms but rather through self-giving love. Today, let us enter into the rest and peace of God as we prepare for worship this morning.

All: Come, let us worship God!

Worship Songs - **“Jesus Messiah”**
“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

(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 6:1-7

Sermon

**“A Dispute, a New Solution,
and the Continuing Movement of God”**

Rev. Jim Porter

Breaking Bread Together – A Special Message from Marcia Sumerix

Welcome New Members

Josh Richter

Jeff Seiple

Kevin & Kathy Rogols

Steve & Lonna Steinbeck

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 – **“Holy 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.**

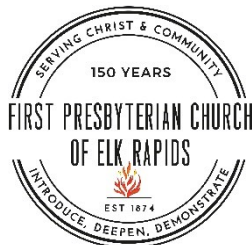
For anyone desiring special prayers today, Jan Burns will be at the front of the sanctuary to pray for you. Please come forward after the service.

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

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

Chancel flowers are in celebration of Jane Lund's birthday. Please wish her a "Happy Birthday" when you see her!



10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, July 21, 2024

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Prelude – *“Go Light Your World”* arr. by Pote

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Invitation and Centering Words

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Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Doug White

Leader: When you are weary in your bones . . .

People: here you will find rest.

Leader: When you are divided from family and friends . . .

People: here you will find peace.

Leader: When you are discouraged and downhearted . . .

People: here you will find hope and courage.

Leader: When you are looking for a shepherd to guide you . . .

People: here you will find God's love and peace.

All: Come, let us worship the living God!

Opening Prayer

Doug White

All: Healer of division, your Son came to abolish enmity and to create one humanity in his name. Unite us with all your saints and bring us into the peace of your household, so that we might dwell as one family, united by love through the power of Your Spirit. Be present in our worship this day and seal us in the heart of Christ, our heavenly shepherd. Amen.

Opening Hymn 14 – *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* (verses 1, 3, 5)

Prayer of Confession

Doug White

All: Shepherding God, You call us away to a deserted place, for we need your loving care. We need your gentle, yet persistent, Spirit to guide us. We need your everlasting peace to heal our divisions. Help us to abandon old grievances and instead embrace wholeness in our lives. Help us to see all people, friends and adversaries alike, as beloved members of your household. For in this, we will find peace. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Doug White

Leader: As members of the household of God, Christ calls us to be the dwelling place for the Lord of hosts. In Christ, we become a new humanity, loved and made whole by the Lord of life.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Doug White

Leader: Christ's love breaks down the walls that divide us. In joy and celebration of this great gift, let us share signs of the peace that makes us one.

(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 – *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* by Hakes

Scripture Reading – Acts 6:1-7

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Breaking Bread Together – A Special Message from Marcia Sumerix

Responsive Hymn 498 – *"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"* (verses 1 & 4)

Welcome New Members and Sacrament of Baptism for John Flatley

New Members: John & Diane Flatley
Terry Hogarth

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: Gracious God, bringer of true comfort and peace, You shaped your people and gave them a home. In gratitude for your steadfast love—for calling us to rest in your pastures of rest and peace--we bring our gifts before you this day. May they offer the love of our shepherd to all in your tender care. Amen.

Closing Hymn 435 – *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

Charge and Blessing

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Benediction

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

For anyone desiring special prayers today, Ginny Dorner 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 usher: Dave Nussdorfer, Les & Joanne Teague, and our snack volunteer.

Chancel flowers are in celebration of Jane Lund’s birthday. Please wish her a “Happy Birthday” when you see her!

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...

First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids was formally dedicated in September of 1878. From *Celebrate the Journey* by Stan Holzhauser. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office.

Welcome to Our New Members

Today we are welcoming the following 9 new members: John & Diane Flatley, Terry Hogarth, Josh Richter, Kevin & Kathy Rogols, Jeff Seiple, and Steve & Lonna Steinbeck.

Loaves of Bread to Share – Today

The adult education ministry team wants to remind you to pick up your loaf of bread today after your service. Share in the message of breaking of bread, sharing a meal, sharing the Christian community with others and caring for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Can we get all that from a simple loaf of bread? The disciples did and we can too. The loaf comes with many ideas on how you can use the bread as a starting point for praying together, eating together and caring for one another.

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).

Parking for the 150th Anniversary on Sunday, July 28

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 Sunday, 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

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.

Camino de Santiago Presentation by Pastor Jim – Sunday, August 11 at 6:00 PM

Mark your calendars for August 11 at 6 PM for an evening you do not want to miss. Pastor Jim will be talking about his walk on the Camino de Santiago trail to the cathedral where tradition says the apostle James remains are buried. It is one of three great pilgrimages in Europe, the others being to Rome and to Jerusalem. As both a Christian and a World Heritage Site it attracts over 200,000 people each year. Take the trip with Pastor Jim and see what so many pilgrims around the world have experienced.

A Note from the Trustees – The Trustees are moving ahead with the new signage for our church. The stones in front of the current sign at the corner of Chippewa and Spruce Streets need to be removed. If your family has a stone out there from the Ebenezer project and would like it back please get it by Sunday July 28th. If you have a need for stones after July 28th, please feel free to pick up what you need. Thank you!

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



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 has begun.

Financial Update:

Thank You for Your Support--As the elevator has arrived and installation has begun, 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 ERPC.

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

This Week's Activities

Sun. 7/21

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

Mon. 7/22

11:30 a 150th Team - Conf

Tues. 7/23

Wed. 7/24

9:00 a Bulletin Items Due
3:00 p UpNorth Group – FHall
6:30 p Praise Team Practice
7:00 p Session Meeting - FHall

Thurs. 7/25

Fri. 7/26

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FHall