



9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, July 28, 2024

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Invitation to Worship

Marie Zandler

Leader: The same Spirit who gave birth to the church on Pentecost with God's power and might, and who led a small group of faithful disciples to begin a church here in Elk Rapids 150 years ago, is the same Spirit who is with us today. This same Spirit of God promises to continue to lead us, guide us, and sustain us, for all who will receive this amazing gift.

All: Come, let us worship God!

Worship Songs - ***"Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"***

(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 – Mark 6:1-13

Sermon

"Doors Open for a Ministry of Movement"

Rev. Roger Veliquette

Responsive Song – ***"Holy Spirit"***

Greetings from the Synod of the Covenant

Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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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 – ***"Stand In Your Love"***

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, Judy Husby 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, Don Reynolds, Lorraine Berak, and Judy Husby.



10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, July 28, 2024

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship and Pre-Prelude –

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. by Smith and Hustad
Piano and Organ: Cheryl Knight & Ann Murray

Prelude – *“O God Beyond All Praising”* from Gustav T. Holst,
“The Planets” 1918, arr. by Schwoebel
Clarinetist: Doug White

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Invitation and Centering Words

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Ring of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Sandi Gray

Leader: Lord, You have been our refuge
From one generation to another.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth,

Leader: Or the land and the sea were born,

People: From age to age You are God.

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,

People: So we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Leader: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

People: And prosper the work of our hands.

All: Come, let us worship the living God!

Opening Prayer

Sandi Gray

**All: Receive our gratitude today, Holy God,
For the years through which You have led us,
And open us anew to the future that You promise.
In the years that lie ahead,**

Grant us your help and encouragement in the work of ministry,
Your consolation in times of heartache and struggle,
And your continued challenge to move us from our complacency.
Renew our trust in You, loving God,
And fill us once again with the power of your Holy Spirit today.
May we find joy and hope in our common life together,
And grant us the courage to live in the world as your people,
Sharing the blessings we found in You with others.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 1 – *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Prayer of Confession

Sandi Gray

All: God of our past, present, and future,

You have called us to continue the work and ministry of Christ in the world today. We are grateful for this church and for all of the blessings that we have shared throughout the years. Yet, we are also aware of the times that we have fallen short of your call to become the people of God that You desire us to be. You promise to fill us with compassion and courage, yet we often act with caution and timidity. You reveal to us your intentions for justice, yet we too often keep silent and ignore the needs of others. You overwhelm us with your love, yet we are hesitant to mention your name to another. You have forgiven us much, yet we continue to harbor old resentments, hold onto past hurts, and turn away from reconciliation.

Forgive us, gracious and loving God. Restore to us right desires and clear thinking, and draw us ever deeper into your loving presence. Fill our hearts again with the compassion that leads to bold action. Let us be peacemakers, creation-protectors, praise-singers, and grace-bearers of your love in the midst of a hurting world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Sandi Gray

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Sandi Gray

Leader: Whether we come to worship with regrets and sadness or with joy and thanksgiving, passing the peace of Christ heals the broken places in our lives and seals our bonds of fellowship. Let us take time to share this gift of peace with one another, both in this worship space and in our hearts.

Leader: Please greet those around you with the words: “Peace be with you.” Responding, “And also with you.” After you are done greeting your neighbors in worship, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad located at the end of the pew and pass it along to those who are sitting next to you.

Anthem – *“This Is My Word”* by Choplin

Clarinetist: Doug White

Scripture Reading – Mark 6:1-13

Sermon

“Doors Open for a Ministry of Movement”

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

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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: Merciful Lord, there is nowhere we can go—in the heavens above, or the earth and ocean below—to escape your loving care. Receive today the offering we make and bless these, our gifts, that they may be a blessing to others. May this offering reflect our sincerest hope that all may be filled with your fullness. In the name of the one who calls us, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn 365 – ***"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"***

Charge and Blessing

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Benediction

Benediction Response – ***"Let There Be Peace On Earth"***

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

Postlude ***"God of Our Fathers"*** arr. by Smith and Hustad

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Don & Louise Pond, Norm & Mary Anne Frey, Dave Nussdorfer, and Nels Nichols.

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.

Bathrooms – You'll find these near the Fellowship Hall across from the sanctuary, and near the classrooms on the lower level.



Did You Know...

The construction of the Elk Rapids Presbyterian Church was started prior to 1874, but stopped in 1873 due to the national financial panic. It was resumed in 1874, and the official 'birth date' of the church was June 18, 1874. We celebrate 150 years (and counting!) of service to Christ in community.

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

150th Anniversary Picnic – Today

Everyone is invited to stay after the service today for our 150th Anniversary Celebration. Even if you didn't RSVP, please be our guest. We have activities for all ages, delicious food, and a short program at 12:30 p.m. We hope to see everyone there!

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.

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

Thank You to Businesses that Helped with the 150th Anniversary Celebration

We would like to thank the following businesses for helping with this special celebration: Blackmore Property Services, GJ's Rentals, Ice Cream Peddlers, Natalie's Petals, Northwood Sodas, Remington Shively, TC Tented Events, Uncle Smiley's BBQ, and Village Market.

Harbor Voices Concert - Thursday & Friday, August 1 & 2 at 7 PM

The Harbor Voices, under the direction of Cheryl Knight, will perform at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1 and Friday, August 2 in the sanctuary. Don't miss it!

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! We are looking to fill the staff position of permanent **Worship Leader for the Contemporary Service**. If you know of anyone who has gifts and talents in this area 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 the job description and more information regarding this position. Thanks!

Volunteers Needed!

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

- **Sunday School Teachers** for 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. 7/28

- 9:00 a Contemporary Service
- 10:00 a Fun, Fellowship & Children's Activities Begin
- 10:30 a Traditional Service
- 11:30 a BBQ Picnic Begins
- 12:30 p Short Program & Dedication of New Entrance

Mon. 7/29

Tues. 7/30

Wed. 7/31

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

Thurs. 8/1

- 7:00 p Harbor Voices Concert

Fri. 7/26

- 10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FHall
- 7:00 p Harbor Voices Concert



Welcome Project Update

July 2024

Installation of the Elevator Continues!

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:

- Installation of the elevator continues, plus work on the electrical continues.

Financial Update:

Thank You for Your Support--As the elevator 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 \$11,500 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