



## 9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, November 10, 2024

### Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Words of Scripture

Polly Conrad

Leader: Today, we focus Respect. Respect means tending to the needs and concerns of others.  
"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26)

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

Invitation to Worship

Kyle Ripley

Leader: Wait. Let the anxiety of your heart take a break for just a moment.

**People: Let us breathe again.**

Leader: We are not alone.

**People: Christ is with us.**

Leader: Let us take a deep breath together.

**People: The rhythm of our breath and heartbeat is the same.**

Leader: Our desire for life and love is the same.

**People: Our desire for a peace in which we flourish is the same.**

Leader: Let this moment permeate our souls,

**People: and let us pass the peace of Christ between us.**

**All: Come. Let us worship together the living God!**

**All (Sung):**

**Christ has broken down the wall.**

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**Let us join our hearts as one,**

**Christ has broken down the wall.**

**We're accepted as we are.**

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**Through God's power, all is reconciled;  
we're accepted as we are.**

Worship Songs - **"Rest On Us"**  
**"Come As You Are"**

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

*(Before you sit down, please turn and greet your neighbor. Also, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew and pass it along to the person next to you. Thanks!)*

Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

*(Children are invited to come forward at this time for the children's message.)*

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:1-26

Sermon

"Do Unto Others:

Rev. Jim Porter

Celebrating our Differences, Treating One Another with Respect"

## Responsive Song - ***“Change My Heart O God”***

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

#### 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.**

#### Minute for Stewardship

Mel Matchett

#### Giving Back to God

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- 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.*

#### A Moment for Our Veterans

Don Reynolds

### Closing Song – ***“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”***

#### Charge and Blessing

Leader:

May the Holy One show you the way  
to Do Unto Others with respect for all people.

May the Christ whose Light is the Center of All-That-Is  
ground you in the assurance that no one is outside of God’s love.

May the Spirit show forth through you  
in extraordinary acts you never imagined you had the power to achieve.

And may you know the peace that surpasses all understanding,  
especially when it is difficult to understand.

And the people said, **“Amen!”**

**Sung Response:**

**We will tear down the walls.  
We will tear down every wall.  
God has called us one and all;  
Christ has broken down the wall,  
Christ has broken down the wall.**

*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: Lorraine Berak & Shelia Conrad, and our snack volunteer.



**10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, November 10, 2024**

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Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Doug White

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Opening Prayer

Doug White

**All: God, Creator of all that is, we ask you to hover close, for we are a divided world, and we are not sure how to regard one another in this moment. Bind us together this day as your beloved children, and invite us to “do unto others” in ways that build up your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. For we pray this in the name of Jesus, Lord of all, and in the power of the Holy Spirit that transforms our lives today. Amen.**

Opening Hymn 669 – *“Let’s Sing Unto the Lord”*

## Prayer of Confession

Doug White

**All: When hope runs dry, lift us out of despair, O God, and fill us with the waters of renewal. When our efforts fall short, forgive our failings, and reclaim us with your promise. When the weight of worry holds us down, lift us up with your comfort, and show us the way forward. Transform our lives, as you once transformed water into wine, that we may overflow with abundant love. Transform your creation and your people, as you once transformed a formless void into this good and fruitful earth. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

*(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)*

## Assurance of Pardon

Doug White

Leader: Receive the Good News of God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Passing the Peace

Doug White

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

[Please greet those around you with the Peace of Christ.

After the Passing of the Peace, please sign and pass the Friendship Pad

Located at the end of each pew to your neighbor.]

## Anthem – “Thanks Be to God” by Allen

## Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:1-26

## Sermon

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## Responsive Hymn 808 – “*When Memory Fades*”

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Betty Tezak

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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: Christ of loving miracles, transform the gifts we return to you today, that they may be gifts of your abundant life, and ever-flowing love, for a world thirsting for your grace. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 703 – *“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

### 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

Leader: May the Holy One show you the way  
to Do Unto Others with respect for all people.

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

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Please come forward after the service.*

### Postlude

## **Worship Concludes – Service Begins!**

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Les & Joanne Teague, and our snack volunteer: Pam Coleman.

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](http://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](mailto: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 1876, a benefit to help Rev. Hall build his own residence raised \$66.10. The home was built just south of our Church where the parking lot is now. The home was moved in about 1992 to Ash Street.

Facts about the area and First Presbyterian Church from Adam Schuler.

## *Building a Future with Hope*

Last Sunday, we began our annual stewardship campaign "Building a Future with Hope." During worship, Leah Keaton and Pam Coleman provided testimony about the family of faith they have found at First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids and why this inspires them to pledge. Excerpts from their testimony are below:

### **Leah Keaton (Contemporary Service)**

*All the people in this congregation give me so much love and support. ...To have this fellowship with each other, to have this community is something that's really important. ...To have somebody who keeps you accountable, to have people who love you for who you are--that's an amazing thing to have, that I grew up with. Your love has reached so many people, including myself, and that's something that our church should be very proud of. So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for everything that you've done in my life.*

### **Pam Coleman (Traditional Service)**

*I am the President of the Trustees and I'm honored to come and do this Minute for Stewardship in our first week of this campaign. Ken and I joined this church 7 years ago and we are just thrilled to be members. It's a huge, wonderful family. And that wouldn't happen if it weren't for all of us—and if we didn't have a commitment to the church whether through our pledges, our volunteerism, and the various ministries we support. The church has been a big part of our life from the day we got here, and we are so blessed to be part of it. We're surrounded by people who do really great things!*

**As of Tuesday, November 5th, twenty-six families or individuals have pledged their support for 2025! We are so grateful for their commitment to building a future with hope! We ask you to join them by turning in your pledge card as soon as you are able. All pledges received will be dedicated Consecration Sunday - November 24.**

All pledges are welcome-and necessary-and we are grateful to the giver and to God for the blessings He continues to bestow on this congregation.

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" Jeremiah 29:11-13*

### **New Member Class - Monday, November 18 at 6:00 PM**

Just Announced! 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, November 18, 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 sign up at the Activity Center in the lobby or email ([info@erfpc.org](mailto:info@erfpc.org)) or call (231-264-8167) the church office if you would like to attend.

### **Save the Date – Grand Traverse Musicale – Thursday, November 14 at 1:00 PM**

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend Grand Traverse Musicale on Thursday, November 14 at 1 p.m. at Congregational Church in Traverse City featuring Jeff Cobb and choir, the NMC Chamber Singers. Don't miss it!

**The Flower Fund** – The flower fund for the Deacons was started by Helen Butters. The Deacons want to continue to honor this tradition, but unfortunately the fund is in the negative. This fund is used to purchase all seasonal flowers or plants for the altar table, unless someone has ordered flowers for a special occasion. The Deacons also purchase poinsettias at Christmas. A way the congregation can help is to order a poinsettia from the Deacons. This plant will be placed in the sanctuary to honor or in memory of someone, and can be taken home after the holidays. Order forms will be available in the Narthex as we get closer to the holidays.

**Women's Retreat 2025** – We are beginning to plan for our Women's Retreat in 2025. If you are interested in helping to plan this retreat contact Judy Brummeler at 231-838-4941.

**YOUR Stephen Ministry** – There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties: loss of a loved one, cancer, hospitalization, disability, discouragement, loneliness, and others. God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. Stephen Ministers are members of your congregation who have received 50 hours of care giving training to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time.

Did you know that over the years, 72 people have completed the training for Stephen Ministry and 21 people have completed the training to be Stephen Ministry Leaders. Your church family has been blessed with caring members who have studied and completed this training.

**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!

**Community Cupboard – Community Cash is back!** Save your Village Market receipts dated between Sept 1, 2024 and May 30, 2025 and turn them in one of three ways: In the lower left corner mail slot near the church office, in the box labeled "Community Cash" in the left corner of the brown box outside the Community Cupboard or mail them to Elk Rapids Community Cupboard, PO Box 572, Elk Rapids, MI 49629. You can mail or drop donations in the brown box too! Due to your generosity the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard came in 2nd place this year receiving over \$3000.00 from the Village Market. Thank you for your continuous support.

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.

#### **This Week's Activities**

**Sun. 11/10**

9:00 a Contemporary Service  
10:00 a SS & Youth – LH  
10:30 a Traditional Service

**Mon. 11/11**

7:00 p Personnel – Conf

**Tues. 11/12**

7:00 p Outreach – Conf

**Wed. 11/13**

6:30 a Breakfast Club – LH  
9:00 a Bulletin Items Due  
2:00 p UpNorth Group – AEd  
6:30 p Praise Team Practice

**Thurs. 11/14**

9:00 a Session Reports Due  
1:00 p Worship – Conf

**Fri. 11/15**

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FHall