



ONE 10:30 AM Service • Sunday, March 30, 2025

## Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Minute for Mission – “Parenting with Love and Logic”

Lynn Bryant

Invitation to Worship

Marie Zandler

Leader: Rejoice and be glad. In Christ, we are made new. God’s steadfast love guides us home.

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

Worship Songs - *“It Is You”*

*“Good Good Father”*

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 – Mark 14:1-9

Sermon

“Honoring Jesus, Risking Rejection”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song - *“Lord I Need You”*

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.*

Offering Prayer

**All: With glad hearts, we offer these gifts to you, O God. Transform them with the power of your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may bring forth new life. May our offering transform others’ lives into the new creation you promise to all. Amen.**

## Closing Song – “My Lighthouse”

### 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 placed by Don Reynolds in memory of his wife, Pam.

**Special Lenten Gift: As you leave the service today, be sure to pick up a “Caring Cross”** made from olive wood from the Holy Land and prayer card to carry with you through your Lenten journey this year.

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.

### One 10:30 AM Worship Service – Today

Today is a fifth Sunday, so we have ONE worship service at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jim is continuing our Lenten sermon series “Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week,” and Kyle Ripley, our contemporary worship director, will be leading worship.

### Free Community Dinner Canceled for Monday, March 31

The Free Community Dinner scheduled for Monday, March 31 in the Fellowship Hall has been canceled due to the visitation for John Conrad. The next Free Community Dinner is scheduled for Monday, April 28.

### Family Worship Service – Sunday, April 6 at 5:00 PM at the Lighthouse

Greetings Friends and Family! We are excited to invite you and your family to our upcoming Family Worship Night, taking place on April 6th at 5:00 PM at the Lighthouse. Come and enjoy a delicious FREE dinner followed by an hour of uplifting and encouraging worship music in the upper room of the Lighthouse. Children are welcome! This is a wonderful opportunity to unite with our community and celebrate our faith together.

### “Parenting the Love and Logic Way” – Class begins Monday, April 14

All families are invited to join us for a 6-session program, “Parenting the Love and Logic Way,” beginning on Monday, April 14. We’ll provide a light kid and adult-friendly meal at 5:30 p.m., with class running from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The workbook is \$10, and child care will be provided. This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately with kids of all ages. You’ll learn how to avoid un-winnable power struggles and arguments, stay calm when kids do incredibly upsetting things, set enforceable limits, and much more. **To register, call the church office at 231-264-8167 by April 9. Class size is limited to 20 people, so reserve your spot today!**

## Vacation Bible School 2025 Volunteers Needed – June 23-27

We are providing a 5-day Vacation Bible School for all children in Elk Rapids and the surrounding area and we need your help! If you can volunteer in any way during the week of June 23-27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. please contact Tara DenHerder at [denherdeta@tcaps.net](mailto:denherdeta@tcaps.net) or 231-590-5346. Save the dates and plan to bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors!

**Help Needed Setting Up Coffee Central for 9:00 AM Service** – If you are willing to help set up for Coffee Central for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service, please contact Lorraine Berak at 231-620-4869. Thank you!

**Take the Survey!** Not sure where your gifts and talents lay? Or where you might be best suited to serve? 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 Needs Paper & Plastic Bags** – The Community Cupboard Food Pantry is in need of paper and plastic grocery bags. They can be dropped off in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall or the brown outdoor box outside the Cupboard entrance. Thank you!

**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 3 ways: In the lower left church mailbox slot near the 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 drop donations in the brown box too! 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. 3/30**

10:30 a ONE 10:30AM Service

**Mon. 3/31**

4:00 p Visitation for Conrad Family  
No Community Dinner

**Tues. 4/1**

10:00 a Visitation  
11:00 a John Conrad's Funeral with  
luncheon immediately following

**Wed. 4/2**

6:30 a Breakfast Club – LH  
9:00 a Bulletin Items Due  
2:00 p UpNorth Group – AEd  
3:00 p Service at Autumn House  
6:30 p Praise Team Practice

**Thurs. 4/3**

7:30 a Men's Sm Grp – AEd  
1:30 p Worship MT – Conf

**Fri. 4/4**

10:30 a Choir

Northwest Food Coalition  
Empty Bowls presents  
Tickets Available at Oryana Customer Service or [northwestmifoodcoalition.org](http://northwestmifoodcoalition.org)

# HEROES AGAINST HUNGER

JOINING FORCES FOR CHILD FOOD SECURITY

**Join Forces With Us to Provide Healthy Food to Kids Who Need It!**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**Howe Arena, Traverse City**  
**11 am to 2pm**

**Bring the Kids!**

- Artisan Bowl to Take Home
- Fun kid activities!
- Live Music & Bowl Making Demonstrations
- Silent Auction & Arts/Crafts to Purchase
- Chef made Soup & Artisan Bread from Area Establishments

Funds generated contribute to the Northwest Food Coalition's Farm2Neighbor program, providing fresh produce and protein from local farms to over 80 food & baby pantries, and meal sites in our 6 county area.

Learn more & purchase advance tickets at [northwestmifoodcoalition.org](http://northwestmifoodcoalition.org)