



10:30 AM ONE Outside Service • Sunday, May 25, 2025

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Remembering our Loved Ones,

Especially Those Who Have Died in Service of our Nation

Don Reynolds

Invitation to Worship

Adaline Peck

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. (Psalm 100: 1-2)

All: Come, let us worship the living God! Amen.

Worship Song - ***"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"***

Verse 1

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with
servanthood
from sea to shining sea!**

Verse 2

**O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their
country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law!**

Verse 3

**O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness
and every gain divine!**

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Opening Prayer

Kyle Ripley

All: We hold before you, loving God, all of our loved ones who have passed from earth to eternity. Especially, we remember those who have laid down their lives in service of our nation so that others may live. Keep them in our memories. Keep them in our hearts. And grant us the assurance that one day we shall be reunited around the Father's throne. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Worship Song - ***"Morning Has Broken"***

Verse 1

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

Verse 2

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

Verse 3

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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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 – John 21:1-17

Sermon

“Breakfast on the Beach:
Jesus Meets Us in our Sin and Shame”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song - “**Come Thou Fount**”

**Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood**

(Precious blood)

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee**

**Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above**

**Here's my heart
Oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving, followed by 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 – “My Lighthouse”

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)
I will trust the promise,

You will carry me
safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
(Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
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Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
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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, Marcia Sumerix will be at the front to pray for you. Please come forward after the service.

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Randy & Peg Asmus, and Norm & Mary Anne Frey, and our snack volunteer.

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.

Please Note: The main entrance to the church will be closed from Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, May 30 for concrete repair (Depending on the weather conditions). Please use the side door for entry.

Graduation Recognition – Sunday, June 1

We will be recognizing those men and women in our church family who are graduating from high-school, college, university, or from a specialized school at the 9 or 10:30 a.m. service. Please call the church office at 231-264-8167 or email us at info@erfpc.org to place the name of your graduate on our list.

Special Offering for Empty Bowls & One Great Hour of Sharing – Sunday, June 8

On Sunday June 8, there will a special offering for Empty Bowls and One Great Hour of Sharing.

Empty Bowls is a fundraiser for Food Rescue which rescues, harvests, repacks, and distributes 2 million pounds of food annually in NW Michigan — that's \$3.34 million worth of food! 100% of donations this year go to the **Farm2Neighbor** program. This program purchases fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers and distributes them to hungry neighbors through local pantries and meal sites which includes 7 food pantries in Antrim County. Food pantries participating in the **Farm2Neighbor** program have reported a 39% increase food pantry visits.

Every gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Vacation Bible School – Register Your Children Today!



Mark your calendar for VBS week, June 23-27 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon and register your children today on the VBS banner on the homepage of our website (www.erfpc.org) or by scanning the QR code here. Bring your children, grandchildren and friends to this exciting program!

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 or 231-590-5346. Save the dates and plan to bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors!

An Invitation to Retreat – July 25-27 at Presbytery Point Camp

We warmly invite you to Presbytery Camp on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan for a time of rest, renewal, fellowship, and – most importantly – connection with the presence of God.

The retreat begins Friday, July 25 with dinner at 6:00 p.m., and concludes with worship on Sunday morning, July 27 at 11:00 a.m. Led by Rev. Jim Porter, the retreat will feature worship, prayer, devotions on spiritual transformation, and time of fun and fellowship.

The retreat costs \$150 per person and includes two night's lodging at the Mac Lodge, five meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast) and use of the camp facilities. Guests are also welcome to bring their own campers (note: there are no hook-ups, but camping on-site is allowed). Questions? Call 906-869-0925 or email the camp at director@presbyterypoint.org or contact Jim Porter at 248-505-9064 or jporter@erfpc.org. To register, go to www.presbyterypoint.org today!

Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group – 3rd Friday of Each Month at 2PM

Next Meeting: Friday, June 20

Purpose: Provide caregivers who are actively caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or any form of dementia with a supportive environment. An opportunity for attendees to provide one another with guidance and encouragement. **Facilitator:** Kathy Dork (248-568-4651)

When: 3rd Friday of the month, 2:00-3:00 PM

Caregiver: A person who loves someone with dementia and needs support.

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 runs through May

31! PLEASE turn in all Village Market grocery receipts no later than June 8. Any receipts received AFTER that date will not be accepted because we must turn them into the Village Market no later than June 10. You can drop them off by the church office in the lower left mailbox slot, outside the Community Cupboard in the big brown box or mail them to Elk Rapids Community Cupboard, PO Box 572, Elk Rapids, MI 49629. Thank you for all your support for the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard Food Pantry. Questions? Contact Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239.

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. 5/25

10:30 a One Outdoor Service

Mon. 5/26 – Memorial Day

Office Closed

Tues. 5/27

5:30 p Class Dinner – FHall

6:00 p Parenting Class - AEd

Wed. 5/28

6:30 a Breakfast Club – LH

9:00 a Bulletin Items Due

6:30 p Praise Team Practice

7:00 p Session Meeting - FHall

Thurs. 5/29

7:30 a Men's Sm Grp – AEd

Fri. 5/30

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal

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! Scan the QR code or use the link: <https://volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/ERFPC/survey.html> Thanks for your willingness to help out!

