



## 9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, June 1, 2025

### Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Invitation to Worship

Polly Conrad

Leader: This morning, we are focusing on the story of the Road to Emmaus:

Two travelers walked the road with heavy hearts—  
unaware that the Hope of God walked beside them.

As we gather here today, Christ walks with us still.

Open your heart. Still your spirit.

The Lord is near!

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

Worship Songs - ***“O Come To The Altar”***  
***“Goodness Of God”***

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/Recognition of the Graduates

Wayne Potter

Noah Bogard, Logan Heyde, and Jamie Peters

Scripture Reading – Luke 24:17-34

Sermon

“Resurrection Stories:

Rev. Jim Porter

Jesus Meets Us Even in Our Pain and Confusion”

Responsive Song - ***“Holy Spirit”***

Celebration of Communion

*For Communion today everyone is invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive the gluten free bread and juice. After partaking of the elements, you may return to your seat by the side aisle.*

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 – “*Grace Like Rain*”

## 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, Shelia Conrad 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: Jerry & Felicia Blight, and our snack volunteer.

Thank you to our communion servers: Hannah Barrow, Lorraine Berak, Shelia Conrad, and Judy Husby.



**10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, June 1, 2025**

## Order of Worship

### Countdown to Worship

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

### Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

- Celebrating Our Graduates: Noah Bogard, Logan Heyde, and Jamie Peters

### Invitation and Centering Words

This morning, we are focusing on the story of the Road to Emmaus:  
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unaware that the Hope of God walked beside them.  
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Open your heart. Still your spirit.  
The Lord is near!

### Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship *(based on Luke 24:13-35)*

Sandi Gray

Leader: The risen Christ walks with us on the journey of life.

**People: But sometimes, our eyes are kept from recognizing him.**

Leader: Our hearts burn within us when Jesus opens the Scriptures,  
And reveals Himself to us.

**People: Our hope is renewed when He breaks bread with us,  
As He did with the first disciples so long ago.**

Leader: And so, we come here today to walk with Christ, to listen, to share, and to be transformed.

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

Opening Prayer

Sandi Gray

**All: Gracious God,**

**You meet us on the road of life, even when we are disheartened and doubtful.**

**You open the Scriptures and reveal your truth;**

**you break the bread and make yourself known.**

**On this holy day, as we gather to worship and share in the feast of grace,  
kindle our hearts with your Spirit.**

**Make us attentive to your Word and awaken now to your presence among us.**

**Let our worship be a response to your love and a foretaste of the joy of walking always  
with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Opening Hymn 4 – *“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

Prayer of Confession

Sandi Gray

**All: Lord Jesus, we confess that we often fail to recognize you. You walk beside us, and yet we are distracted by our worries, consumed by our doubts, and closed off by our fear. We do not always welcome the stranger, listen to your Word, or recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Forgive us, we pray. Open our eyes to your presence, our hearts to your grace, and our lives to your calling. By your mercy, set our feet once again on the path of faith, and lead us into the joy of your resurrection.**

*(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)*

Assurance of Pardon

Sandi Gray

Leader: Hear the good news: Though we may not always see him, Christ walks with us on every road, offering grace for every failure, forgiveness for every sin, and new life for all who believe.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Passing the Peace

Sandi Gray

Leader: Please greet those around you with the words, “Peace be with you,” responding, “And also with you.”

[Also, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew  
and pass it along to those sitting beside you.]

Anthem – *“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Highway”* by Schrader

Scripture Reading – Luke 24:17-34

Sermon

“Resurrection Stories:  
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Responsive Hymn 525 – *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

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## 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: Generous God, you have opened our eyes to your presence, our hearts to your love, and our hands to your blessings. As you made yourself known in the breaking of the bread, now use these gifts—and use us—to make your love known in the world. Bless this offering, that it may serve your kingdom and bring light to the places still walking in shadow. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 69 – ***“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”***

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## Benediction

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

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## Postlude

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

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

Thank you to our communion servers: Ginny Dorner, Lynda Nichols, Don Reynolds, and Joanne Teague.

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.

### **Graduation Recognition – Today**

Today we recognize the following persons from our church who have graduated from high school or college. We will be praying for them as they take the next big step in their life.

*Noah Bogard*

Son of Andy and Sara Bogard

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to attend the Broad College of Business at Michigan State University to study Business Management.

*Logan Heyde*

Son of Dietrich and Linda Heyde

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to attend Northwestern Michigan College to study auto mechanics.

*Jamie Peters*

Son of Noel and Natalie Peters

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to attend the construction management program at Northern Michigan University.

Congratulations to our graduates! Deacons have provided cupcakes in the narthex to honor our graduates.

### **New Member Class – Rescheduled to Monday, June 2 at 6:00 PM**

**Please note that the New Member Class has been rescheduled for Monday, June 2.**

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, June 2, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. as we talk about what it means to join the church. Dinner will be served. Please email ([info@erfpc.org](mailto:info@erfpc.org)) or call the church office (231-264-8167) if you would like to attend.

### **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. The Outreach Ministry Team will match all giving up to \$1,000 for this special offering for Empty Bowls and One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, June 8.

### **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](http://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 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.

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

We warmly invite you to Presbytery Camp on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigamme 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](mailto:director@presbyterypoint.org) or contact Jim Porter at 248-505-9064 or [jporter@erfpc.org](mailto:jporter@erfpc.org). To register, go to [www.presbyterypoint.org](http://www.presbyterypoint.org) today!

## **Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 in the lower left church 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.

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

#### **Sun. 6/1**

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

#### **Mon. 6/2**

6:00 p New Member Class

#### **Tues. 6/3**

6:30 p Deacons Mtg. – FHall

#### **Wed. 6/4**

9:00 a Bulletin Items Due  
3:00 p Service at Autumn House  
6:30 p Praise Team Practice

#### **Thurs. 6/5**

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

#### **Fri. 6/6**

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal

#### **Sat. 6/7**

Youth Leave on Mission Trip  
10:00 a Visitation  
11:00 a Bill Sinclair Funeral with Luncheon following

**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!

