

9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, June 8, 2025

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome Rev. Jim Porter

Minute for Mission – Empty Bowls & One Great Hour of Sharing Janice London

Invitation to Worship Marie Zendler

Leader: Today is Pentecost Sunday. Come and see the power of the Holy Spirit. Come and celebrate the birth of the church.

All: Come, let us worship the living God!

Worship Songs - ***“In Christ Alone”***
“Lord I Need You”

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 Rev. Jim Porter

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

Scripture Reading – Acts 2:1-21

Sermon **“The Coming of the Spirit and the Birth of the Church”** Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song - ***“Gratitude”***

Reception of New Members

Jan Buckingham

Tom Stephenson & Laura Savoie

Randy & Bonnie Johnson

Mark Weber

Duane & Jill Meyer

Rick Welsh

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 – “*Goodness of God*”

Charge and Blessing

Leader: In the coming week what does God call us to do?

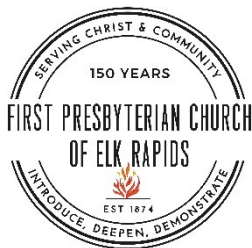
**People: We are called to: Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;
deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;
and demonstrate Christ’s way of love in service to the world.**

*For anyone desiring special prayers today, 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 & Deb Broderick, and our snack volunteer: Judy Husby.



10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, June 8, 2025

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Prelude – “*Come, O Spirit, Truth Divine*” by Larson

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Invitation and Centering Words

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Ring of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Doug White

Leader: In rushing wind and cleansing fire . . .

People: God’s Spirit leads us here.

Leader: In courage found and faith renewed . . .

People: God’s Spirit fills our hearts with longing.

Leader: In visions seen and dreams made real . . .

People: God’s Spirit takes away our fear.

Leader: In rushing wind and cleansing fire . . .

People: God’s Spirit sends us to share Christ’s love.

All: Come, let us worship the living God!

Opening Prayer

Doug White

All: God of wind and flame, pour out your Holy Spirit on a world in desperate need of Pentecost fire. Fill your people with courage and power, and set our hearts ablaze, so that our young may have visions, and our elders may dream dreams. Ignite a passion within us to spread the good news of your glorious salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn 401 – ***“Here in This Place”***

Prayer of Confession

Doug White

All: Eternal God, You poured out your Spirit at Pentecost, but we confess we often ignore your presence among us. We fall short of your calling for our lives today and fail to live as your people. Forgive us. Renew us by your Spirit, so that we may follow Christ boldly, love one another deeply, and proclaim your mighty works of love and grace to all of the world. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Doug White

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness and removes our shame. Rejoice, for God’s steadfast love endures forever. God’s Spirit leads us into life.

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

Passing the Peace

Doug White

Leader: As you experience the Peace of God in your own life, so let us share that Peace with others. 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 – ***“Let Your Spirit Rise”*** by Pethel

Scripture Reading – Acts 2:1-21

Sermon “The Coming of the Spirit and the Birth of the Church”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Hymn 291 – ***“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”***

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

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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: God of wind and flame, your Pentecost fire still burns among us, touching our hearts and blessing the world. May these gifts carry the warmth of your love and the light of your holy flame to all who are shaken by the trials and struggles of life. Amen.

Closing Hymn 288 – *“Spirit of the Living God”*

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;
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Benediction

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

For anyone desiring special prayers today, Ken Kohlman 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: Don Reynolds & Curt McGee, and our snack volunteer: Becky Kleyn.

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.

Special Offering for Empty Bowls & One Great Hour of Sharing – Today

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.

Please Pray for Our Youth Mission Trip – Our youth group, along with their leaders, will be heading to Perry County, Kentucky for a mission trip from Saturday, June 7 through Sunday, June 15. During this time, they will be serving the local community by doing home repairs and sharing God’s love through their work and presence.

Wayne Potter, our director of youth & family ministries, is heading up the trip along with adult chaperones Amy Croft, Leah Keaton, and Corey and Jennifer Pritchard. We have 11 youth participating: Madelyn Conrad, Alison Croft, Charlie DenHerder, Violet DenHerder, Dante Holsinger, Selah Hoppe, Hadley Kickert, Ruby Kline, Tabitha Pritchard, Leah Voss, and Ben Wonacott. Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers—for safe travels, good health, strength, and open hearts as they serve. Pray also for the people they will be helping, that this trip may be a blessing to all involved. Thank you for supporting our mission trip through your prayers!

Safety & Security Pepper Spray Training – Sunday, June 15 at 10:05AM

Pepper spray is a very good non-lethal defense against a personal attack. It is also a very useful item for hikers, walkers, and bikers if attacked by a dog (s). **The Safety/Security Team is holding a very short (10-15 minute) training on the proper use of this item on Sunday, June 15 from 10:05-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** This is an orientation only – no discharge of any unit will be demonstrated. A certified instructor will be on hand for proper use and any questions. Please sign-up at the Activity Center in the Narthex if you'd like to attend.

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 p.m., and concludes with worship on Sunday morning, July 27 at 11 a.m. Led by Rev. Jim Porter, the retreat will feature worship, prayer, devotions on spiritual transformation, and time of fun and fellowship. **Families and kids are welcome!**

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. 6/8

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

Mon. 6/9

9:00 a PEO – FHall

Tues. 6/10

12:30 p Garden Club – FHall
2:30 p Harbor Voices Prac.

Wed. 6/11

9:00 a Bulletin Items Due
6:30 p Praise Team Practice

Thurs. 6/12

7:30 a Men's Sm Grp – AEd
7:00 p Trustees – FHall

Fri. 6/13

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!

