



9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, June 15, 2025

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Kyle Ripley

Invitation to Worship

Addie Seiple

Leader: We have celebrated the coming of the Spirit with Pentecost.

Today we remember the mystery of the Spirit,
who with the Father and the Son, is three yet one.

**All: Let us worship God with open minds and hearts,
Giving thanks for the Son, who gave his life for us,
and welcome the movement of the Spirit among us. Amen.**

Worship Songs - ***“Trust In God”***
“We Won’t Be Shaken”

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

Tara Denherder

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

Scripture Reading – John 3:1-17

Sermon “The gift and mystery of three, yet one.” Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

Responsive Song - ***“Blessed Assurance”***

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.
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Closing Song – ***“Every Move I Make”***

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: Judy Husby.



10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, June 15, 2025

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Prelude – “Every Knee Shall Bow” by Berry

Welcome

Cheryl Knight

Invitation and Centering Words

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day we remember the mystery and wonder of the three who are yet one in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 8)

Ginny Dorner

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;**

Leader: What are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

**People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
and put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: Let us worship God with minds open to God's wisdom and our hearts open to God's love.

Opening Prayer

Ginny Dorner

All: We gather to worship you O God, mindful of your Spirit present among us. We gather as the body of Christ to build each other up and to share in participating in the work of the kingdom. We give you thanks for this opportunity to encourage and be encouraged by you, and in turn, one another. It is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 645 – *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

Prayer of Confession

Ginny Dorner

All: Holy one you call us each by name to a life of love and service. But we do not always listen to your call. We would rather focus on ourselves, than respond to the call to serve others. Open our hearts to the power of your Spirit moving among us. Help us to talk less and listen more. By your Spirit, teach us to live with open hands and hearts. Give us the wisdom to be those who build up the body of Christ in love and in service. It is in the name of your Son that we pray. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Ginny Dorner

Leader: Our Savior Jesus Christ abolished sin and death and brought life and immortality to light. By the grace of the Eternal One, we are forgiven in the power of the Holy Spirit living within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

Ginny Dorner

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 – *"Nearer My God to Thee"* by Forrest

Scripture Reading – John 3:1-17

Sermon

"The gift and mystery of three, yet one."

Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

Responsive Hymn 735 – *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

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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: Gracious God, we offer you the gifts of our hearts, our treasures and our hands. Bless these our offerings that they might ripple out into the world and bring about glimpses of your kingdom. Encourage us to continue to use these our gifts to serve you and to serve your people and to love you and to love your people. Amen.

Closing Hymn 853 – ***“We Are Marching in the Light of God”***

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Benediction

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: Don Reynolds & Scott Martin, 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 Pray for Our Youth Mission Trip – Our youth group, along with their leaders, are driving back from Perry County, Kentucky today. Please keep them in your prayers—for safe travels as they come home.

Safety & Security Pepper Spray Training – Today 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 today 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.

Free Furniture Available! There are some benches, tables, chairs, and a sofa available for anyone who would like them. These items are located in the hallway near the nursery and the Yellow classroom. If you're interested, please write your name on the sheet labeled “FREE” and make arrangements to remove the items by June 15. For questions, contact Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239.

Our new van needs you! We are looking for members who are, well, driven to serve. Specifically, serving behind the wheel. Our Transportation Ministry is expanding and it is important to have a team of alternate drivers to be effective in serving the needs of the ERFPC youth and community. Sign up at the Activity Center. Questions? Contact: Deb McGee at 702-810-6995 or dmcgee24@gmail.com.

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 – 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.

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!

This Week's Activities

Sun. 6/15

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

Mon. 6/16

2:30 p Harbor Voices Prac.

Tues. 6/17

Wed. 6/18

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

Thurs. 6/19

7:30 a Men's Sm Grp – AEd
7:00 p Personnel – Conf

Fri. 6/20

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal
2:00 p Alz. Support Grp - Conf

Sat. 6/21

11:00 a Diane Wagner Visitation
11:00 a Diane Wagner Funeral
with luncheon following