

9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, September 21, 2025

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Kyle Ripley

Invitation to Worship

Adaline Peck

Leader: Christ meets us on the road, sees us as we are, and offers a deeper healing than we expect. Let us open our hearts to his grace.

All: Come, let us worship the living God!

Worship Songs - ***“Rest On Us”***
“From The Inside Out”

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 – Luke 17: 11-19

Rev. Homer Nye

Sermon

“A deeper healing”

Rev. Homer Nye

Responsive Song - ***“Here I Am”***

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 – ***“My Hope Is in the Lord”***

Charge and Blessing

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

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deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;
and demonstrate Christ’s way of love in service to the world.**

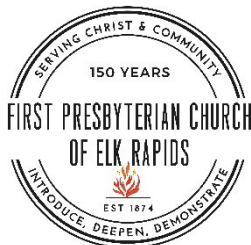
Benediction

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: Bonnie Johnson.



10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, September 21, 2025

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Prelude – *“I Go to the Rock”* arr. by Larson

Welcome

Cheryl Knight

Invitation and Centering Words

Cheryl Knight

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Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Lynda Nichols

Leader: Come, all who long for wholeness.

People: We bring our wounds, our worries, our weariness.

Leader: Christ meets us on the journey and sees us as we are.

People: In his mercy, we are made new.

Leader: Let us return with hearts of gratitude.

All: We worship the One who offers us a deeper healing.

Opening Prayer

Lynda Nichols

All: Gracious God, you meet us on the road and hear our cries for mercy. You see the wounds we carry—some on the surface, others deep within our hearts. In Christ, you offer not only healing for our bodies but wholeness for our spirits. As we gather in your presence, open us to your transforming love. Fill us with gratitude, and make us ready to rise in faith and follow where you lead. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn 65 – ***“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”***

Prayer of Confession

Lynda Nichols

All: Merciful God, we confess that we do not always turn back to you. Too often we rush ahead, forgetting the gifts you have given. We cling to surface cures, ignoring the deeper healing you offer. Forgive us, O Lord. Heal the broken places within us, and teach us to live in gratitude and faith. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Lynda Nichols

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: In Christ, God sees us, restores us, and makes us whole. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new!

All: Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Lynda Nichols

Leader: In Christ we are made whole; let us share his peace with one another. 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 – "Footsteps" by Courtney

Scripture Reading – Luke 17: 11-19

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Responsive Hymn 684 – "***Faith Begins by Letting Go***"

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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, every good gift comes from you. As the one healed leper returned in gratitude, so we return to you a portion of what we have received. Use these gifts—and use us—to bring healing, hope, and wholeness to a world in need of your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn 821 – "***My Life Flows On***"

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Benediction Response – "***Let There Be Peace On Earth***"

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Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Don Reynolds & Wayne Shuler, and our snack volunteer.

Thank you for your generous support! Your gifts help sustain the ministries and mission of our church. You can give by mail (404 Spruce St., Elk Rapids, MI 49629), online at www.erfpc.org (click “Giving”), or by contacting Treasurer Mike Husby at finmanager@erfpc.org. Thank you!

Nursery – Qualified caregivers welcome infants and children during the service.

Celebrating Our 90+ Church Family Members Today

The Deacons would like to acknowledge all our 90 plus people in our church family. Jim Lagowski, Thelma Orzechowski, Bob and Maxine Cameron, Kenneth Kleyn, Eunice Thompson, Jean Schurch, Adam Schuler, Joanne Hoezee, Don Mullen, Phyllis Staley, Kenneth Klynstra, Bill and Lou Letsche, Jane Lund and Phyllis May. We want to honor Barbara White and Dick Claar joining the group this year. We have bags in the narthex for Barb and Dick if you would like to give them a card. On September 21st we will have a bakery treat for Barb and Dick. Please wish all these special people a Happy Birthday!

Family Worship Night & Dinner – Sunday, September 28 at 5:00PM

Everyone is invited to a Family Worship Night and dinner on Sunday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse. The service is designed for all ages, and dinner is provided, so plan on attending this time evening of food and worship!

CPR & Basic First Aid Class – Saturday, September 27

A CPR and basic first aid class will be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome—certification is available for the first 9 to sign up; others may attend as observers. Learn to use an AED and respond to emergencies. Sign-up at the Activity Center.

“Sabbath” Class Beginning Monday, September 29 at 7PM

Beginning Monday, Sept 29 at 7PM we will be reading the book “Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives.” We will be taking a Sabbatical along with Pastor Jim and will explore how we can slow down and rest and renew ourselves. Depending on numbers we will either be in the adult education room in the basement or in Fellowship Hall. Books will be available in the Narthex along with a sign up. Please take a book and begin preparing for the first class with the introduction and the first three parts of the chapter on Rest. That's the intro and the first 34 pages of the book. We will collect your donation of \$10 starting on the 29th. Hope you will join us as we find rest and delight in our busy lives.

Outreach and Mission Volunteer Opportunity – Gleaning

Did you know that 35% of households struggle with access to healthy food while 40% of good food goes to waste? One way to help is through gleaning—gathering leftover fruits and vegetables after harvest for local food pantries. Programs like **Food Rescue’s Healthy Harvest** and **Do A Little Good** partner with area farmers to make this possible. Opportunities often come with only 1–2 days’ notice. If you’d like to receive updates, contact Janice London (London.janice6@gmail.com or 330-936-5942) or sign up in the narthex. This is not a commitment, just a way to stay informed.

New Directory Available! Our new directory is now available online and a print version will be available by October 1. The directory is meant for our family of faith; it is not publicly available (like Facebook or other social media).

You can access the directory via the web or via your mobile device:

1. A free mobile app is available in the Apple® App Store and the Google Play™ Store. Search for “Instant Church Directory” to download. Important: Your email address must be listed in the directory before you can log in. This is for your phone, kindle or iPad.

2. To access the directory on your computer, go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> and enter your email address as listed in the directory. Click on "Send Secure Sign-In Link." Then check your email and click on the "Log in to Instant Church Directory" button found in your email.

If you have difficulty logging in, please contact Peg Burns at kpcbarns@gmail.com for assistance. You must have a valid email address on file with the church office to be able to log in to the new directory.

We will have Tech Help Sundays on September 21 and September 28 between services to help you download the app to your phone, iPad, Kindle, or other mobile devices.

The directory is designed so that you can add (and change!) your picture at any time. There are 2 ways to do that:

1. Upload your own favorite photo using the mobile app or website. Under the menu setting, you will find an option to "Edit My Family". This is where you can upload a photo, correct directory information, add additional information and make phone numbers or email addresses private.
2. Send a favorite family photo via email or text to Peg Burns at kpcbarns@gmail.com or (616) 901-0960. It doesn't have to be a formal picture – just one that you love of your family or yourself!

Would you like a printed directory? Sign up at the Activity Center. To ensure copies are ready by October 1, please submit your photo (if you'd like one included) by September 20.

If you have any questions, please contact Peg Burns at kpcbarns@gmail.com or (616) 901-0960.

Pastor Jim's Sabbatical - Pastor Jim began a 12-week sabbatical on August 4. We're grateful for his faithful ministry and pray this time offers rest, renewal, and deeper connection to God. While he is away, we're pleased to welcome a lineup of gifted and familiar guest preachers, including Rev. Dr. Tom Cook, Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Rev. Bette Dickinson, Rev. Homer Nye, and Rev. Peter Moore. During this time, please direct all questions or concerns to the church office at info@erfpc.org or 231-264-8167 rather than contacting Pastor Jim directly.

Share Your Gifts in Worship! Do you enjoy singing, playing an instrument, or offering special music? Or are you more comfortable behind the scenes with tech and AV? We're looking for people to join our worship and tech teams! If you're interested or want to learn more, contact Kyle Ripley at 616-888-9788 or ksripley@gmail.com.

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.

Resources for Grief Care – Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one support and grief resources, including pamphlets and a display in the narthex. Information on local counseling options is also available. To meet with a Stephen Minister, please contact the office or a Stephen Minister directly.

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android

Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

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LIVING ON - LOSS SPECIFIC GROUPS

Living On - Young Adults

An open, ongoing support group for people in their 20s and 30s who are mourning any loss. Each group will consist of a time of education, sharing and support. This group is facilitated by Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice Grief Counselors and is largely peer-supported.

1st Monday of the month
6pm - 7:15pm
RSVP with Ryan Miller
616-356-5228 • rymiller@hom.org

Living On - Loss of Parents

An open, ongoing group that meets monthly to discuss grief and loss as it pertains to the death of a parent.

2nd Monday of the month
6:30pm - 8pm
RSVP with Melissa McCreedy
734-794-5127
mmccreedy@arborhospice.org

Living On - Sudden/Traumatic Loss

An open, ongoing group for those that have suffered a sudden loss.

1st Tuesday of the month
5:30pm - 6:45pm
RSVP with Kijsten Boeve
231-929-1557 • kboeve@hom.org

Living On - Loss of Spouse/Partner

Come and share, or simply listen, as we discuss the various intricacies and many facets of grief after the loss of a spouse or partner.

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month • 6pm - 7:15pm
RSVP with Stacy Malenfant
989-358-4295
smalenfa@hom.org

2nd Thursday of the month • 6pm - 7:15pm
Hospice of Michigan office
5177 US-10 Ste. B, Ludington
RSVP with Alexandra Irwin
231-527-0913 • airwin@hom.org

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month • 2pm - 3:30pm
RSVP with Kijsten Boeve
231-929-1557 • kboeve@hom.org

3rd Thursday of the month • 3pm
Burkholder Family Funeral Home
211 N. Pine St., McBain
RSVP with Will Gasper
231-444-3350 • wgasper@hom.org

Living On - Adult Child

An open, ongoing group that meets monthly to discuss grief and loss as it pertains to the death of an adult child.

2nd Thursday of the month • 10:30am - 11:30am
RSVP with Will Gasper
231-444-3350 • wgasper@hom.org

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

For those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. Share support, encouragement, and guidance in a welcoming environment. The group meets on the 3rd Friday of each month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please contact facilitator Kathy Dork at 248-568-4651 if you'd like to attend or if you have questions. **Please note that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 26.**

Community Cupboard – Village Market Community Cash starts September 1st and runs through May 31st. Save your receipts and drop them in the church donation box (lower left corner of the mail boxes in the Narthex) or mail them to PO Box 572, Elk Rapids, MI 49629. Those receipts help us purchase up to 3 months of food for our families. Thank you!

Community Cupboard is open every other Tuesday and Friday with a self-serve system for those in need. Visit elkrapidscommunitycupboard.com or call Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239 for details.

Discover Your Gifts! Take our quick Volunteer Accelerator Survey to find where you can best serve. Scan the QR code or use the link: volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/ERFPC/survey.html
Thanks for your willingness to help out!



This Week's Activities

Sun. 9/21

9:00 a Contemporary Service
10:00 a Sunday School/Youth - LH
10:30 a Traditional Service

Mon. 9/22

Tues. 9/23

Wed. 9/24

6:30 p Praise Team Practice
7:00 p Session Meeting – FH

Thurs. 9/25

7:30 a Men's Bible Study – AE

Fri. 9/26

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FH
2:00 p Alz. Support Group