



## 9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, June 14, 2026

### Order of Worship

#### THE GATHERING:

Countdown

Opening Song – ***“Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble”***

Welcome

Kyle Ripley

Invitation to Worship

Kyle Ripley

Leader: Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave his disciples a calling and a promise: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses." As we gather for worship, let us open our hearts to the Spirit's presence.

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

Opening Prayer

Kyle Ripley

Praise Song – ***“Blessed Be Your Name”***

Greet your neighbor!

*(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!)*

Children's Message

Kyle Ripley

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

#### THE WORD:

Scripture Reading – Acts 1:1-11

Message – ***“YOU Shall Be My Witnesses”***

Rev. Jim Porter

#### RESPONSE & SENDING:

Time for Reflection and Song of Response – ***“Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)”***

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.*

Announcements

Rev. Jim Porter

- Register for VBS today!

## Closing Song – *“Let’s Trust In Jesus”*

### Mission Statement

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.**

### Benediction

Leader: Go now in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Remember the story of what God has done in Jesus Christ for you.

Share what you have seen and heard of God's love, mercy, and faithfulness.

And as you go, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen!**

### Postlude

## Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Kevin & Kathy Rogols, our snack volunteer: Bonnie Johnson, and our coffee volunteer: Bonnie Johnson.



## 10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, June 14, 2026

### Order of Worship

#### Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”* by Courtney

#### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Porter

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#### Invitation and Centering Words

Leader: Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave his disciples a calling and a promise: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses." As we gather for worship, let us open our hearts to the Spirit's presence.

**People: May God remind us of what we have seen and heard in Christ, and empower us to share that good news with the world.**

#### Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

#### Call to Worship

Doug White

Leader: We gather in the presence of the risen Christ.

**People: We come to worship the One who calls us by name.**

Leader: Jesus has promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**People: The Spirit empowers us to live with courage, faith, and hope.**

Leader: We are called to be Christ's witnesses in our homes, our community, and throughout the world.

**People: We will tell the story of God's love and grace.**

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

## Opening Prayer

Doug White

**All: Gracious and loving God, you have called us into the story of your redeeming love through Jesus Christ. Just as you gathered the disciples in hope and expectation, gather us now by your Spirit. Open our hearts to your presence, strengthen our faith, and renew our courage to follow where Christ leads. Remind us of all that we have seen and heard in Jesus—his compassion, his mercy, his truth, and his victory over death. Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit today so that our lives may bear witness to your goodness and grace. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

## Opening Hymn 829 – *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

### Prayer of Confession

Doug White

**All: Merciful God, you have called us to be witnesses to your love, yet too often we remain silent. We keep our faith private when you call us to share your hope. We allow fear, doubt, and complacency to keep us from speaking about the difference Christ has made in our lives. Forgive us when we fail to trust the power of your Spirit. Forgive us when our actions do not reflect the love we proclaim. Forgive us when we forget that you are still at work through ordinary people like us. Renew us by your grace. Fill us with your Spirit. Give us courage to live and speak as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, that others may come to know your love through us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)*

### Assurance of Pardon

Doug White

**Leader:** Hear the good news! The same Jesus who called his disciples and promised them the Holy Spirit also extends to us God's mercy and grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and empowered for faithful living.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

Doug White

**Leader:** Having been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, so let us share Christ's peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

(Share signs of Christ's peace with one another. 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 – *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* by Rutter

## Scripture Reading – Acts 1:1-11

### Sermon

“YOU Shall Be My Witnesses”

Rev. Jim Porter

## Responsive Hymn 684 – *“Faith Begins by Letting Go”*

### 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: Generous God, every good gift comes from you. We thank you for the many ways you have blessed our lives and entrusted us with resources, gifts, and opportunities for ministry. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and devotion. Use them to strengthen your church, proclaim the gospel, serve those in need, and bear witness to Jesus Christ in our community and throughout the world. Empower us not only to give from our resources, but also to offer our lives as faithful witnesses to your grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 32 – *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

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**All: Amen!**

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

## Postlude

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

Thank you. Special thanks to our usher: Peg Burns, our snack volunteer, and our coffee volunteer: Bonnie Johnson.

**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](http://www.erfpc.org) (click “Giving”), or by contacting Treasurer Mike Husby at [finmanager@erfpc.org](mailto:finmanager@erfpc.org). Thank you!

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

## **Youth Mission Week – June 22-26**

First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids is hosting a local mission week opportunity for students in grades 6-12. The dates are June 22-26. Youth will assist with Vacation Bible School each morning from 8:30-12:30, participate in service projects during the afternoon, and enjoy fun evening activities. Students will also participate in daily devotional times each day. If we are able to secure enough volunteers, the youth will be able to spend the night at the Lighthouse. **Please contact Erin Conrad at [econrad0505@gmail.com](mailto:econrad0505@gmail.com) to let us know if your child will be participating, and if you are able to volunteer in any capacity.** Feel free to share this information with any friends or family members that may be interested. Thank you!

## **Youth Mission Project – Purchase a Personalized Brick Paver**

Support the Youth Mission Project by purchasing a personalized brick paver for \$50! These engraved pavers will line the new gravel patio behind the Lighthouse and serve as a lasting reminder of your support. The Youth Mission Project takes place June 22–26. Order forms may be picked up at the Activity Center or completed online. We’ve extended the due date, so all orders are now due by June 28.



## Vacation Bible School – Register Your Children Today!

Mark your calendar for VBS week, June 22-26 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 Volunteers Still Needed – June 22-26

We still need volunteers for our VBS program the week of June 22. If you are available to volunteer in any capacity during the week of June 22–26, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., please contact Tara DenHerder at [taradenherder8@gmail.com](mailto:taradenherder8@gmail.com) or 231-590-5346. Your help makes a difference!

## Listening for God – New Contemplative Prayer Group

A new Contemplative Prayer Group, *Listening for God*, began on Tuesday, June 9 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. This group offers a quiet space to deepen your relationship with God through prayer, silence, and reflection.

What is Contemplative Prayer? Contemplative prayer is a form of Christian prayer that emphasizes silent awareness of God's presence rather than speaking words, making requests, or actively meditating on ideas. This group will offer a quiet space in the church sanctuary to deepen your relationship with God through prayer, silence, and reflection.

The group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Due to Vacation Bible School, the June schedule will be adjusted, and the second June gathering will be held on Tuesday, June 30 (the fifth Tuesday) instead of the fourth Tuesday.

All are welcome to join us as we seek to listen for God's presence and guidance together.

## Picture Sundays – Sundays, June 7 & 21

As we begin the summer season, it is a great time to update your family or individual picture on the church directory. On Sunday, June 7 and June 21, we will have a spot in the Narthex to help you update your pictures with a quick photo. Remember that this is only one of the ways that you can get you or your family's updated pictures in the directory – you can also upload your own snapshot directly or send one to [info@erfpc.org](mailto:info@erfpc.org) and Ellen will upload it for you.

If you haven't yet been added to the directory, now is a great time to join in the fun. It's an easy way to have access to your church family through your smart phone, IPAD or computer.

This will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the directory app and provide us with an email if you don't have one on file as this is the ONLY WAY TO GET ACCESS to the online directory. This directory is only for our church family and requires an email and password to access online.

**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.

**Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Community Cupboard** – Thank you for supporting the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard! The Cupboard is open twice every other week: Saturday from 9:00–11:00 a.m. and Tuesday from 4:00–6:30 p.m. Visit [elkrapidscommunitycupboard.com](http://elkrapidscommunitycupboard.com) or call Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239 for more information.

**Discover Your Gifts!** Take our quick Ministry Match Survey to find where you can best serve. Scan the QR code or use the link: [volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/ERFPC/survey.html](http://volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/ERFPC/survey.html) Thanks for your willingness to help out!



### This Week's Activities

<b>Sun. 6/14</b>	Family Mission Trip coming home 9:00 a Contemporary Service 10:30 a Traditional Service
<b>Mon. 6/15</b>	
<b>Tues. 6/16</b>	10:00 a Women's Sm. Grp. – Cf
<b>Wed. 6/17</b>	3:00 p Service at Autumn House 6:30 p Praise Team Prac.
<b>Thurs. 6/18</b>	8:00 a Session Reports Due 7:30 a Men's Bible Study – AE
<b>Fri. 6/19</b>	10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FH 2:00 p Alz. Support Group