



10:30 AM One Service • Sunday, June 28, 2026

Order of Worship

THE GATHERING:

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Tara DenHerder

Minute for Mission

Prelude – “God Is”
“Majestic”

VBS Children

Call to Worship

Kāle’a West and Madeline Deliso

Leader: God is our creator...

People: Wow, God!

Leader: God knows everything...

People: Wow, God!

Leader: God is our safe place...

People: Wow, God!

Leader: God is love...

People: Wow, God!

Leader: God is forever...

People: Wow, God!

Opening Prayer

Reid Conrad

Leader: Dear God, sometimes I mess up.

People: Sometimes I hurt someone else because I am angry or mean.

Leader:..Dear God, sometimes I’m not sorry about what I did.

People: But really I am not proud of my actions.

Leader: Dear God, sometimes I try hard to be kind and thoughtful.

People: Help me to live that way.

Leader: Dear God, thank you for the gift of forgiveness.

All: Amen

Opening Song – “**All Creatures of Our God & King**”

Message from the Children

Tara DenHerder with Oliver Hall

Greet your neighbor!

(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!)

THE WORD:

Scripture Readings –

“Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom” Psalm 103:22 Ben Vergote

“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.” Psalm 139:1..... Adeline Prissel

“Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, ‘You are my place of refuge.’” Psalm 142:5Isabel Prissel

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.” Psalm 136:1 Liam Saco

“But we can praise the Lord both now and forever! Praise the Lord!” Psalm 115:18 Zion Prabhaker

Message – Reflections from VBS and Youth Mission Week

- *Vacation Bible School* – Tara DenHerder
- *Youth Mission Week* – Arden Ruedi, Lily Barton, Violet Denherder, Charlie Denherder
- *Youth Missions Recap* – Erin Conrad

RESPONSE & SENDING:

VBS and Youth Mission Week Video

Special Recognition of Tara DenHerder, Erin Conrad, & Shannah Vergote for their service as Interim Directors of our Youth & Family Ministries Rev. Jim Porter

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Jim Porter
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.

Presentation of Offering and Connection Cards Rev. Jim Porter

Closing Song – *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

Charge and Blessing Rev. Jim Porter

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 Rev. Jim Porter

Postlude – *“God Is”* VBS Children

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Rick Welsh, Phil Ruedi & Griff Ruedi, our snack volunteer: Christine Dewey, and our coffee volunteer: Shelia Conrad.

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.

Please note that the church office will observe and be closed on Monday, July 6 for the Independence Day Holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, July 7.

Thank You VBS Volunteers

Thank you to everyone that had any part in our Vacation Bible School program this year. Whether you were a group leader, station leader, registration volunteer, or you made decorations or helped set up/take down, your help was appreciated and was a blessing to every child that attended.

ONE 10:30AM Service on VBS Sunday – Today

Celebrate a wonderful week of faith, fun, and service today at our One 10:30 a.m. special VBS Sunday worship service. Our single combined service features our children and youth as they share songs, stories, and highlights from Vacation Bible School and Youth Mission Week. Join us as we give thanks for the ways God has been at work in the lives of our young people and celebrate the joy, energy, and faith they bring to our church.



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 took 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 due by June 28.

Next Week is Loose Change Sunday – Our July 5 Loose Change Offering will support Jubilee House in Traverse City, a ministry of Grace Episcopal Church and the region’s only daytime shelter for adults experiencing homelessness. Jubilee House provides showers, laundry, supplies, resources, and a safe, welcoming place where guests are treated with dignity and compassion. Your loose change, donations, and prayers help extend Christ’s love and care to our neighbors in need. Thank you for supporting this important local ministry.

The Nominating Team needs YOU!

Dear FPC Members:

The 2026 Nominating Team needs YOU! Each year we need disciples of the Lord to serve as church officers—deacons, elders, and trustees—here at FPC. Deacons provide crucial ministries of care and compassion at FPC (e.g., homebound visits, funeral luncheons, Communion, etc.). Elders help guide and govern FPC via critical ministry teams (Finance, Outreach, Worship, Youth, etc.). Trustees manage the church’s physical property, finances, legal matters, etc.

We need 2 Deacons to serve in the Class of 2029 and 1 Deacon to serve in the Class of 2028. We need 1 possibly 2 Elders to serve in the Class of 2029 and we need 2 or possibly 3 Trustees to serve in the Class of 2029.

Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to fill one of these vital positions in our church. You must be a member of FPC to be able to serve.

You may contact any member of the Nominating Team if you are interested or need more information.

Judy Husby (Co-Chair), Joanne Teague, Lynda Nichols, Betty Tezak (Co-Chair), Tom Klingler, Chad Vergote

Listening for God – New Contemplative Prayer Group

All are invited to join *Listening for God*, our contemplative prayer group, as we seek a deeper awareness of God’s presence through silence, prayer, and reflection. The next gathering will be Tuesday, June 30 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary.

The group normally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Come experience a peaceful time of resting in God’s presence and listening for God’s guidance.

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 – 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.

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 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
Thanks for your willingness to help out!

This Week’s Activities

- Sun. 6/28**
9:00 a Future Planning Retreat - LH
10:30 a One VBS Sunday Service
- Mon. 6/29**
- Tues. 6/30**
12:00 p Contemplative Prayer Group
3:00 p Harbor Voice Prac. – FH
- Wed. 7/1**
3:00 p Service at Autumn House
6:30 p Praise Team Prac.
- Thurs. 7/2**
7:30 a Men’s Bible Study – AE
1:30 p Worship MT – Cf
- Fri. 7/3**
10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FH