



One 10:30 AM Service • Sunday, October 25, 2026

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Kyle Ripley

Invitation to Worship

Arden Ruedi

Leader: God plants seeds of love in our hearts and helps them grow. When we follow Jesus, we can share God's love and kindness with others.

All: God, we are here to praise you! Speak to us today!

Opening Praise Songs – ***“Your Love Never Fails”***
“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

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

Paul Wonacott

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

Anthem – ***“Creation Sings”*** by Covington

Scripture Reading – Galatians 6:1-10

Sermon “Harvest: Four Traits of the Abundant Life”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song – ***“Abide”***

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.

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, you have blessed us with the abundance of your love and grace. Receive these gifts as an expression of our gratitude, and use them to plant seeds of hope, kindness, and generosity in our world. Help us never grow weary of doing good, but to share the harvest of your love through our words and actions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Rev. Jim Porter

- Join us for the Fall Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall after this service
- Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser: Christmas Wreath & Poinsettia Sale

Closing Hymn 450 – *“Be Thou My Vision”*

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.**

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go now, and do not grow weary of doing good. Plant seeds of kindness, cultivate love, and share generously the blessings God has given you. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and always.

All: Amen.

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

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Keith & Peg Burns, our snack volunteer: Becky Kleyn, and our coffee volunteer: Judy Matchett.

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 Treasurer@erfpc.org. Thank you!

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

Fall Congregational Meeting—Today following the Service

Session calls a Fall All Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 25 in person and via Zoom following worship at approximately 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to (1) elect new church officers (Elders, Deacons, and Trustees), (2) present a Preliminary Budget for 2027, and (3) conduct any other business that needs to come before the congregation. Non-members are welcome to attend. Members are asked to attend. Please remember that our bylaws require that 10 percent (31 people) of our active membership be present for a quorum.

November 1 is Loose Change Sunday – Donations Support Grandma's Place

November's Loose Change offering on Sunday, November 1 will support Grandma's Place in Mancelona, a free store and food pantry at North Central Academy that provides clothing, shoes, hygiene products, food, and school supplies to students in need. Your loose change helps ensure students have the essentials they need to feel cared for and supported. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference! Thank you for helping the Outreach Ministry Team share Christ's love with students and families in our community.

Candy Donations & Volunteers Needed for October 31 Halloween Event

We're collecting candy donations, and looking for volunteers to decorate a station inside the Lighthouse and pass out candy. Contact Paul Wonacott at 231-534-4961 if you'd like to participate or have questions.

Halloween Event – Saturday, October 31 at 5:30PM at the Lighthouse

Join us for our annual Halloween celebration at the Lighthouse! We need candy donations and volunteers to decorate a station inside and hand out treats to our trick-or-treaters. Families are encouraged to come enjoy the festivities, too—bring your kids and grandkids for a safe, fun-filled evening. To volunteer or donate, contact Paul Wonacott at 231-534-4961.

Let's Celebrate Our Amazing Staff! – October is Staff Appreciation Month, and it's the perfect time to show our staff how much they mean to us! Beginning October 11, stop by the narthex to leave a card or note of thanks—or brighten someone's day with a phone call, coffee, or lunch. Let's fill October with gratitude for all they do!

Celebrate Wayne Potter's Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Graduation!

Everyone is invited to attend on Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City as we celebrate Wayne Potter's CRE Graduation. A special "Thankful Meal" will follow the service. If you plan to attend the meal, please RSVP to 231-582-7983 with your name and number attending.

Listening for God – Contemplative Prayer Gathering

Join us for a peaceful time of contemplative prayer, silence, and reflection as we seek a deeper awareness of God's presence. Our next gathering is Tuesday, November 10 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. **Please note that *Listening for God* will now meet only on the second Tuesday of each month.** All are welcome!

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 – It's Community Cash time again! Save your Village Market receipts dated Sept. 7, 2026–May 31, 2027 and donate them to the Community Cupboard Food Pantry. Place receipts in the basket by the Narthex mail slots, mail them to Box 572, Elk Rapids, MI 49629, or give them to Pam Coleman.

The Cupboard is open every other week: Saturday, 9:00–11:00 a.m. and Tuesday, 4:00–6:30 p.m. For more information, visit elkrapidscommunitycupboard.com or call Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239.



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. 10/25

10:30 a One Service
11:45 a Fall Congregational Mtg – FH

Mon. 10/26

Tues. 10/27

9:00 a Women's Ash St. Small Grp - Cf
10:00 a Bible Girls – AE
12:00 p Garden Club – FH

Wed. 10/28

6:45 a Breakfast Club – LH
7:00 p Session Meeting – visitors are welcome to attend

Thurs. 10/29

7:30 a Men's Bible Study – AE
6:30 p Praise Team Prac.

Fri. 10/30

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FH

Sat. 10/31

10:00 a Concert Prac. – FH
5:30 p Halloween Event – LH