



9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, November 1, 2026

Order of Worship

THE GATHERING:

Countdown

Welcome

Kyle Ripley

Invitation to Worship

Maelyn Zendler

Leader: Have you ever been really thirsty? Jesus tells us that God's love is like living water that never runs dry, filling our hearts with love and joy!

All: We love you, God! Speak to us today!

Praise Songs – ***“Holy Forever”***
“King Of Kings”

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.)

THE WORD:

Scripture Readings – Psalm 24

John 4:1-26

Message – “The Source: Everything Belongs to God”

Rev. Jim Porter

RESPONSE & SENDING:

Time for Reflection and Song of Response – ***“Come To The Table”***

Celebration of Communion

For Communion today everyone is invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive the gluten free bread and juice. After partaking of the elements, you may return to your seat by the side aisle.

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.

Minute for Stewardship

Norm Frey

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Closing Song – *"Every Move I Make"*

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and demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world.**

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Friends, Go out from this place, refreshed by the living water of Jesus Christ. Remember that God is the source of every blessing, and that God's love never runs out.
And like the woman at the well, may the love of God overflow from your hearts, so that you may be a blessing to others.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Shelia Conrad & Lorraine Berak, our snack volunteer: The Staich/Ruedi Family, and our coffee volunteer: Lorraine Berak.

Thank you to our communion servers: Laura Asiala, Lorraine Berak, Judy Husby, and Kathy Rogols.



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Prelude – *"Like a River in My Soul"* by Osiek

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Invitation and Centering Words

Leader: Just as we need water to live and grow, we need God's love to nourish our hearts, minds, and souls. Jesus promises to give us living water that will never run dry. Today, we come to worship God, the source of every good gift, whose love fills us and flows through us to bless others.

Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Geney Heaton

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty, and drink from the fountain of God's grace.

People: We come to Jesus Christ, the source of living water!

Leader: Come, all who are weary, and find refreshment for your souls.

People: God's love renews us and fills us with life!

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whose blessings never run dry.

All: With grateful hearts, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Geney Heaton

All: Gracious and loving God, you are the source of all life and every good gift. Like a spring that never runs dry, your love continually refreshes and renews us. As we gather in worship today, open our hearts to receive the living water that Jesus offers. Quench our deepest thirst, renew our spirits, and fill us with gratitude for your abundant blessings. May your love flow through us, bringing hope, generosity, and new life to the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn 614 – *“Great Are You Lord”*

Prayer of Confession

Geney Heaton

All: Merciful God, you offer us living water, yet too often we seek satisfaction in things that cannot sustain us. We forget that all we have and all we are come from you. We cling to our blessings rather than allowing them to flow freely into the lives of others. Forgive us when fear replaces trust, when scarcity overshadows abundance, and when we fail to recognize your generous grace. Draw us once again to the wellspring of your love. Renew our hearts and teach us to live with gratitude and generosity, following the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Geney Heaton

Leader: Hear the good news! Jesus promises that the water he gives will become within us a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. God's grace never runs dry, and God's mercy is new every morning. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, refreshed, and made new!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Geney Heaton

Leader: Having received the refreshing gift of God's grace, let us share the peace of Christ 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 – *“With This Bread, With This Wine”* by Medema

Scripture Readings – Psalm 24

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Sermon

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Responsive Hymn 523 – *“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”*

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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, you are the source of every blessing and the giver of every good gift. As we offer these gifts, we do so with grateful hearts, recognizing that all we have comes from you. Bless these offerings and use them to share the living water of your love with our neighbors and throughout the world. May our generosity reflect the abundance of your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn 749 – ***“Come Live in the Light!”***

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All: Amen.

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

Postlude

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Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Dave Nussdorfer & Karen Kies, our snack volunteer, and our coffee volunteer: Lorraine Berak.

Thank you to our communion servers: Betsy Argo, Ginny Dorner, Ken Kohlman, and Don Reynolds.

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.

Today 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.

New Member Class – Monday, November 9 at 6:00PM

Are you thinking about joining the church and wondering what it means to be a member of ERFPC? Then, we invite you to join us on Monday, November 9 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. as we discuss what it means to join the church. Dinner will be served. Please sign up at the Activity Center, or email (info@erfpc.org) or call the church office (231-264-8167) if you would like to attend and if you need child care.

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. 11/1

9:00 a Contemporary Service
10:00 a SS & Youth – LH
10:30 a Traditional Service

Mon. 11/2

Tues. 11/3

10:00 a Bible Girls – AE
6:30 p Deacon Meeting – FH

Wed. 11/4

6:45 a Breakfast Club – LH
3:00 p Service at Autumn House
7:00 p Personnel MT – AE

Thurs. 11/5

7:30 a Men's Bible Study – AE
1:30 p Worship MT
6:30 p Praise Team Prac.
6:30 p Young Life Banquet – FH

Fri. 11/6

10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FH

Sat. 11/7

10:00 a Concert Prac. – Sanc.