9 AM Contemporary Service ● Sunday, November 8, 2026

Order of Worship

The Gathering:

Countdown

Welcome — Kyle Ripley

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Jesus invites everyone who is thirsty to come to Him and drink. His love is like living water that never runs dry! And when we share His love with others, that living water keeps flowing out into the world.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, fill our hearts today!

Praise Songs – ***"Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble"***
"Build My Life"

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 Reading – John 7:37-44

Message – "The Flow: the Spirit of God Living in Us" — Rev. Jim Porter

Response & Sending:

Time for Reflection and Song of Response – ***"Breathe"***

All Saints Sunday – A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Introduction to Remembrance

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Today, we give thanks for all those who have gone before us and have filled our lives with God's love and grace. Though their earthly lives have come to an end, the love they shared continues to flow through the lives of those they touched. Their witness reminds us that we are part of something much greater than ourselves—the communion of saints, united in Christ across all generations.

Lighting of the Candles

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, and Jesus assures that His light continues to shine in the darkness and darkness cannot overcome it. As we light these candles, we remember with thanksgiving those who have finished their earthly journey and now rest in God's eternal care. We give thanks to you today for the gift of their lives, and for the blessing that they have been to this church, to their friends and family, and to all who knew them.

Especially today, we remember and thank you for members of our church family who have passed on into eternity over the past year. They are:

Robert Cameron
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We also take time today to remember others in our lives who have touched our hearts over the years with God's love and grace. We thank you for the gift of their lives and the cherished memories of them that we keep in hearts forever.

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Let us pause now in a moment of silent remembrance.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we thank You for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. Thank you for their faith, their love, and the many ways your grace flowed through their lives into ours. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen us with the hope of the resurrection, and remind us that nothing in life or in death can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ. May the light of their witness continue to shine, and may the living water of your Spirit flow through us until that day when we are reunited in your eternal presence. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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 — Shannon VanDenBerge

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Announcements — Rev. Jim Porter

- New Member Class this Monday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. – Sign up today!
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Closing Song – ***"Big House"***

Mission Statement

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Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go now, refreshed by the living water of Christ. Let God's love flow freely through your words, your actions, and your generosity.
All: Amen.

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Jerry & Felicia Blight, our snack volunteer, and our coffee volunteer: Shelia Conrad.

10:30 AM Traditional Service ● Sunday, November 8, 2026

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Invitation and Centering Words

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Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship — Doug White

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty, and drink from the living water of Christ.
People: We come to be refreshed by God's grace and love.
Leader: Jesus promises that rivers of living water will flow from those who believe in Him.
People: May God's Spirit flow through us, bringing hope and healing to the world.
Leader: Let us worship the One who fills our lives with abundant blessings!
All: Come, let us worship the living God!

Opening Prayer — Doug White

All: Gracious and loving God, you are the source of all life and every good gift. Like a river that never stops flowing, your love and grace sustain us each day. Open our hearts to receive the living water of your Holy Spirit. Renew our faith, deepen our gratitude, and inspire us to become channels of your love and generosity. May all that we say and do in worship today bring glory to you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn 338 – ***"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"***

Prayer of Confession — Doug White

All: Merciful God, you have blessed us with an abundance of grace, yet too often we hold tightly to what you have given us. We allow fear and selfishness to interrupt the flow of your love. We forget that your blessings are not meant to end with us, but to flow through us to others. Forgive us when we fail to share generously, love compassionately, and serve faithfully. Renew our hearts with your living water, that we may become instruments of your grace in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon — Doug White

Leader: Hear the good news! Jesus promises that all who come to Him will receive living water, the gift of God's Holy Spirit. God's grace never runs dry, and His mercy is new every morning. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to love and serve.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace Doug White

Leader: As God's living water flows through us, so may Christ's peace flow from one heart to another. Let us share that 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 – *"Spirit Come Down"* by Hayes

Scripture Reading – John 7:37–44

Sermon "The Flow: the Spirit of God Living in Us" Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Hymn 326 – ***"For All the Saints"*** (vs. 1, 3, 5)

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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 blessing we enjoy flows from your abundant love. Receive these gifts as expressions of our gratitude and faith. Just as your living water flows through us, may these offerings become streams of hope, compassion, and healing in our community and throughout the world. Use us and all that we share to make your love known. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Hymn 724 – ***"O Jesus, I Have Promised"***

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

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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.

Thank You for Celebrating Our Pastor & Staff!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make October's Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month so special! Your thoughtful cards, kind words, prayers, and gestures of appreciation were wonderful reminders of the love and support within our church family. We are grateful for your generosity and encouragement and for the many ways you share God's love with those who serve our congregation. Thank you for making our pastor and staff feel so appreciated!

Your Pastor and Church Staff,
Rev. Jim Porter, Paul Wonacott, Cheryl Knight, Kyle Ripley, Ellen Merillat, Kathleen Peterson, Yvonne Nault, Rachel Hunter, Josh McCann, Madison Heidt, and Corey Pritchard

Observing All Saints' Day – Today

Today we will honor All Saints' Day, a time to remember and give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us—both from our church family and from our own families. During worship, everyone will be invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one, as we celebrate the hope and promise we share in Christ.

Below are the beloved church members lost this past year.

Name	Date of Death
Robert Cameron	3/25/2026
Kenneth Kleyn	9/16/2026

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.

Listening for God – Contemplative Prayer Gathering is back!

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 this 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. 11/8
- 9:00 a Contemporary Service
- 10:00 a SS & Youth – LH
- 10:30 a Traditional Service

Mon. 11/9
- 9:00 a PEO – FH
- 6:00 p New Member Class – FH

Tues. 11/10
- 10:00 a Bible Girls – AE
- 12:00 p Contemplative Prayer - Sanc

Wed. 11/11
- 6:45 a Breakfast Club – LH
- 9:00 a Finance Comm. – Cf

Thurs. 11/12
- 7:30 a Men's Bible Study – AE
- 9:00a Session Reports Due
- 6:30 p Praise Team Prac.
- 7:00 p Trustees – FH

Fri. 11/13
- 10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FH

Sat. 11/14
- 10:00 a Concert Prac. – Sanc.