

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, January 3, 2021

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“Here I Am To Worship”*

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me
(repeat)

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Welcome

Rachel Stratton

Call to Worship

Rachel Stratton

Leader: Arise! Shine, for your light has come!

People: **Stand up, a new day is dawning!**

Leader: A New Year has begun,

People: **Fresh and clean.**

Leader: Arise! Shine, for your light has come!

People: **Emmanuel, God is with us!**

Leader: On every path we take,

People: **No matter where we go.**

Leader: Arise! Shine, for your light has come!

People: **And the stars still shine,**

Leader: Where Christ is present,

All: **For God's light and love now live in us!**

Worship Song – *“Kings Of Kings”*

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings
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Worship Song – **“Winter Snow”**

Verse 1

**You could've come like a mighty storm
With all the strength of a hurricane
You could've come like a forest fire
With the power of heaven in Your flame**

Chorus

**But You came like a winter snow
Quiet and soft and slow
Falling from the sky in the night
To the earth below**

Verse 2

**You could've swept in like a tidal wave
Or in an ocean to ravish our hearts
You could've come through like a roaring flood
To wipe away the things we've scarred**

Chorus

**But You came like a winter snow
You were quiet You were soft and slow
Falling from the sky in the night
To the earth below**

Bridge

**Oh no Your voice wasn't in a bush burning
No Your voice wasn't in a rushing wind
It was still it was small it was hidden**

Chorus

**But You came like a winter snow
You were quiet You were soft and slow
Falling from the sky in the night
To the earth below
Oh yeah You came falling from the sky
In the night to the earth below**

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 43:1-7

Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon

“Chosen to Be God’s Children”

Rev. Jim Porter

Song of Response – **“God Of This City”**

Verse 1

**You're the God of this city
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You are
You're the light in this darkness
You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless
You are**

Pre-Chorus

**There is no one like our God
There is no one like You God**

Chorus 1

**Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done
In this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done here**

Verse 2

**You're the Lord of creation
The Creator of all things
You're the King above all kings
You are
You're the strength in the weakness
You're the love to the broken
You're the joy in the sadness
You are**

Pre-Chorus

**There is no one like our God
There is no one like You God**

Chorus 1

**Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done
In this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done here**

Pre-Chorus

**There is no one like our God
There is no one like You God**

Chorus 2

**Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done
In this city
Where glory shines from hearts alive
With praise for You and love for You
In this city**

Chorus 1

**Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done
In this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done here**

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Celebration of Communion

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.

Concluding Song – *"The Blessing"*

Verse

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

Chorus

Amen (x6)

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**The Lord bless you
And keep you
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The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace**

Chorus

Amen (x6)

Bridge

**May his favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children**

**May his presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you He is with you**

**In the morning in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you He is for you**

Chorus

Amen (x6)

Bridge

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And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
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Charge and Blessing

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.**

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you for your generous giving during this challenging time! Your gifts support all of the work and ministries of the church, as we continue to do the work of Christ in the world today. You can mail your pledges to the church at: First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids, 404 Spruce Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629, give through online giving at www.erfpc.org (click on the Giving tab at the top right), or set up a one time or recurring donation by contacting our Financial Manager, Liz Atkinson, at 231-313-6126. Again, we thank everyone for their continued support of the ministries and mission of the church!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Feeling Overwhelmed? Searching for a greater sense of joy and peace in the coming year?

Join us for our new sermon series "Anxious for Nothing" beginning on Sunday, January 17! This series, based on the book by Max Lucado, will explore how we can weather the storm of these difficult times with the peace we can only find in Christ. Don't miss these life-changing messages!

Join a Small Group Today!

The Adult Ed team will again form small groups to discuss how to apply the learnings from the new sermon series "Anxious for Nothing" to our daily lives.

Options for small groups:

- 1. Form your own group and choose how and when you want to meet.** The facilitator will receive a copy of Max Lucado's book "Anxious for Nothing" which includes discussion questions for each chapter. In addition, the facilitator will be given a study guide containing additional suggestions and questions. Participants may choose to download or order copies of the book although discussions will center on the content of Pastor Jim's sermons.

- 2. Join an existing group which will meet weekly for five weeks via Zoom:**
 - a. Monday mornings, 10 - 11 a.m., starting January 17th, Pam Coleman facilitator
 - b. Monday evenings, 7 - 8 p.m., starting January 18th, Nancy Muhlig facilitator
 - c. Tuesday mornings, 10 - 11 a.m., starting January 19th, Robin Osterhaven and Marcia Sumerix facilitators
 - d. We will form additional groups if there is interest.

- 3. Join Pastor Jim's Zoom discussions** and view Max Lucado's dvd, Wednesday evenings, 7- 8:30 p.m., beginning January 20th.

Option for individual study:

Purchase the dvd, download the book, or order it - "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado.

For more information or to sign up for one of the groups, **contact Nancy Muhlig, 264-9434 or nmuhlig@charter.net.**

2020 Annual Reports Due Friday, January 8

Ministry Teams and Group Chairpersons, now is the time to begin putting together your Annual Report, covering the activities of your group or ministry team for 2020. Please try to keep your report to one page, put it in a Word document, and email it to the office (info@erfpc.org) by 9 a.m. Friday, January 8, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Merillat at the church office (231-264-8167).