

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, June 6, 2021
9 AM Contemporary Service
Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – ***“Christ Be Magnified”***

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Worship Song – ***“Way Maker”***

Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:5

Sermon

“Seeing Beyond Suffering”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song – ***“Come to the Table”***

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.

Offering

Closing Song – ***“Living Hope”***

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!

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11 AM Traditional Service

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship – *“Barcarolle”* by Tchaikowsky

Prelude – *“Peace like a River with It Is Well With My Soul”* by Bliss, arr. by Althouse

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

People: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

Leader: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

People: And God found me and brought me home.

Leader: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

People: And God danced and rejoiced with me.

Leader: For we believe in the God who is with us throughout all of life, both through life’s trials and tribulations, as well as life’s joys and celebrations.

People: God is here with us now.

All: Come, let us worship together the living God. Amen.

Opening Prayer

All: Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. Amen.

Opening Hymn 1 – *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”* (vs. 1 & 4)

Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Anthem – *“You are the Bread”* by Schram

Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:5

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Seeing Beyond Suffering”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Hymn 510 – *“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”* (vs. 1 & 3)

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.

Offering

Closing Hymn 837 – *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”* (vs. 1 & 3)

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.

Benediction

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

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

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Beginning Today! Two Services

We’re excited to begin offering two services again beginning today. We’ll have a 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service and an 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service both in person and online.

Children’s Chapel Begins Today, June 6 During 9:00 AM Service

We’re kicking off a new Children’s Chapel today during the 9 a.m. Contemporary Service. Everyone will start out in the sanctuary and children will be dismissed to Children’s Chapel after the Children’s Sermon. Children’s Chapel will run June-August except during outdoor services. If you are willing to lead a Sunday or help, please contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813 or sign up at the Activity Center.

2021 Baby Bottle Campaign Update

His House has a Director, an Assistant Director and volunteers. His House has implemented a Project of the Month activity. Dads and their children can create a wood-working project together with a woodworking mentor in Papa’s Workshop. These projects include a bird house, bird feeder and more! There is always something going on!

Contributions may be made by check made out to First Presbyterian Church with Baby Bottle on the memo line, or by cash. Online donations can be made by going to www.TheGoodSam.org/Give and follow the online instructions.

Ride Needed for 11 AM Service – If you can give Gloria Wheeler a ride to the 11 AM service, please contact her at 231-264-8546. She is the first house on US 31 north of the Lakeshore Inn (formerly the Camelot Inn).

Vacation Bible School—Register Your Children Today!

Mark your calendar for VBS week, June 21-25 from 9–11 a.m. and register your children today on the VBS banner on the homepage of our website (www.erfpc.org). Attendance is limited this year, and pre-registration is due by Sunday, June 13.

VBS Volunteers Needed – Week of June 21-25 from 9-11 AM

We need your help. We are holding an in-person Vacation Bible School (VBS) from June 21-25, 9:00-11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for each of us to share the love of Jesus with the youngest members of our church family. Please contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813 if you would like to help.

Join the Contemporary Worship Team! Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you have a heart for the Lord? Do you want to be more involved in the contemporary service? If you answered yes to all of these questions, then consider joining the contemporary worship team! We are especially needing pianists and guitarists but everyone who is interested in joining should reach out. If you are interested in joining the worship team, please contact Rachel Stratton at rachstratton1@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for our Sunday Morning AV Team!

We are looking for volunteers to join our Sunday morning AV Team. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Shawn Pollack at av.team@erfpc.org or feel free to talk to him after the service.

Wired Word Discussions Resume Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 PM at AmVets

Good News! Wired Word discussions of topics in the news will resume Wednesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m., at the AmVets. Klaus Lehrer will be our facilitator. Please let Nancy Muhlig (nmuhlig@charter.net) know if you'd like to receive the article to be considered. Future dates for our get togethers will be selected that night.

Safety Seminar by Elk Rapids Police Chief on Sunday, June 13 after the 11AM Service

POLICE ALERT! POLICE ALERT! On Sunday, June 13, after the 11:00 a.m. service, our Elk Rapids police chief, Dave Centala, will be holding a Q & A session on being safe in public places; what to look for, listen for, and how to put up your own radar. Bring the kids and the grandparents. We all need to be safe. Thank you...your Safety and Security Team

New Guidelines for In Person Worship

We're pleased to announce the following new guidelines worship:

1. We are returning to two services on June 6!

- 9 a.m. Contemporary Service with a new Children's Chapel available during worship
- 11 a.m. Traditional Service with Organ & Liturgy
- Childcare will be provided for both services.

2. Online Services Continue

Services will continue to be available online on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FPCElkrapids1874) and our website at www.erfpc.org for those who choose to worship from home.

Everyone is encouraged to take into consideration their own health and decide whether to worship in the sanctuary or at home. We are doing everything to be as safe as possible, but there are still risks in gathering.

3. Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated adults.

However, masks are still required for unvaccinated adults and children over 2.

4. No reservations are required.

Just come as you are able!

5. We will continue to Limit Numbers in Sanctuary to provide for safe distancing.

We will allow up to 60 people per Sunday in the sanctuary and up to 30 in the Fellowship Hall for sanctuary overflow to ensure the appropriate social distance. Families may sit together.

6. Singing will be allowed in both services.

Hymnals will be in pews for the Traditional Service.

7. Food is still not permitted in the church building, but you may Bring Your Own Beverage

8. Socialize Outdoors

Beginning Sunday, June 6 coffee will be available outside between services. This will be a great time to get caught up with friends you haven't seen in a while!

9. Love One Another still applies!

Your patience, kindness, and understanding are sincerely appreciated!

Philippians 2:2-4 says: *"Be of the same mind, having the same love, being of full accord and one mind... In humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."*

We are grateful to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation! Thank you for your cooperation as we journey through this together! Keep the faith!

In Christ's Love, The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids