

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, June 13, 2021
9 AM Contemporary Service
Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Worship Songs – *“Holy Is The Lord”*
“Glory To God Forever”

Message to the Children

Marcy Potter

Sharing Our Stories

Stephen Ministry

- Introduction- Sandi Gray
- Video

Scripture Reading – Romans 12:9-21

Sermon

“We Really Are In This Together!”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song – *“By Our Love”*

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 – *“To The Ends Of The Earth”*

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!

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids

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11 AM Traditional Service

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship – *“Eine Kleine Nachtmusic”* by Mozart

Prelude – *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”* arr. by Forrest

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Sandi Gray

Leader: In all times and in all places, God is with us.

People: God’s love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope.

Leader: Shout for joy! Dance a little jig even!

People: Sing praises to God!

Leader: Get ready to become disciples for Jesus.

All: Lord, make us ready to serve you at all times and in all places. Amen!

Opening Prayer

All: Loving God, in this season of growth and new life, open our hearts now to grow in your love.

Help us to truly trust in your creative process in our lives, transforming us and making us new creations through your love. Prepare us, O Lord, to become ambassadors of peace and hope. Help us to place our trust in you, so that when we are serving others, they may come to know your abiding love and power. Give us courage and great joy as we serve you this day and always. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 12 – *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Sharing Our Stories

Stephen Ministry

- Introduction to Stephen Ministry- Sandi Gray
- Video
- Introduction of Greg Socha- Connie Clark
- Sharing his Experience- Greg Socha

Scripture Reading – Romans 12:9-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“We Really Are In This Together!”

Rev. Jim Porter

Anthem – *“Be Still”* by McDonald

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 839 – ***“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”*** (vs. 1 & 3)

Charge and Blessing

Leader: In the coming week what does God call us to do?

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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!

Chancel flowers are placed by Dan and Rae Harfst in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

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!

Safety Seminar by Elk Rapids Police Chief Today 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

Two Services Each Sunday

We're excited to begin offering two services again! 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 During 9:00 AM Service

Our Children's Chapel continues 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. There will be activities, crafts, videos, and Bible stories – each week will be a little different. Children's Chapel will run June-August except during outdoor services.

Graduation Recognition – Sunday, June 20

We will be recognizing those men and women in our church family who are graduating from high-school, college, university, or from a specialized school at the 9 or 11 a.m. service. Please call the church office at 231-264-8167 or email us at info@erfpc.org to place the name of your graduate on our list.

2021 Baby Bottle Campaign Update

Moms & Tots runs under the direction of a Director, Assistant Director and 20 volunteers. Please pray for our clients. They come with a variety of needs, and from all different walks of life. We provide a safe environment, listening ears, and the gift of knowing that they are not walking alone.

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—Registrations Due 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 registration is due by Sunday, June 13.

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.

Thank You from Community Cupboard

Thanks for all the community cash receipts. They go a long way to supporting the food insecurity in this area. Everything you do to support the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard is much appreciated.

Effective June 11th, the brown donation box outside the entrance to the church will be relocated to the entrance of the Community Cupboard. Any questions, please contact Pam at 847-445-8239.

Next Wired Word Discussion – Wednesday, July 7

The next Wired Word Discussion will be Wednesday July 7. Watch for more information.

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