

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, June 20, 2021
9 AM Contemporary Service
Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Recognition of Graduates

Worship Songs – ***“Raise A Hallelujah”***
“Lord I Need You”

Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

- Children’s Video

Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Isaiah 43:18-19

Sermon

“New Beginnings”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song – ***“Available”***

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 – ***“Good Good Father”***

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!

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11 AM Traditional Service

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – “Air” by Bach

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Recognition of Graduates

Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Betty Tezak

Leader: Welcome home!

People: God bids us to come,

Leader: To find rest for our weariness,

People: and to find peace for our worry.

Leader: Welcome home,

People: All you who are lost, wandering, or stuck in despair.

Leader: Welcome home,

People: To God’s arms, as wide as a father’s care, as warm as a mother’s love.

Leader: Open your hearts this day to God’s loving embrace; open your ears to hear God’s voice.

All: Come, let us worship together the living God!

Opening Prayer

All: Come, Lord Jesus, open us to the wonder of your amazing grace, show us the fullness of your salvation, and grant us the peace that surpasses all understanding. We place ourselves in your loving care and yield our lives to your healing touch. Speak to us today in word, silence, and song. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 611 – “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”

Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

- Children’s Video

Anthem – “*Crown Him Lord of All!*” arr. by Parks

Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Isaiah 43:18-19

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“New Beginnings”

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Responsive Hymn 22 – “*God of the Sparrow*”

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 175 – ***“Seek Ye First”***

Charge and Blessing

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

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Benediction

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

Postlude – *“Serenade”* by Schubert

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you Florina Petrescu for playing violin for us today.

Chancel flowers are placed by Tom and Susan Calkins in celebration of their 57th 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!

Graduation Recognition – Today

Today we recognize the following persons from our church who have graduated from high school or college. We will be praying for them as they take the next big step in their life.

Lillian Ferguson

Daughter of John Ferguson (with Andi Pellicci) and Karen Ruedinger

Graduate of East Grand Rapids High School; Plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the fall.

Ethan Hinkley

Son of Ryan and Elizabeth Hinkley

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; Plans to attend NMC for 2 years for mechanical engineering and then transfer to Michigan Tech University.

Adrian Noecker

Daughter of William and Janeen Noecker

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; Plans to attend Michigan Technological University to major in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology.

Alexa Wonacott

Daughter of Jeff and Michelle Wonacott

Graduate of Traverse City West Senior High School *summa cum laude*; Plans to attend Kalamazoo College to major in Spanish and either political science or business with the possibility of attending law school.

Madigan Zell

Daughter of Megan Zell

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; Plans to attend the University of Iowa to major in Creative Writing with a possible double major in Education.

Iain Ferguson

Son of John Ferguson (with Andi Pellicci) and Karen Ruedinger
Graduate of University of Michigan with a BS in BioMechanical Engineering *cum laude* and starts a job in his field in July in Madison Wisconsin.

Remington Shively

Son of Chris and Shelly Shively
Graduate of Culinary Institute of Michigan with an Associate of Applied Science in Baking and Pastry *magna cum laude*.

Ryan Shively

Son of Chris and Shelly Shively
Graduate of Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting *cum laude*.

Andy Atkinson

Son of Robert and Liz Atkinson
Graduate of Grand Valley State University with a Master of Science in Data Science & Analytics and employed as a Business Intelligence Analyst with Priority Health in Grand Rapids.

Congratulations to our graduates! The Deacons will be hosting a reception outside today between services at 10:00 a.m. to honor our graduates.

**From John Ferguson: For those who want the complete story, Charlie Ferguson just finished middle school.

VBS Volunteer Meeting—Today at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

If you are helping out in VBS this week and have any questions or were unable to attend the first volunteer meeting, please plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Chapel During 9:00 AM Service

Our Children's Chapel continues through the summer 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.

2021 Baby Bottle Campaign Update – Today Last Day of Campaign

Happy Father's Day! Today ends our 2021 campaign. What a blessing you have been! You, as part of the body of Christ throughout Antrim and Charlevoix Counties, have helped us be able to create, maintain, and allow for good things to happen for families in our communities! Thanks be to God for the way God provides. Please continue to uphold these ministries in prayer!

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).

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 Discussions – Wednesday, July 7 & 21

The next Wired Word discussions will be Wednesday July 7 & 21. 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