

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, January 16, 2022
9 AM Contemporary Service

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Worship Songs – ***“Come As You Are”***
“Way Maker”

Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Scripture Reading – Exodus 18:10-23

Sermon **“The Day Moses Became a Leader”**

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song – ***“Available”***

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

Gary Burns	Ginny Dorner
Jan Burns	Sandra Gray
Shelia Conrad	Judy Husby

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.

Presentation of Offering and Connection Cards

Closing Song – ***“See A Victory”***

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. Special thanks to our ushers: Gary & Jan Burns; and our snack volunteer: Jan Burns.

Chancel flowers are placed by Ginny Dorner in celebration of our Stephen Ministry.

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, January 16, 2022
11 AM Traditional Service

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“We Will Glorify”* by Paris

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Invitation and Centering Words

Come, fill your lives with the abundance of God’s love. Then watch the miracles that follow!

Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Betty Tezak

Leader: Come and worship!

People: God welcomes us here.

Leader: Come to be fed.

People: Christ nourishes us with love.

Leader: Come to be transformed.

People: The Spirit re-creates us anew each day.

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

Opening Prayer

Betty Tezak

All: Living Water, flow through our worship. Nourish us with your loving presence. Draw us ever closer to you, that our empty vessels may be filled, and that our dry souls may be transformed into fountains of love, life, joy, and peace. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 370 – *“This Is My Father’s World”*

Prayer of Confession

Betty Tezak

All: When hope runs dry, lift us out of despair, O God, and fill us with the waters of renewal. When our efforts fall short, forgive our failings, and reclaim us with your promise. When the weight of worry holds us down, lift us up with the comfort only You can give, and show us the way forward. Transform our lives this day, so that we may flow with abundant love. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Betty Tezak

Leader: God’s steadfast love shines as a fountain of light, transforming our lives with goodness and grace. By His grace, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem – *“More Precious Than Silver”* arr. by Larson

Scripture Reading – Exodus 18:10-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Day Moses Became a Leader”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Hymn 693 – *“Though I May Speak”*

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

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Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

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Presentation of Offering and Connection Cards

Closing Hymn 69 – *“Here I Am, Lord”*

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;
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Benediction

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

Postlude

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Thank you. Special thanks to our usher: Jana Gillstrom, and our snack volunteer: Phyllis Staley.

Chancel flowers are placed by Ginny Dorner in celebration of our Stephen Ministry.

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, Kim McCann, at finmanager@erfpc.org. Again, we thank everyone for their continued support of the ministries and mission of the church!

Nursery – Qualified caregivers welcome infants and children during the service.

Announcing the 2022 opportunity to help fill Weekend Food Backpacks for kids in Elk Rapids Schools. This program provides food for weekends when kids, who normally eat breakfast and lunch at school, are at home without adequate food. Our collection begins today, January 16.

The Backpack Program requests donations of:

- **Peanut Butter (16 oz),**
- **Canned Ravioli, and/or**
- **Spaghettios or other canned pasta with sauce.**

You are also encouraged to donate by check if you prefer. Please make checks out to **First Presbyterian Church** with **“Backpack Program”** noted on the memo line. Mail checks to:

First Presbyterian Church
404 Spruce Street
Elk Rapids MI 49629

THANK YOU for your participation in this important program.

Service for Christian Unity – Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 PM

Everyone is invited to a Service for Christian Unity on Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church. Don't miss this special service!

Worried Your World Is Spinning Out of Control?

Sign up now for our next small group class

"You Were Made for This Moment: Courage for Today and Hope for Tomorrow" is the theme of Pastor Jim's next sermon series. One of his resources will be the book of the same title, written by Max Lucado, a New York Times Bestselling Christian author.

Lucado leads us in studying Queen Esther of the Bible. Although she faced what seemed to be an impossible situation, she had the courage to speak up and God used her to help save a nation. God will have His victory and will right the wrongs of this world. As Lucado says, "The question is not, *Will God prevail?* The question is, *Will you be part of the team?*"

Options include:

1. **Form your own group**, such as family members, friends or neighborhood. Choose your place, date and time to get together to discuss the sermon, book, and/or the available dvd.
2. **Continue to meet with your current small group**, using the sermon and/or book as a springboard for discussion.

For either of the above options, contact Nancy Muhlig to let her know which resources you'll need. (264-9434, nmuhlig@charter.net)

3. Join one of these groups:

- a. **Tuesday mornings**, beginning January 25 and continuing for five weeks, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., The Lighthouse, in person and via Zoom. Contact Robin Osterhaven, 517-388-0007, rosterhaven1977@gmail.com or Marcia Sumerix, 989-964-1420, sumerixmj60@gmail.com
- b. **Thursday mornings**, beginning January 27, 10:30 - 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Contact Nancy Muhlig, 264-9434, nmuhlig@charter.net

Year-end contribution statements are now available on the welcome table in the narthex or in your church mailbox. Please take a moment to stop and pick yours up.

Kingdom Kids & Youth Group – Between Services at 10:20AM at the Lighthouse

We have some new stars on the Lighthouse stage! Thanks to Claire and Alice for leading our January Bible Challenge song, "The Lord's Prayer".

If you have children through the 5th grade or youth, make plans now to bring them to Sunday School and Youth Group each Sunday between services at the Lighthouse. Children and youth can begin gathering at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School beginning at 10:20 a.m. The church library is also available for parents to grab a cup of coffee and relax during the Sunday School hour. Please contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813 with questions.

Outdoor Family Activity on Saturday, February 5 *Instead of Family Camp*

Everyone is invited to attend an Outdoor Family Activity on Saturday, February 5. We'll be holding this event instead of going to Family Camp at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp that weekend. Watch for details about the Outdoor Family Activity and contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813 if you have questions.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 13

Don't forget the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 13, immediately following 11:00 a.m. worship at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Bring Your Village Market Receipts for Community Cupboard! Save your Village Market receipts dated between September 1, 2021 and May 30, 2022 and turn them in one of three ways:

- Outside – place them in the box labeled “Community Cash” in the left corner of the brown box outside the cupboard entrance (on Chippewa Street)
- Narthex – place them in the Community Cupboard mail slot (lower left corner near the elevator)
- Mail them to Elk Rapids Community Cupboard, PO Box 572, Elk Rapids, MI 49629.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Continuing COVID Response – First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids

A Message from Pastor Jim

As you may know, Munson Healthcare has reported that COVID cases are on the rise in our local area and has raised their COVID response to level Red, the highest possible level of response. (You may click here for the full article from Munson: <https://www.munsonhealthcare.org/services/community-health/covid19/pandemic-status>.)

According to this article, Munson Healthcare is recommending that you:

- Get your COVID-19 vaccination at your earliest opportunity
- Wear a mask in public indoor and crowded outdoor spaces
- Practice proper hand hygiene
- Avoid large gatherings when possible
- Continue your regular screening and preventive care schedule

With this in mind and with the input of the COVID Task Force, we are highly recommending once again that everyone, regardless of their vaccination status, wear a mask when attending church. This is for the sake of your own health, as well as the sake of others, especially for the elderly and those who are most vulnerable to the COVID virus. And as always, if you are not feeling well or may have been exposed to the virus, please stay at home and not gather with others in public.

Worship services will continue to be offered online for those who are uncomfortable or unable to come church. You can access all services on Facebook or by going to our church website: www.erfpc.org.

Your understanding and cooperation at this time are greatly appreciated.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Jim