

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, June 12, 2022
9 AM Contemporary Service

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Worship Songs – ***“God So Loved”***
“Stand In Your Love”

Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

- Recognition of Graduates and Teacher Appreciation for Sunday School
- Thanks to all who have helped lead and teach Sunday School this past year!

Scripture Reading – Revelation 6

Sermon **“The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse
and the Last Word on Evil”**

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Song – ***“See A Victory”***

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 – ***“The Lion And The Lamb”***

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 Deacons for the reception.

Chancel flowers are placed by Wayne Potter in celebration of Wayne and Marcy’s 23rd wedding anniversary.

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10:30 AM Traditional Service

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“Who Shall Separate Us?”*

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Invitation and Centering Words

God whispers to us in every prayer and hymn that is sung, in every blessing and gift of grace,
“I love you. I love you. I love you!” ---Leonard Sweet

Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Doug White

Leader: Hallelujah---

People: School is out, summer begins.

Leader: Praise God---

People: For the dance on sunlight on water’s waves;

Leader: For cool lemonade on a summer’s eve;

People: For renewing friendships and long conversations;

Leader: For the hope of a bright future and the courage to try something new;

People: For a deep rest into God’s grace;

Leader: For songs of praise and joy in our hearts.

All: Come, let worship together the living God!

Opening Prayer

Doug White

All: Awesome and gracious God, on this bright, summer day, open our eyes to the wonder of your resurrecting love. Open our ears to the call of our name. Open our hearts to the joy of forgiveness, the blessings of healing, and the peace of believing. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 331 – *“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”*

Prayer of Confession

Doug White

All: God of love and God of grace, who guides and sustains us, hear our prayers this day. We know the many ways in which we have failed to do the tasks which you have set before us. We have often chosen our comfort over service to you and others. Our fears and doubts lay claim to our lives and we shrink from the opportunities you give to us to proclaim your love and healing. Forgive us for our many failings. Lift and restore us to your grace. Put our feet on the pathways of service, offering justice and peace to all people. Heal us this day, gracious One, for we ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Doug White

Rejoice! Do not doubt! God has poured love, hope and forgiveness on you. You are healed and forgiven in Jesus' Name. The Holy Spirit empowers you to ministries of healing and hope. Let us Rejoice this day and always! Amen.

Anthem – *“Revelation 19”* by Schrader

Scripture Reading – Revelation 6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse
and the Last Word on Evil”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Hymn 240 – *“Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks”*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

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Presentation of Offering and Connection Cards

Closing Hymn 339 – *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

Charge and Blessing

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Benediction

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

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Norm Veliquette & Judy Brummeler; our greeter: Don Reynolds; and the Deacons for the reception.

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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.

Having trouble hearing the service? We have an induction hearing loop system for hearing aid users. Please switch your hearing aids to “T” or see the sound technician for help.

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.

Julia Morente Alcober

Exchange student staying with Noel and Natalie Peters

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; Plans to return to Spain and major in Mathematics and Physics at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Drexel Noecker

Son of Bill and Janeen Noecker

Graduate of Central Michigan University with a BSBA, Major Finance and Minor Real Estate: Development & Finance.

Caroline Porter

Daughter of Rev. Jim Porter and Rev. Jaime Klinger

Graduate of Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Education and Social Studies with a Minor in Mathematics. Caroline will be teaching Math in Dansville Community Schools this fall.

Congratulations to our graduates! The Deacons will be hosting a reception in the narthex today between services to honor our graduates.

Vacation Bible School – Register Your Children Today!

Mark your calendar for VBS week, June 27-July 1 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and register your children today on the VBS banner on the homepage of our website (www.erfpc.org). Bring your children, grandchildren and friends this exciting program!

Plus, we still need group leaders. If you are available to volunteer as a group leader to take kids from station to station during VBS, please contact Marcy Potter at 517-416-2814 or marcypotter@gmail.com

VBS 2022 Crafts – Volunteers Needed

Thank you for all the paper towel rolls – we don't need any more. We do still need toilet paper rolls. We also need volunteers to do paper cutting. Contact Louise Pond at 517-861-1556 if you can help.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Playground during 9:00 AM Service

This summer we're offering Children's Playground in the library immediately following the Children's Sermon until after the actual sermon. This is designed for children when they get the wiggles and need to move around more than in a pew. If you are willing to help out by reading a story to the children and monitoring this area a Sunday or two this summer, please sign up at the Activity Center. If you have any questions, contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813.

Kingdom Kids Father's Day Craft

"Shhhh! Dads, no peeking!" 😊 Kids, stop in the library "Playground" between services this week to pick up a fun Father's Day craft to make for your Dad. If you can't come Sunday, stop in at the Lighthouse any time this week and choose your favorite craft from the Family Ministry bin just outside the door. Moms, thanks for your help!

We're Hiring – Part Time Church Office Assistant

First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids is seeking a qualified individual to fill a part time position of Office Assistant. Looking for a person to work 8-10 hours per week assisting the administrative assistant. Qualifications: Must have at least a high school diploma with preferred advanced educational achievement in job-related subjects. Experience working in a multi-faceted office environment preferred. Salary based on experience. Contact the Church office at 231-264-8167.

2022 Baby Bottle Campaign – Our congregation will be partnering with 27 churches in Antrim and Charlevoix Counties in the 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign for *Moms & Tots and His House in Ellsworth*. *Moms & Tots* is a family care and pregnancy Center that provides services, education, and a loving relationship to families. *His House* is a ministry that meets men where they are and a place where men can connect, find support, and be encouraged to become more like the men God has called them to be.

We encourage you to put contributions in the offering boxes in the Narthex. Contributions may be made:

1. **by check made out to First Presbyterian Church with Baby Bottle on the memo line,**
2. **or by cash enclosed in an envelope marked “Baby Bottle”.**
3. **Online donations can be made by going to www.TheGoodSam.org/Give and follow the online instructions.**

We thank you for serving God by serving these young families.

Prayerfully, FPC Outreach Ministry Team

Ministry to Migrants – Donate Items

We are once again collecting items to help migrant families who will be arriving this spring and summer and housed at several of the local farms. If you have gently used twin sheets and/or personal hygiene items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church and put them on the bench by the coat rack in the Narthex.

They could also use twin mattresses, air conditioners and dressers. Great Lakes Packing is willing to pay a reasonable amount for these items. Contact Trudy Cullimore at 231-264-5561 to arrange transportation – do not bring these items to the church.

We will be collecting through Sunday, June 19.

“Backpacking as Spiritual Practice” Trip to Isle Royale – August 15-20, 2022

Pastor Jim is leading a backpacking trip on Isle Royale from August 15-20 sponsored by Presbytery Point Camp and **there are 4 spots left!** Cost of the trip is \$650 and scholarships are available. Contact Jenna Thompson at director@presbyterypoint.org or Pastor Jim at jporter@erfpc.org if you have questions. You can register for the trip at www.presbyterypoint.org.

THESE DAYS devotional booklets for July through September 2022 have arrived and are on the Welcome table in the narthex. Stop and pick up your copy today!

Village Market Receipts Due to Community Cupboard by June 13 for Community Cash Program

There's still time to bring in your Village Market receipts dated between Sept. 1, 2021 and May 30, 2022 for the Community Cash Program. You can turn them in one of three ways: (1) Outside – place them in the box labeled “Community Cash” in the left corner of the brown box outside the cupboard entrance (on Chippewa Street), (2) Narthex – place them in the Community Cupboard mail slot (lower left corner near the elevator), and (3) 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

Since COVID numbers are declining after a surge in early 2022, the MDHHS has expired the Public Health Advisory on Masking in Indoor Public Settings in mid-February. With this in mind, the COVID Task Force continues to have all church attendees in our thoughts as we continue our COVID response. We encourage those who are unvaccinated and those with high vulnerability to the COVID virus, to continue to wear a mask on Sunday mornings or worship online. Others who are healthy and feel comfortable may choose to not wear a mask during worship. We hope the lifting of the mask recommendations allows all church members to feel comfortable and return to church on Sunday mornings without a mask requirement. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to navigate these trying times. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jim or call the church office at 231-264-8167. Thank you.