

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, July 3, 2022
One 10:30 AM Service

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“God is Always With Us”*

VBS Children

Welcome

Wayne Potter

Introit – *“Monumental Love”*

VBS Children

Call to Worship

Reid Conrad & Violet Denherder

Leader: Let us worship God as children...with wonder and awe.
Let us worship God as youth...with questions and eager hearts.
Let us worship God as adults...with gratitude and praise.
Let us worship God as elders...with wisdom and hope.
Let the Body of Christ sing praises to God, from whom all blessings flow.

People: Remember that

Leader: God loves you no matter what.

People: Remember that

Leader: God is with you everywhere.

People: Remember that

Leader: God's in Charge.

People: Remember that

Leader: God is stronger than anything.

People: Remember that

Leader: God is surprising.

Opening Prayer

Grace Ward

Leader: Dear God, sometimes I mess up.

People: Sometimes I hurt someone else because I am angry or mean.

Leader: Dear God, sometimes I'm not sorry about what I did.

People: But really I am not proud of my actions.

Leader: Dear God, sometimes I try hard to be kind and thoughtful.

People: Help me to live that way.

Leader: Dear God, thank you for the gift of forgiveness.

All: Amen

Opening Song – *“Awesome God”*

Scripture Readings

Keegan Fosdick & Cam Denoyer

“Your unfailing love will last forever.” Psalm 89:2

“For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“How great is our Lord! His power is absolute!” Psalm 147:5

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate from God's love.” Romans 8:38

“Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people!” Psalm 66:5

Sermon

Family Mission Trip – Presbytery Point

Zeke Keaton, Leah Keaton, Harrison Conrad, Madelyn Conrad, Erin Conrad

Local Mission Week

Kawai West, Mason Cannon, Jonah Denherder, Tabitha Pritchard

Vacation Bible School

Jordan Jansen

Recap

Wayne Potter

Responsive Song – ***“How Great is Our God”***

Baptism

Lennox Vanderkaay

Child of Alex and Elizabeth Vanderkaay

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 – ***“Great is Thy Faithfulness”***

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

Postlude – ***“Nothing That Can Separate Me”***

VBS Children

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Louise Pond & Lola Puckett, and our snack volunteer.

Chancel flowers are placed by Judy Brummeler & Norm Veliquette in honor of the VBS volunteers and children.

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.

Thank You VBS Volunteers

Thank you to everyone that had any part in our Vacation Bible School program this year. Whether you were a group leader, station leader, registration volunteer, or you made decorations or helped set up/take down, your help was appreciated and was a blessing to every child that attended.

Music in the Park – Thursday, July 7 at 7PM

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for Music in the Park on Thursday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pavilion at Day Park in Elk Rapids. This will be a casual evening of worship music led by Rachel Stratton and Marty Sage - you can sing or you don't have to sing, you can bring your Bible or journal, or even your knitting. Don't miss this special evening of worship!

The First Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee has convened and is working to discern and nominate Elders, Deacons, Trustees for 2023, as well as congregational members to serve at-large on the Nominating Committee and Personnel Ministry Team for 2023. The slate of nominations will be presented to the congregation at the congregational meeting Sunday, October 30, 2022.

If you would like to volunteer for nomination or know of someone that you think would be a good candidate for nomination, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members:

- Sandy Davids, ilovesadie1@icloud.com
- Laura Asiala, leasiala@gmail.com
- Robin Osterhaven, rosterhaven1977@gmail.com
- Ken Kohlman, kendkohlman@me.com
- Connie Claar, connieclaar@torchlake.com
- John Conrad
- David Fosdick, david@northwoodssoda.com

Only members of the congregation may be elected.

If you have been approached in the past and declined due to any reason, but now feel this is something to which you are being called, please let someone on the nominating committee know. Each year we begin the process anew.

Wired Word – Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 PM

“Wired Word,” our discussion of topics in the news, will meet on Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Shorts on North US 31. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to attend, contact Klaus Lehrer to receive a copy of the discussion topic by texting 231-492-3087 or email klauslehrer@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed for Children’s Prayground during 9:00 AM Service

This summer we’re offering Children’s Prayground 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 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.

“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 four spots left!** Cost of the trip is \$650 and scholarships are available. Contact Jenna Thompson at director@presbytery.org or Pastor Jim at jporter@erfpc.org if you have questions. You can register for the trip at www.presbytery.org.

Community Cupboard - Here to Help! The Community Cupboard is open every other Tuesday and Friday with a delivery system for all families and individuals in need. Call Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239 for more information or to set up an appointment for food delivery. Plus, the Community Cupboard is accepting donations in a drop box outside the cupboard entrance on Chippewa Street.



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.