

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids**  
**Sunday, May 9, 2021**  
Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“Meditation”* by Chopin

Welcome

Announcements

Wayne Potter

Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Marcy Potter

Leader: And Jesus said, "Come!" To all mothers and all children:

**People: He said, "Come!"**

Leader: To the motherless and the childless:

**People: He said, "Come!"**

Leader: To all who long to be mothered:

**People: He said, "Come!"**

Leader: Come unto me all ye who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."

Opening Prayer

**All: God of goodness and mercy, of gentleness and kindness, of righteousness and faithfulness: be the light of our salvation and sustain our souls. We offer the daily tasks that consume us to you, for we accomplish nothing without your grace. We submit to your will, that we should love you with our everything and love our neighbors, and even our enemies, as ourselves. Renew us and transform us by your steadfast love into the people of God. Amen.**

Opening Hymn – *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Anthem – *“God Gives the Song”* by Courtney

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Mother’s Day Video

Sermon

“Tell Me Without Telling Me”

Wayne Potter

Responsive Anthem – *“A Mother’s Love”* by Mauldin

## 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 – *“Like a River in My Soul”* by Osiek

## 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

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

Postlude – Reprise: *“Like a River in My Soul”*

## **Worship Concludes – Service Begins!**

Thank you Kyle Stachnik for playing cello this week.

Chancel flowers are placed by Bill and Ginny Dorner in honor of their 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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!

**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](mailto:rachstratton1@gmail.com).

## **Spring Hike at Maplehurst – Saturday, May 15 at 10 AM**

Everyone is invited, including the 4-legged family members, to a spring hike at Maplehurst on Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813.

## **VBS Volunteers Needed – Week of June 21-25 from 9-11 AM**

We need your help. We are holding an in-person Vacation Bible School (VBS) from June 21-25, 9:00-11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for each of us to share the love of Jesus with the youngest members

of our church family. We need group leaders, station leaders, registration team and support staff. If you can help at any point that week, we will have a job for you. Please contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813 if you would like to help.

### **"Kingdom Kids" Virtual Sunday School – Register Your Kids Today!**

Congratulations to 6 of our Kingdom Kids who have already met the "Fruit of the Spirit" Challenge!

To discover more about what their age-leveled challenge entails and other Kingdom Kids info, please check out the hearts on our "Treasure Garden" board at the church entrance.

#### **Thank you all who made cards...**

We are overwhelmed and SO GRATEFUL for your amazing help with our BIBLE BASICS Service Project Cards. All together we created 70 CARDS to encourage people and tell them the Good News about Jesus. THANK YOU!

All kids through 5th grade are invited to register and attend our virtual Sunday School Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

To register your children, email Ruth4KingdomKids@gmail.com with: (1) your cell phone #, (2) your first and last name, and (3) child's name, grade & birth date (M/D/Y) (Repeat for each child). You will receive a text confirmation and an invitation to join our Zoom meeting. Our team is excited to meet you there!

### **Ministry to Migrants – Items Due by Sunday, May 16**

Session brought to Outreach a suggestion of helping out migrant families who will be arriving this spring and summer and housed at several of the local farms.

Trudy Cullimore is the housing manager for Great Lakes Packing. She has given us some suggestions of their needs. The workers will be tested for COVID 19 before arriving. Trudy suggested the following used and new items that we, as a congregation, could gather for them.

#### **USED**

##### **Twin Sized Sheets, Blankets & Pillows (greatest need)**

Twin Sized Mattress Pads  
Bath & Hand Towels  
Dish Towels  
Pots & Pans/Silverware

#### **NEW**

Paper Plates & Cups  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Other Hygiene Items – *(most migrants will be men)*

Outreach will have a plastic container available for collecting these items under the Outreach display case in the Narthex. All items are due by Sunday, May 16. Thank you ahead of time for considering this Ministry to Migrants. – Your Outreach Ministry Team

### **Welcome Back! Welcome Home! Our sanctuary is open for in-person Worship!**

**Services in the Sanctuary Resume** - Masks are required and space is limited, so please phone ahead at 231-264-8167 if you plan to attend so that we will know how many to prepare for.

**Online Services Continue** - Services will continue to be available online on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/FPCEIkRapids1874](http://www.facebook.com/FPCEIkRapids1874)) and our website at [www.erfpc.org](http://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.

We will be safe and abide by the following rules:

**1. Taking Temperatures**

Temperatures will be taken with touchless thermometers when you arrive.

**2. Wear a Mask!**

Everyone who enters the church must cover their nose and mouth with a mask. We will provide a mask if people forget to bring one and plenty of hand sanitizer available to sanitize hands upon entering the church.

**3. Limit Numbers in Sanctuary**

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.

**4. Please Call Ahead**

We are requesting, but not requiring, everyone to please call the church office at 231-264-8167 or email at

info@erfpc.org if you plan to attend in person. This will enable us to best prepare for worship.

**5. Hum Instead of Singing**

Worship will be different in the sanctuary. For example, we will have special music every Sunday, but congregants will be asked to hum (or listen) instead of singing. There will be no hymnals or other materials in the pews - all to limit the spread of the virus.

**6. Bring Your Own Beverage**

You are welcome to bring your own (covered) beverage, but there will be no coffee or snacks at this time.

**7. Socialize Outdoors**

We will worship inside and visit outside.

**8. Love One Another**

Your patience, kindness, and understanding are sincerely appreciated!

**Plus, childcare will be available during worship!** Children (ages 0-3) may be taken to the church nursery and children (ages 4-7) will be supervised in one of the Sunday school rooms. **Parents, please phone ahead** and let us know if you plan to use childcare so that we may prepare adequately for your children. Thanks!

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

## Connection Cards

If you look in your pew back this Sunday, you'll see some new information cards to help us get better connected. Please fill out a card if you are interested in joining one of our many ministry teams, if you have a prayer request, or if this is your first visit to our church. The cards can be placed in the box at the Activity Center or the offering box.

## Erin Veliquette Graduates from Seminary – Watch Commencement Exercises May 14 & 15

Erin Veliquette is graduating from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary next week and we are excited to share information so you can watch her commencement exercises and celebrate with her. If you'd like to watch, here's when and where:

### Baccalaureate – Friday, May 14 at 4:00 PM

Watch Party Broadcasts on:

Louisville Seminary's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LPTSNow>

Louisville Seminary's YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZSvSopt8-Lf\\_8j07d2niOw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZSvSopt8-Lf_8j07d2niOw)

### Commencement – Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 AM

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