



# First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids

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## February 23, 2020

### MEDITATION TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*God of majesty and might, you  
have blessed us with  
revelations of your glory. Give  
us the gift of faith, that we hear  
your voice for ourselves and  
see Jesus Christ revealed to us  
that we may stand on our own  
without fear. Amen.*

#### **Our Mission**

Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;  
Deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;  
Demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world.


A Stephen Ministry Congregation

# Traditional Worship – 9:00 AM

\* Signifies the congregation may stand as able. | Please silence all electronic devices.

## Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church!

If you do not have a church home in the area, we invite you to make our church yours. Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor so you can get acquainted.

 We encourage you to take a moment to check in on Facebook.

### PREPARING

THE PRELUDE – *“Prelude and Fugue in F Major”* by Bach

WELCOME

\*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Presbytery Point Jenna Thompson

RINGING OF THE HISTORIC CHURCH BELL AND  
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Tezak

Leader: Love is all around,

**People: God’s love deep within.**

Leader: Love in acts of sharing,

**People: Love in quiet listening.**

Leader: Love is all around,

**People: God’s love deep within.**

Leader: A friend to hold us when sadness comes,

**People: A friend to rejoice with us when joy arrives.**

Leader: Love is all around,

**People: God’s love deep within.**

Leader: Stronger than death,

**All: Setting loose a song of joy.**

\*OPENING HYMN 366 – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup> (followed by silent confessions) Betty Tezak  
**All: Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *Kyrie*  
**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS<sup>1</sup> Betty Tezak  
Leader: The good news of our faith is this: if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven. That promise gives us peace and joy; let us share that peace and joy with one another.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN Wayne Potter  
Director of Youth & Family Life Ministries

ANTHEM – “*Hallelujah with Amazing Grace*” by Cohen, arr. Stoll

## PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 18 NT)  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Jesus Transformed!” Rev. Jim Porter

## RESPONDING

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 695 – *Change My Heart, O God*

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.**

OFFERTORY – *“I Got Saved”* arr. by Selah  
Jeff Whittaker, Laura Cameron & Melanie Stoll

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>

**All: God of mountaintops and valleys, whether our vision of you is clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.**

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 65 – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*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”*

THE POSTLUDE – *“Recessional”* by Wetherill

**WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!**

Thank you Margaret VanDenBerge for playing organ for us today.

<sup>1</sup> Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1: Advent Through Pentecost (p. 85-87). Westminster John Knox Press.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Welcome friends.** If you are a guest, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad at the end of each pew, and include a phone number or email address so we can acknowledge your visit today. We hope your worship experience is meaningful and uplifting. Meet new friends at “Fellowship Hour” in the narthex before and after worship. Also, be sure to pick up a “Welcome” folder from our guest table also located in the narthex.

**Child care.** Qualified caregivers welcome infants and children through 5 years old.



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

**Large print bulletins and hymn sheets available from an usher.**

**Thank you.** Special thanks to our greeters: Diane & Dale Wagner; ushers: Janeen & Adrian Noecker; fellowship hour: Fellowship Team; and snack volunteer: Betty Tezak.

**Prayer requests:** Don & Sandy Davids’ granddaughter Alexa, Karyl Mangus’ granddaughter Jessica, Donald Kinloch, Olivia Lein, Suzanna Lein, Mike Cameron, Caleigh Gordon (Former Eagle Village resident), Nash Nichols (Tom & Diane Thompson’s grandson), Denise Elmi’s son Josh, Len Sheldon, Roger Gehrt, Mary Sawyer’s friend Mac, Caroline Dixon, Edson Murray, Bruce Hulwick, Carolyn Cross (Sandy Davids’ mother), Lou Sanford, Tom Klingler, Nilah Farmer, Les Teague, Paul White, and Northern Lakes Community Church of Traverse City.

**Chancel flowers** are placed by the Up North Small Group in thanksgiving for Pastor Jim.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 2, 8:30AM – 3:30PM**

A Women’s Ecumenical Retreat – sponsored by a group of local women. We will enjoy a day of listening, singing and exploring our faith. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids. \$25. Lunch included (grants available).

## **This Week's Activities**

### **Sun. 2/23**

- 8 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9 a.m. Traditional Service
- 10 a.m. SS/Youth
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Service

### **Mon. 2/24**

- 1 p.m. Adult Ukulele @ LH

### **Tues. 2/25**

- 10 a.m. Bible Girls

### **Wed. 2/26**

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
- 9 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service in Fellowship Hall

### **Thurs. 2/27**

### **Fri. 2/28**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Group @ TJ Charlie's

## **Next Week's Activities**

### **Sun. 3/1**

- 9 a.m. Traditional Service
- 10 a.m. SS/Youth
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 3:30 p.m. Cantata Practice

### **Mon. 3/2**

- 1 p.m. Adult Ukulele @ LH
- 5 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel MT
- 5:45 p.m. "Jesus of Nazareth" Movie

### **Tues. 3/3**

- 10 a.m. Bible Girls
- 6 p.m. Evening Community Cupboard

### **Wed. 3/4**

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
- 9 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6 p.m. Wired Word @ AmVets
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice

### **Thurs. 3/5**

### **Fri. 3/6**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Community Cupboard

# What's Happening

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## **Mondays in Lent—and More!!**

Lent is a time of year when we prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Easter. We are offering you many opportunities to do just that. Please stop by the Welcome table and pick up a flyer that lists the many upcoming activities for Lent. Here are a few coming up soon:

### **Ash Wednesday Service—Wednesday, February 26 at 7 PM**

Make plans to attend the Ash Wednesday Service on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this service as we begin the Lenten season.

### **Soup & Bread Suppers - Monday, March 2, 9 & 23 at 5 PM**

Join us on Mondays, March 2, 9 & 23 for a Soup & Bread Supper from 5-5:45 p.m. followed at 5:45 p.m. by the movie "Jesus of Nazareth" (*see more about the movie below*). There is a sign up sheet at the Activity Center in the narthex if you would like to volunteer to bring soup or bread.

### **"Jesus of Nazareth" - Mondays, March 2, 9 & 23 at 5:45 PM**

Franco Zeffirelli's masterwork "Jesus of Nazareth" is divided into four parts. The first part centering around the Nativity was shown last December during Advent. The next three parts will be shown after our Lenten suppers March 2, 9 and 23. Parts 2 and 3 focus on the life and ministry of Jesus while Part 4 portrays the Crucifixion and Resurrection. (Each part lasts 65 to 75 minutes.) Acclaimed by critics and viewers alike, "Jesus of Nazareth" remains one of the finest depictions of the story of Christ nearly forty years after its release. We hope you and your family will participate in this moving experience.

## **Birthday Sign Up for Hospitality**

The Hospitality Committee would love to acknowledge birthdays of all our members, especially our children. Would you please take a moment and check the birthday sign in sheet at the Activity Center in the Narthex? Thank You!

## **Youth Brunch Fundraiser—Sunday, March 8**

There will be a youth brunch in the Fellowship Hall on March 8 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Please make plans to attend and support our youth group. There will be no Sunday School or youth group to allow everyone to enjoy the brunch. The cost for your meal is a donation to the youth group.

## **The Community Cupboard Has New Hours!**

The Community Cupboard is now open two times every other week - Tuesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. If you are in need of assistance or would like to volunteer, please contact Pam Coleman at pcolecomm@icloud.com or 847-445-8239.



**New**

## **New Class Coming in March**

“The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life” is our next six session class. It will be offered March 15, 22 & 29 and then continue after Easter, April 19 & 26 and finish May 3. Written by Adam Hamilton, the same author who wrote “Christianity and World Religions,” the book and dvd will offer practical suggestions on how to take important next steps in our daily walk with Christ. Thank you Pam Coleman for leading these discussions.

## **Wired Word - March**

“Wired Word,” our discussion of topics in the news, will meet on March 4 & 18 at AmVets. Don’t miss these thought-provoking discussions!

**A New Men’s Bible Study is Starting!** We meet on Fridays at 6:30 a.m. at different locations and are looking at the book of James. It’s all about putting our faith in action. Please contact Pastor Jim at 231-264-8167 or Mel Matchett at 231-264-6377 for details and if you would like to attend.

**Presbytery Point Camp is hiring!** We are looking for an Assistant Cook, Assistant Lifeguard, & Maintenance! Can't commit to the whole summer but would still like to be involved? Check out [www.presbyterypoint.org/volunteer-summer-2020](http://www.presbyterypoint.org/volunteer-summer-2020) to see our short term volunteer positions open!

## **Presbytery Point Extends Early Camp Registration Deadline**

Hello Presbytery Point friends and families! With the large registration numbers Presbytery Point received this past weekend, we thought we'd extend the love AND our early bird deadline to February 29! Register your campers (and families!) by February 29 at <https://www.presbyterypoint.org/camper-application> to receive our "Get The Point" logo t-shirts to tie-dye at camp this summer! \*\*All payments for camp are requested to be paid by Memorial Day weekend! You can still receive the early bird gift by registering early!




# Contemporary Worship Service – 11:00 AM

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Fellowship & Refreshments in Narthex

## **ADORE**

GREETING

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Presbytery Point

Jenna Thompson

WORSHIP SONGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Wayne Potter

## **LEARN**

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 17:1-9

MESSAGE: “Jesus Transformed!”

Rev. Jim Porter

## **NEXT STEPS**

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

OUR RESPONSE: GIVING, CHILDREN'S & PRAYER STATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## **SENDING**

CLOSING SONG

VISION

BENEDICTION

## **WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!**

**Thank you.** Special thanks to our volunteers from last week - Judy Matchett provided snacks and ushered.

**Nursery** is in the lower level. Infants and children through 5 years old can be dropped off and picked up by parents or a responsible adult.

**Worship through your gifts:** You may offer a gift during the 'Next Steps' portion of the service. A box is located in the front of the church for your offering.