



First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids

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January 12, 2020

MEDITATION TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*God of life and new life, you are
splendid and strong! Your voice
thunders above the sound of loud
waters. You sit enthroned above the
floods of life. As Jesus heard you
speak to him in his baptism, may we
also hear you calling us your
beloved, through Jesus Christ, your
son, our brother. 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 – “*In His Love*” by Ressman

WELCOME

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

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

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP Doug White

Leader: Come one,

People: Come all,

Leader: Be united in God’s amazing grace,

People: Be woven together in joy,

Leader: Be embraced by love,

People: Knitted together in peace.

Leader: Be bound by kindness,

People: Sprinkled with water.

Leader: Be made new in forgiveness,

People: Set free for loving service.

Leader: Be filled with gladness,

People: Uplifted by praise.

Leader: Come one,

All: Come all to praise and worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 110 – *Love Has Come*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (followed by silent confessions) Doug White

All: Loving Jesus, strong Shepherd, your love for us reaches from the cradle to the grave. There is no place or time or situation in which we are cut off from your care.

Remind us of that love whenever we doubt our own worth, forget our blessing in baptism or act out of fear or anger. Forgive us for finding life boring or predictable, filled with routine and sameness when you have placed us in a world of abundant beauty. Stir us from complacency and surprise us with your grace and joy. Keep us forever amazed at your love. Restore our souls and lead us to become your beloved community. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *Kyrie*

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS¹

Doug White

Leader: God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

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.

ANTHEM – “*The Meditation*”

by Hagenberg

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 3 NT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Gift of Baptism
and Committed Community”

Rev. Jim Porter

RESPONDING

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 488 – *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

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Sandra Gray
Ken Kohlman
Shelly Shively

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Peggy Bushnell
Cathy Farmer
Pam Lein
Robin Osterhaven

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Garry Sumerix
Pete VanDenBerge

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 – *“Nocturne”*

by Chopin

*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 DEDICATION¹

All: Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore we praise you with our offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.

*CONCLUDING HYMN 157 – *I Danced in the Morning*

*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 – *“Celebration”*

by Hegarty

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

¹Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1: Advent Through Pentecost (p. 45-47). 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: Connie & Dick Claar; ushers: Connie & Dick Claar, Robin & Cal Osterhaven; and fellowship hour: Fellowship Team.

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, and Rudyard First Presbyterian Church.

Elk Rapids School Snow Days - If Elk Rapids Schools have a snow day, the office will not open until 12 noon or may not open at all (depending on the weather). If you have a meeting scheduled, we encourage you to call the church or the person heading up the meeting before you venture out.

Florida Snowbirds Lunch - Saturday, February 8

If you are in Florida in February, plan to attend the “First Presbyterian South” lunch on February 8 at 12 noon at Captain’s Table Restaurant, Fisherman’s Village, Punta Gorda, FL. To reserve a spot, contact Connie Claar at 231-883-9408 or connieclaar@torchlake.com by January 31.

This Week's Activities

Sun. 1/12

- 9 a.m. Traditional Service
- 10 a.m. Youth Brunch
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Service

Mon. 1/13

- 1 p.m. Worship MT

Tues. 1/14

- 10 a.m. Bible Girls
- 6:30 p.m. Endowment MT

Wed. 1/15

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
- 9 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 10 a.m. Garden Club Budget Meeting
- 1 p.m. Up North Small Group
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6 p.m. Wired Word @ AmVets
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thurs. 1/16

Fri. 1/17

- 6:30 a.m. New Men's Group @ T.J. Charlies

Next Week's Activities

Sun. 1/19

- 9 a.m. Traditional Service
- 10 a.m. SS/Adult Discipleship/Youth
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Service

Mon. 1/20

- 5 p.m. Community Dinner

Tues. 1/21

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

Wed. 1/22

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club @ LH
- 9 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 1 p.m. Up North Small Group
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Unity Service & Potluck at Kewadin United Methodist
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Thurs. 1/23

- 9 a.m. Session Reports Due

Fri. 1/24

- 6:30 a.m. New Men's Group Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Community Cupboard
- 9 a.m. Session Pkts. Printed

What's Happening

**Thank
You!**

As we install our church officers today, we would like to thank our outgoing Elders, Deacons and Trustees. They are: Elder, Betsy Argo; Deacons, Jane Lund, Lynda Nichols, and Susan Wiltse; and Trustees, Tom Calkins and Don Shurte. We appreciate your faithful service over the years!

A New Men's Bible Study is Starting!

We will meet at 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.

Wired Word - Begins Again January 15

"Wired Word," our discussion of topics in the news, will resume Wednesday, January 15, at 6 p.m. at AmVets. We'll continue to meet on February 5 & 19, and March 4 & 18. Don't miss these thought-provoking discussions!

Upcoming Adult Ed Class - Sundays, Jan. 19 & 26, Feb. 2

"Christianity and World Religions: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths" is the title of our next study which will take place on three Sundays, January 19 & 26 and February 2, 10:15-11:15 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Adam Hamilton's dvd and book of the same title will be used as resources. Klaus Lehrer will lead discussions that help us gain a better understanding of the similarities and differences between Christianity and the world's major religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam. Sign up today at the Activity Center in the Narthex. A donation of \$10 to help cover the cost of the book will be appreciated but not necessary.

Free Community Dinner - Monday, January 20

Make plans to attend our Free Community Dinner on Monday, January 20 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet at the Activity Center along with a donation box to help with expenses. Chef Jeremy is once again cooking an excellent meal and everyone is welcome. We hope to see you Monday night!

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.

Prayer for Christian Unity at Kewadin United Methodist – January 22

Join with churches in our area for a gathering of fellowship and prayer on Wednesday, January 22 at Kewadin United Methodist, 7234 Cairn Hwy., Kewadin. It begins with a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by an Ecumenical Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and don't miss this special service!

Youth Winter Camp - February 7-9

All middle and high school youth are invited to attend Winter Camp from Friday, February 7 to Sunday, February 9. Cost is \$40 per student. Please contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813 if you have a youth who would like to attend or if you have questions.

Opportunities to Get Involved

If you would like to use your time and talents to serve or be more involved on Sunday mornings or on one of our ministry teams (committees), please contact those listed below.

Sunday Mornings:


Breakfast Cook at the Lighthouse	Wayne Potter 517-416-2813
Greeter (<i>sign up at Activity Center</i>)	Lynne Sheldon 586-484-1303
Traditional Worship Snacks (<i>sign up at Activity Center</i>).....	Sandy Davids 231-409-8859
Contemporary Worship Snacks (<i>sign up at Activity Ctr.</i>).....	Anne Conrad 231-492-5129
Nursery.....	Wayne Potter 517-416-2813
Usher for traditional or contemporary service	Judy Matchett 231-264-6377
Sanctuary Choir	Cheryl Knight 231-409-3316
Contemporary Praise Team.....	Melanie Stoll 231-392-1862
Sound.....	Pete VanDenBerge 231-264-9551
Visual.....	Pete VanDenBerge 231-264-9551
Adult Education Ministry Team	Nancy Muhlig 231-264-9434
Children's Ministries	Wayne Potter 517-416-2813
Communication Ministry Team	Jim Porter 248-505-9064
Fellowship Ministry Team	Joanne Teague 231-264-6162
Outreach Ministry Team	Peggy Bushnell 231-322-4926
Presbyterian Women.....	Cheryl Knight 231-409-3316
Volunteer for Free Community Dinners.....	Anne Conrad 231-492-5129
Worship Ministry Team	Judy Husby 231-264-9843
Youth Group	Wayne Potter 517-416-2813

Contemporary Worship Service – 11:00 AM

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Fellowship & Refreshments in Narthex

ADORE

GREETING

WORSHIP SONGS

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Wayne Potter

LEARN

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MESSAGE:

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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

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Thank you. Special thanks to our volunteers from last week - Anne Conrad provided snacks and Lorraine Berak 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.