



First Presbyterian Church
of Elk Rapids

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March 1, 2020

MEDITATION TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS
AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*Wild God of wilderness, as we
devote these forty days to you,
shape us by your Holy Spirit
into the image of Christ our
Lord, so that we may be ready,
by your grace, to confront the
power of death with the promise
of eternal life. 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 – “*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*” by Dearle

WELCOME

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

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

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ LeRue Werner

Leader: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what
will you eat?

People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation, how
will you live?

People: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom
will you serve?

All: We worship the Lord our God alone.

*OPENING HYMN 682 – *It Is Good to Sing Your Praises*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹ (followed by silent confessions) LeRue Werner

All: Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin.

We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness.

Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *Kyrie*

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS¹

LeRue Werner

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord
and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 58:1-9 (pg. 688 OT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lenten Disciplines”

Rev. Sandra Murray

RESPONDING

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 510 – *We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*All who place trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share the
goodness set before us on this table and to participate fully in this celebration.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

The Pastor will give instructions for how we will partake of the bread and the cup.

OFFERTORY— *“This Is The Body and Blood of Christ”* by Davison/Lipinski

*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: We give thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*CONCLUDING HYMN 353 – *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*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 – *“Fantasia on ‘Forest Green’”* by Smith

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

**Bread cubes are gluten free and juice is alcohol-free.

¹Long, Kim. *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1: Advent Through Pentecost* (p. 96-98). 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: Robin & Cal Osterhaven; ushers: Shelly & Chris Shively; fellowship hour: Fellowship Team; and snack volunteer: Phyllis Staley.

Thank you to our communion servers today: John Werner, Jim Nothoff, Don Reynolds, Shelly Shively, and Betty Tezak-choir.

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 First Presbyterian Church of Trout Creek.

This 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

- 12 noon Communications MT

Fri. 3/6

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

Next Week's Activities

Sun. 3/8

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

Mon. 3/9

- 9 a.m. PEO in Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. Worship MT
- 5 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
- 5:45 p.m. "Jesus of Nazareth" Movie

Tues. 3/10

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

Wed. 3/11

- 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

Thurs. 3/12

- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship MT
- 7 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Fri. 3/13

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

What's Happening

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:

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.

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.

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 8

Remember to spring forward and set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 7 so you’ll be ready for the time change.

Free Community Dinner - Monday, March 16

Make plans to attend our Free Community Dinner on Monday, March 16 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 cooking an excellent meal of chicken with mustard cream sauce, vegetable medley, macaroni & cheese, and chocolate chip bars, and everyone is welcome. Invite your friends, family and neighbors! We hope to see you Monday night!

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

Men's Bible Study - 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.

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).

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. A sign up sheet is available at the Activity Center if you would like to attend.

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!

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!

Contemporary Worship Service – 11:00 AM

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Fellowship & Refreshments in Narthex

ADORE

GREETING

WORSHIP SONGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Wayne Potter

LEARN

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 58:1-9

MESSAGE: “Lenten Disciplines” Rev. Sandra Murray

NEXT STEPS

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

OUR RESPONSE: GIVING, CHILDREN'S & PRAYER STATIONS

COMMUNION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

CLOSING SONG

VISION

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

**Bread cubes are gluten free and juice is alcohol-free.

Thank you. Special thanks to our volunteers from last week - Chris White provided snacks and Lorraine Berak ushered.

Thank you to our communion server today for the 11 a.m. service: Lorraine Berak.

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.