

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, November 22, 2020**

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – “Forever”

Verse 1

**Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise**

Verse 2

**With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise**

Chorus

**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever**

Verse 3

**From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise**

Chorus

**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever**

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Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

- Video – New series, “Sent! Delivering Hope this Christmas,” starts in a week!

Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Worship Song – “Glory To God Forever”

Verse 1

**Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yeah You were yeah You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing**

Chorus

**Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever
Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever**

Verse 2

**Creator God You gave me breath
So I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days all my days
So let my whole life be
A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings**

The greatness of our King

Chorus

**Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever
Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever**

Bridge

**Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours**

Chorus

**Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever
Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God forever**

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Worship Song – “10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Yes I'll worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Scripture Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Sermon

“Living Lives of Gratitude”

Rev. Jim Porter

Song of Response – “Thank You Jesus”

Verse 1

Grace that flows like a river
Washing over me
Fount of heaven
Love of Christ
Overflow in me

Chorus

Thank You Jesus
You set me free
Christ my Savior
You rescued me

Verse 2

Take this life delivered
A vessel of Your love
Wholly now devoted
To see Your kingdom come

Chorus

Thank You Jesus
You set me free
Christ my Savior
You rescued me

Bridge

You've given me life
You've opened my eyes

I love You Lord
I love You Lord
You've entered my heart
You've set me apart
I love You Lord
I love You Lord

You've given me life
You've opened my eyes
I love You Lord
I love You Lord
You've entered my heart
You've set me apart
I love You Lord
I love You Lord

Chorus

Thank You Jesus
You set me free
Christ my Savior
You rescued me
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You set me free
Christ my Savior
You rescued me

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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.

Concluding Song – “Goodness Of God”

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

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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.**

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

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Opportunities to Get Involved

Advent Study Beginning Wednesday, 12/2 at 7:00 PM – Sign Up Today!

“Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas,” will also be the focus of Pastor Jim's sermons during Advent. On four Wednesday evenings, Jim will lead us in more in-depth, follow up discussions and will use video, book and Scripture as resources. These resources feature dynamic pastor Jorge Acevedo who takes us on a journey to discover how, where, and why we are sent. Joining him in the journey are four young clergy who challenge us through story, art and Bible study. Topics to be studied include “Jesus Reconciles,” “Jesus Sets Us Free,” “Jesus is God With Us,” “Jesus Brings New Life,” and “Jesus Changes Everything.”

Our follow up discussions will take place on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., December 2 - 23, via Zoom. Register by contacting the church office at 231-264-8167 or info@erfpc.org.

“On This Holy Night” – Contact the Church Office to Join a Small Group

“On This Holy Night” the world changed forever. This is the title of one of our Advent studies this year. Six beloved Christian authors, including Max Lucado and Rick Warren, share unique perspectives and help us hear afresh the message God wants to whisper in our hearts. God loves you. God is with you. God is in every detail of your life. The message of Christmas is the message of eternity.

The small groups for this study are now full, but if you would like to participate in this series please contact the church office at 231-264-8167 so that we might be able to form another group.