



First Presbyterian Church
of Elk Rapids

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September 22, 2019

MEDITATION TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS
AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*Faithful God, we give you thanks
that in Jesus Christ you have
entrusted us with the richness of your
glory and the treasure of your grace.
Make us faithful stewards of your
good gifts, that we may show your
love to this generation and welcome
us into your eternal home, where we
will worship and serve you forever;
through Christ our Savior. 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!

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PREPARING

THE PRELUDE – “*Children of the Heavenly Father*” arr. by Stefen

WELCOME

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

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

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP Sandy Davids

Leader: Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on
and forevermore.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the
Lord is to be praised.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on
and forevermore.**

*OPENING HYMN 12 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (followed by silent confessions) Sandy Davids

**All: Gracious God, you know our sin: We have
squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to
forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been
unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things
alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in
following your way.**

**Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name’s sake. Make us
faithful stewards of the grace you have given and
generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *Kyrie*

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sandy Davids

Leader: Our loving God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear the good news! 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

CHORAL ANTHEM – “*Order My Steps*”

arr. by Schrader

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 16:1-13 (pg. 79 NT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Disciples Resist Greed”

Rev. Jim Porter

RESPONDING

*RESPONSIVE HYMN 177 – *I Will Come to You*

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.**

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY—“*A Sower Came From Ancient Hills*” (follow along on p. 171)

*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

All: Who is like you, O Lord our God? You look with mercy upon the earth; you lift up the poor from the dust and give them a place at your table. Teach us to sing your praise forever and to show your love to those in need; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*CONCLUDING HYMN 475 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*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 – *“Rise Up and Serve the Lord”* by Harris

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

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 4 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: Don Reynolds, Peggy Bushnell, Janeen & Adrian Noecker; 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, Ron Dunbar, Len Sheldon, Terry Hogarth, Sarah Hulwick’s brother Josh, Roger Gehrt, Mary Sawyer’s friend Mac, Mary Sawyer’s friend Brady, Keith Hubbell (Gary’s brother), Caroline Dixon, Nilah Farmer, Edson Murray, and Portage Lake United Church of Houghton.

Chancel flowers are placed by the children and grandchildren of the Butler, Reinhardt, Misico and Olson family in memory Arthur and Marilyn Berry and Judy Olson.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Fellowship Ministry Team and everyone in the congregation for the wonderful reception last Sunday. I really appreciate the flowers, gift certificate, and especially all of the notes and kind words from everyone. It is a true blessing to be the pastor of such a kind and caring church. ~ In Christ’s Love, Pastor Jim

This Week's Activities

Sun. 9/22

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

Mon. 9/23

- 9 a.m. PEO
- 5 p.m. Safety Team Training

Tues. 9/24

- 9 a.m. Men's Group
- 10 a.m. Bible Girls

Wed. 9/25

- 9 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 9 a.m. Flu Shot Clinic-Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 7 p.m. Session Meeting

Thurs. 9/26

- 7 p.m. Rotary Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Fri. 9/27

Sat. 9/28

- 8:30 a.m. Safety Team Training

Next Week's Activities

Sun. 9/29 - Harvest Celebration Sunday

- 9 a.m. Traditional Service
- 10 a.m. Youth Brunch
- 10 a.m. Adult Class
- 10 a.m. Hospitality MT
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Service

Mon. 9/30

Tues. 10/1

- 9 a.m. Men's Group
- 10 a.m. Bible Girls
- 10 a.m. Outreach MT
- 6:30 p.m. Endowment MT

Wed. 10/2

- 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. 10/3

Fri. 10/4

- 8:30 a.m. Community Cupboard
- 3 p.m. Youth Movie @ LH

Sat. 10/5

- 9 a.m. Pepper Spray Training

What's Happening

Harvest Celebration Sunday - Next Sunday, September 29

Please join us on next Sunday, September 29, for our "Harvest Celebration" Sunday when we will invite each member and family to turn in their pledge card for 2020 as an act of worship. Don't miss this special Sunday!

Youth Brunch - Next Sunday, September 29

There will be a youth brunch in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 29 from 10:00—11:00 a.m. There will be no youth group or Sunday School classes to allow everyone to enjoy the brunch. The cost for your meal is a donation to the youth group.

"Seamless" - September 8-October 13, 10:15-11AM

Whether you've grown up learning Bible stories or you're exploring Scripture for the first time, this class is for you. In 6 sessions, "Seamless" covers key people, places and promises of the Bible, tying them together into one beautiful, seamless thread.

Class runs through October 13, 10:15-11 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Using pictures, maps, dvd and books, Pam Shuler captures your attention and interest as she helps you see the big picture of Scripture. Books are available. A donation of \$10 will be appreciated but not required. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery occasionally on Sunday mornings or at special events. If you are willing to help, please sign up at the Activity Center. Call Amber Hoeksema at 231-313-0342 with questions.

Men's Fellowship Service Group - Tuesdays in Sept. & Oct.

Due to the number of projects, the Men's Group will be meeting every Tuesday morning during September and October from 9 a.m. to about 11 a.m. All men are invited for fellowship and service to the church through work projects. Please contact Wayne Shuler at 231-599-2480 or wshuler2480@gmail.com for details.

"Wired Word" - Wednesdays, Oct. 2 & 16

"Wired Word," our popular discussion of topics in current events is returning, Wednesday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m., October 2 and 16 at the Hacienda. Don't miss these thought-provoking discussions!

Dementia Care Talk - Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30PM

Join Deb Gamelin on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse. Deb will talk about her experiences and research to help you work with a loved one with dementia.

Stewardship Packets

Stewardship packets and pledge cards are available at the Activity Center for anyone who did not receive one or would like another.

Pepper Spray Training - Saturday, October 5 at 9AM

Anyone who would like to learn how to use pepper spray is invited to attend a short training session with our local police department on Saturday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own pepper spray.

TREASURER REPORT

Through 8.31.19

Contributions	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledge Giving	\$258,452	\$250,653
Unpledged	\$ 43,322	\$ 40,674
Designated Giving	\$ 26,800	\$ 26,800
Other Income	\$ 4,402	\$ 3,333
Total Income	\$332,976	\$321,460
Expenses	\$326,931	\$323,061
Gain/(Loss)	\$ 6,045	

Flu Shot Clinic

**September 25, 9am
in the Fellowship Hall**

SIGN UP SOON

SPOTS ARE LIMITED




Rite Aid is coming to give flu shots. Call Melanie (231-392-1862) to learn how to sign up. She will give you an email/phone for Rite Aid. You will need insurance information. Let them know if you want shingles vaccine too. Sign up soon - spots are limited.

Contemporary Worship Service – 11:00 AM

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Fellowship & Refreshments in Narthex

ADORE

GREETING

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

WORSHIP SONGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Wayne Potter

LEARN

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Genesis 28:10-22 & Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43

MESSAGE: “I Am Not Done with You Yet!” Rev. Sam Sungsoo Jun

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 - Christine Butler provided snacks and Lorraine Berak & Sophie McDonald ushered.

Nursery is in the lower level. Infants and children through 4 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.