

July 26, 2020
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, You are love in motion: always breathing us into being, ever calling us to serve, forever sustaining us in the wilderness.

Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we worship you in Spirit and in truth, for we pray in the name of the Son you sent and through the Spirit that gives us life. **Amen.**

HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" Hymnal 804 v.1-3

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

If God is for us, who can be against us? Let us confess our sins to the One who searches us and knows us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins to God.)*

We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to follow you. Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Your sins are forgiven; be at peace, for all things work together for good for those who love God.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY
SCRIPTURE

Psalm 128
Genesis 29:15-28
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Romans 8:26-39

SERMON

Stories of Creation: Creative Vision

Rev. Piper Cartland

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*)

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

Hymnal 450 v.1,2,4

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Announcements

The prayer deacon this week is Abbie Spencer. Abbie will be watching the chat on the Sunday livestream and text any requests to Piper. Please remember that those comments are part of the live broadcast and visible to anyone watching.

Wednesday night **Bible Study** will resume this week on Zoom. Contact the office if you need study materials.

Thank you to all **volunteers** who have been helping in the building! The Trustees have a list of volunteer tasks that can be completed on your own time, or even at your home. Please contact the office or Dale Berry for the updated list.

Here are some ways you can keep up with your financial stewardship:

- 1) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website: www.erpresbyterian.org.
- 2) Visit your local bank or your bank's website and set up a recurring electronic payment. Your bank may require the church's account number. Please call the office for that information.
- 3) Checks can also be mailed to PO Box 771337 Eagle River, AK 99577-1337.

Front Porch Visits: If you'd like a visit, please call or email the church office and we will call you to arrange a time for Piper and an elder or deacon to come for a brief visit – on your front porch or in your yard, physically distant and masked – just to catch up. We are looking forward to seeing you!



Paul Cartland 1-Jul
Sarah Coburn 1-Jul
Rachel Rasic 9-Jul
Abbie Spencer 10-Jul
Chelsey Homan 11-Jul
Gary McCarthy 12-Jul
Hayley Banks 15-Jul
Wes Freimuth 16-Jul
Chad Preiss 21-Jul
Chelsea Berry 22-Jul
Jessica Pierce 23-Jul
Kay Witt 26-Jul
Bill Musick 30-Jul
Luca Rasic 31-Jul



Lloyd and Carol Pool.....July 6
Myles and Megan Gobeille.....July 11
Jerry and Joan Brossia.....July 21
Bill and Teri Swears.....July 24
Paul and Piper Cartland.....July 25

