

November 15, 2020  
**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE  
WELCOME

*Larry Baumgartner*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clothe yourselves with faith and love; be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

**People: The Lord is with us!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

Hymnal **612**

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM  
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has not destined us for wrath, but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us. Confident in God’s mercies, let us confess our sin.

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.)*

**Lord, you have made us stewards of your creation and commissioned us to carry out your work to the best of our ability. But we have not served you with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. We withhold our gifts and live in fear. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Make us bold to use our talents for the sake of your kingdom, until you come in glory.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear – for he lived for us, he died for us, he

was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the promise of your baptism: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

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**HEARING THE WORD**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 121

SCRIPTURE

Judges 4:1-7

Matthew 25:14-30

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

SERMON

**Thriving in Spite of Everything~Entrusted With  
Each Other**

*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

“Take My Life”

Hymnal **697**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Announcements**

The prayer deacon this week is Nancy Davis. You can email her any prayer requests that you’d like Piper to mention during the pastoral prayer.

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It’s time to clean out your closets! We are collecting gently used winter clothing for inmates being processed for release at **Hiland Correctional Center**. There is a box located in the Narthex. Please be sure items are clean and pockets are empty.

Thank you to those who have contributed - we have made three deliveries to the prison so far!

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Thanks to all who brought in boxes of stuffing and packets of gravy for the **Thanksgiving Blessing** - we have reached our goal of 100 of each!

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Thanks also to those who participated in the **Mail for Our Military** campaign. ERPC contributed \_\_\_ Christmas cards this year.

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**Wednesday Night Bible Study** is taking a brief break. We will resume at 6:30 p.m. on December 2 with an Advent study called *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. If you'd like to join us please let the office know and we will email you the curriculum. We are still meeting on Zoom.

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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](http://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.