

January 31, 2021
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart

People: in the company of the congregation.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, ever mindful of the covenant.

People: The works of God's hands are faithful and just, established forever and ever.

Leader: Holy and awesome is God's name.

People: God's praise endures forever!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud" Hymnal 11

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Leader: Let us Pray together

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.)*

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces,

we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God of all. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 111

ANTHEM

Larry Baumgartner

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Mark 1:21-28

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

SERMON

*Epiphany Series: Created Anew
Created for Epiphanies*

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

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.

Our **annual January Congregational Meeting** is today, following worship during our usual Zoom coffee fellowship time. Please plan to attend; we will be voting on new officers, as well as presenting the annual report.

Wednesday night Bible study will meet again this week at 6:30 on Zoom. We are studying Great Themes of the Bible. If you'd like to join us let the office know and we will email you the curriculum.

Lay leaders are needed. Please let Piper or the office know if you can serve as lay leader for worship. We are broadcasting from the sanctuary now so you can either record the liturgy and email/text it to us or come on Sunday morning and laylead in person. We are wearing masks except when speaking from the pulpit or lectern, observing social distancing, and limiting the number of people in the sanctuary to the pastor, sound person, and the layleader and his/her family.

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.
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JANUARY



<i>Jeff Banks</i>	1-Jan
<i>Sarah Preiss</i>	6-Jan
<i>Clara Gobeille</i>	12-Jan
<i>Karen Ague</i>	12-Jan
<i>Nate Berry</i>	13-Jan
<i>Neil Banks</i>	13-Jan
<i>Tess Freimuth</i>	15-Jan
<i>Carmela Wanner</i>	20-Jan
<i>Rose Koon</i>	20-Jan
<i>Alexa Swears</i>	21-Jan
<i>Patti Wilson</i>	21-Jan
<i>Chuck Homan</i>	25-Jan
<i>Josie Kiehl</i>	27-Jan
<i>Katelyn Toth</i>	29-Jan
<i>Brandi Braunwarth</i>	31-Jan