

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look at the heavens!

People: They are shouting the glory of God.

Leader: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

People: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

Leader: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

People: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" Hymnal 722 v.1,3,5

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*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.)*

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need

to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven.

People: Let us live in peace with God and each other.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 19 Pew Bible p.390

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 1:20-33 Pew Bible p.449
Mark 8:27-38 Pew Bible p.714
James 3:1-12 Pew Bible p.855

MESSAGE *A Good Life: A Good Mind* 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

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story" Hymnal 462

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able please stand.

WELCOME! It is a joy to worship together in person. So that we may do so safely, here are the basic tenets for our COVID-19 Mitigation Plan: If the level of community transmission is substantial or high, the session recommends mask wear and social distancing by all congregants. If the level is low or moderate, mask wear and social distancing will be optional for vaccinated and recommended for unvaccinated and immunocompromised. The level of community transmission is posted by the entrance. Tithes/offerings may be placed in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary. Fellowship will be shared outside, as weather permits.



LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are on the last row of pews, with a black cover. If you use one, please put it back after worship.



ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES available on request. Please request one from the Sound Tech at the sound desk.

There are cards in the pews for visitors to fill out and for anyone who needs to update their information. Please place the cards in the offering plates as needed. If you are visiting today, the worship service is our gift to you. Please contribute to the offering or not, as God leads. We delight in welcoming you, and we are glad that you're here!

Children up to kindergarten age are welcome in the nursery. There are clipboards with coloring pages in the narthex if your children wish to stay in the sanctuary.

*This is the Day
the LORD
Has Made!*

*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
September 12, 2021*

Weekly Walk

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	10:00 am	Children's Sunday School
Saturday	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	C.E. Garage Sale

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 25

Month to Date Income ----- \$11,927.80

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If you've been putting off cleaning out your closets and garages, now is the time to do it! Our **Garage Sale** supporting Christian Education at ERPC is this Saturday, September 18, beginning at 8:00 am. We will accept donations all week. You can donate during office hours, 9-1, or call the office for the door code.



We have a couple of families who will be uniting with the congregation this month. If anyone else is interested in membership, we can include you! Please call Piper for more information.

Ways you can keep up with your financial stewardship:

- 1) If you're worshipping with us in person, you may leave your gift in one of the offering plates as you leave the sanctuary this morning. The plates are on the table to the right of the main door.
 - 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) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website: www.erpresbyterian.org
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