

Eagle River Presbyterian Church  
September 19, 2021

## 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: When the world around us seems to be shaking,

**People: God's love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.**

Leader: When the life within us is dry and parched,

**People: God's word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom

**People: and teaches us how to serve.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" Hymnal 643

## 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.)*

**God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You**

**urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 1 Pew Bible p.383

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 31:10-31 Pew Bible p.471  
Mark 9:30-37 Pew Bible p.715  
James 3:13-4:8 Pew Bible p.855

MESSAGE *A Good Life: A Good Community*  
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 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" Hymnal 839

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*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.

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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!

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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.



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Tuesday	7:00 pm	Session meeting
Sunday, Sept. 26	11:00 am	Congregational meeting

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 Month to Date Income ----- \$12,322.80  
 Month to Date Expenses ----- \$12,691.45

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There are a couple families who will be uniting with the congregation soon. If anyone else is interested in membership, we can include you! Please speak with Piper for more information.

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#### Here are some 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) Donate online with a credit card by clicking the link from our website: [www.erpresbyterian.org](http://www.erpresbyterian.org).
- 3) 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.
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