

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: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

People: God has gone up with a shout of joy.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

People: his is the name above all names.

Leader: We are witnesses: the Lord is risen!

People: Christ has ascended to reign on high.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We thank you, almighty God, for the life of Jesus among us, and that he reigns in power for us. Strengthen our hope and bless the work of our hands, that we may live as his body in this world. In Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.**

*HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Hymnal 267

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.)*

O God, in Christ you bore the suffering of the world and made us witnesses to your grace. In your Word you showed us your vision of peace and made us witnesses to your promises. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to work for your reign, forgetting that you have called us to bear your truth. Forgive us, O God, when we gaze up toward heaven, forgetting that you have called us to do your work on earth.

Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, enlighten us to recognize the resurrection all around us.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us. 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 47 Pew Bible p.403

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11 Pew Bible p.770
John 17:6-19 Pew Bible p.766
Ephesians 1:15-23 Pew Bible p.827

MESSAGE **Easter Series: Living in a Resurrection World
*Shining Bright!***

Rev. Piper Cartland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – see insert

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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Hymnal 268 v.1,4

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able may 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: Wear your mask; maintain 6 ft physical distance between households; sing quietly with masks on; cleanse hands frequently; place tithes/offerings in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary. Please remember not to gather in the Narthex after worship – continue your fellowship outside instead. Thank you!

 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.



Eagle River Presbyterian Church
May 16, 2021

Litany for Ascension of the Lord

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with songs of joy. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: God is ruler over all the earth; the Lord reigns on a holy throne. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: God put this power to work in Christ, raising him from the dead. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: God has highly exalted him, giving him the name above all names. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Jesus Christ is Lord! Glory to God in the highest. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Most High God, we are witnesses: to the life of Jesus Christ our Lord: written in the Law, promised by the prophets, sung by the psalmists;

People: given in love for the world, risen from the dust of death, lifted up in heavenly glory. Let our lives proclaim Christ's life.

Leader: Draw us into your presence that we may worship you always, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Savior who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY May 16, 2021

Weekly Walk

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| Sunday | 10:00 am | Worship |
| Sunday | 10:15 am | Sunday school for k-6 th grade |
| Sunday | 1-2:30 pm | Combined youth group @ First Presbyterian Church |

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 37

Month to Date Income ----- \$9,079.80

Month to Date Expenses ----- \$7,293.94

Today we honor our **graduating seniors**,
Melody Musick and Abbie Spencer.
Congratulations, ladies!



The session has voted to update the Covid-19 mitigation plan for in-person worship. Highlights include: singing with masks on while still maintaining 6 ft. of distance between family groups and resuming fellowship time - with food and drinks outside - being mindful of our physical distance. The complete plan is accessible through our website home page, www.erpresbyterian.org. If you have any questions, please speak to the transition committee members, Matthew Hobbie, Whitney Lewis, or Bill Musick.

