

## 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 (Psalm 8)**

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

**People: Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**People: what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?**

Leader: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

**People: You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:**

Leader: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

**People: the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.**

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” Hymnal 41**

## RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick**

**to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. This is the race laid out before us. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader : Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world.

**People: Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE	Romans 8:18-25
	Hebrews 12:1-3

MESSAGE

*Pastor Blake Severson*

**\*HYMN “Will You Come and Follow Me” Hymnal 726**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal 606

### GOING INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" Hymnal 700

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE

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*\*Those who are able please stand*

WELCOME to worship – we are glad that you're here! If you are visiting today and would like to share your contact information, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex after worship.



LARGE PRINT HYMNALS with a black cover are on the small bookcase in the rear of the sanctuary.



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



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.

The September communion table flowers are sponsored by John and Patti Malecha.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church*  
*September 24, 2023*



## Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church

September 24, 2023

### Weekly Walk

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Sunday school for k-6<sup>th</sup> grade</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Women's coffee hour at church</b>

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 59

Year-to-date Regular Income ----- \$151,386.61

Year-to-date Regular Expenses ----- \$144,172.43

There is a **Congregational Meeting** after worship today. A quorum is needed; please stay if you can. An agenda is available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

There will be a **Sunday school teachers' meeting** after worship next Sunday, Oct. 1. If you've taught, or are interested in teaching, please plan to attend the meeting next week. Questions? Speak to Nancy Davis, Christian Education elder.



Thanks to the garden ministry – the final harvest numbers are approaching 550 lbs. of vegetables given to the food pantry this season! Thanks also to everyone who helped keep the grass mowed on the church grounds this summer! Please check the sign-up sheets by the kitchen for more ways to help.

#### Upcoming Events:

**October 6-7:** Presbytery Meeting @ First Presbyterian Anchorage

**October 17:** Session meeting

**October 22:** Deacons meeting

**October 27:** Chili cook-off and game night @ church

**Nov. 1-5:** Kairos prison ministry, borrowing our kitchen for food prep – a few volunteers requested – more info to come



Dennis Spencer  
Ellen Koenen  
Brent Koenen  
John Malecha  
Andrew Cottle  
Kelly Blalock  
Becky Musick  
Cora Rasic  
Jerry McNearney  
Janet Blalock  
Jude Wall  
Connor Spencer



Jim and Lorinda Mitchell.....September 3  
John and Lisa Anderson.....Sept 4  
Todd and Debby Carter.....Sept 9  
Suellyn Novak and Larry Baumgartner.....Sept 23

