

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 103:1-6)

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**People: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits –**

Leader: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

**People: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

Leader: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

**People: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION - *from Carvalhoes, Claudio. Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the End of the World (p. 31). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.*

\*HYMN                      “When The Poor Ones”                      Hymnal 762

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM  
GOD AND EACH OTHER

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**All-Gracious God, we have become callous to those in need, holding back compassion yet unsparing with judgment. We defend our motivations, rather than using all you have given us to love and care for the least of these. Hear our confessions and heal our hearts. May we be people of mercy, as you are merciful, and people of love, just as you loved us.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 103:8-12)

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE                      Matthew 25:31-46                      Pew Bible p.702

MESSAGE                      *Pastor Blake Severson*

MINUTE FOR MISSION  
                    Marcus Geist – Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *from the Brief Statement of Faith*  
**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING  
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD  
OFFERTORY

\* “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”                      Hymnal 606

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

\*HYMN                      “In Christ There is No East Or West”                      Hymnal 318

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (we say *sin*)  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

GOING INTO THE WORLD


\*HYMN                      “We Are One in the Spirit”                      Hymnal 300


\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*\*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 located at the rear of the sanctuary, by the doors. 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.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church*  
*October 1, 2023*



*Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church*

*SUNDAY October 1, 2023*

**Weekly Walk**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Sunday school teachers' meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Women's coffee hour at church</b>

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Last week's In-Person Attendance -----	49
Year-to-Date Regular Income -----	\$153,934.61
Year-to-Date Regular Expenses -----	\$146,033.92

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There will be a meeting after worship today for current Sunday school teachers and anyone interested in teaching this year! Please plan to stay to talk about the coming year for our Sunday school class.



Today we welcome Marcus Geist from First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage (FPC). He will speak during our Minute for Mission time about FPC's ministry at the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for families, and how we can serve as well.

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting the October Presbytery meeting this weekend, Oct. 6-7. Matthew Hobbie will be the elder commissioner from ERPC. Rev. Elizabeth Schultz will be officially voted in as our new Executive Presbyter for the Yukon Presbytery, after a two-year search.



Mark your calendars: Friday, **October 27** will be the return of the chili cook-off! We will also have a game night. Festivities will begin at 5:30 pm.

develop a Christian community inside prisons. The structured 3 ½ day retreat consists of a series of talks, discussions, chapel meditations, and Christian fellowship. It also involves delicious home-cooked meals! Kairos volunteers will borrow our kitchen to store and prep the food before transporting it to the prison. They can also use a few volunteers from our congregation to help prep and transport food. Please let the church office know if you are interested in helping.

**November 1-5**, we will be hosting volunteers for the Kairos Prison Ministry at Hiland Mountain Correctional Facility. Kairos is a ministry whose mission is to

