GATHERING TO WORSHIP

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

WELCOME MINUTES FOR MINISTRY PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Leader: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "I Will Call Upon the Lord" Hymnal **621**

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader : Brothers and sisters, God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice. Forgiven and freed, turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

| SCRIPTURE | Matthew 7:13-29 Matthew 25:31-46 | Pew Bible p.685 Pew Bible p.702 |
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| MESSAGE | | Pastor Blake Severson |
| *HYMN | "Seek Ye First " | Hymnal 175 |

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*) INVITATION TO THE OFFERING OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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. 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 November communion table flowers are sponsored by Jean McCarthy.



Eagle River Presbyterian Church November 26, 2023

| Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church | | | |
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| November 26, 2023 | | | |
| Weekly Walk | | | |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Choir rehearsal | |
| Sunday | 10:00 am | Worship | |
| Sunday | 10:15 am | Sunday school, k-6 th grade | |
| Sunday | 11:15 am | Handbell choir rehearsal | |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am | Women's coffee hour | |
| | | @ church | |
| Wednesday | Noon | Zoom Advent Bible study | |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Advent Bible study @ church | |
| Friday | 5:30 – 8 pm | Advent Dinner & Craft Night | |

Last week's In-Person Attendance ------ 38 Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$191,455.21 Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ------ \$190,353.96



Our **Advent Dinner and Craft** fellowship event is this Friday from 5:30 – 8pm. Please sign up to bring crockpot soup, a salad, or a dessert.

Advent Bible study begins this

Wednesday. There is a noon Zoom option or a 7:00 pm in-person option. Please sign up if you'd like to be added to the Zoom



meeting. Advent devotionals are in the Narthex – there are enough books for everyone, even if you're not participating in the study!



If you would like to be a **candle-lighter and reader** at the beginning of the advent worship services, please sign up on the board by the kitchen. The church and Food Pantry are in immediate need of a **snow-shoveler**. Please spread the word – here is the job description: "ERPC/CER Food Pantry needs a business or individual (personal services) to remove snow from ERPC sidewalks, and from the first 20-feet of the parking lot adjacent to the sidewalks (the 4-ADA/handicapped parking spaces and access aisles). ERPC provides the snow blower, shovels, scrapers, sand, ice melt, etc. Snow removal and sanding are required when there is an accumulation of snow greater than 1-inch on the sidewalks at 7:00 AM on any day of the week. Schedule the clearing work to be completed by 8 AM on Monday to Saturday, and by 9:00 AM on Sundays. Additional clearing may be required on heavy snow days. Pay is approximately \$15/hour (negotiable). Please contact ph.(907) 694-5753, email, Secretary@erpresbyterian.org."



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