

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

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

Leader: then God said: Let there be light,

People: and God saw that it was good.

Leader: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

People: The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

Leader: then God said:

People: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "For the Beauty Of The Earth" Hymnal 14

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of all glory, you see us as we are — not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my

beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5

Mark 1:4-11

Acts 19:1-7

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

Hymnal 649

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

Pastor: Let us pray...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

GOING INTO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD
OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal 475 v.1-2

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal 475 v.3

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
January 7, 2024



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