

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

People: the courageous and the fearful,

Leader: the hungry and the hopeful,

People: the impatient and the reserved.

Leader: God welcomes the young and the old,

People: the poets and the prophets,

Leader: the faithful and the tired,

People: the curious and the convicted.

Leader: Wherever you are on your journey,

People: wherever your boat is at sea,

Leader: there is room for all to gather here.

People: This is God's house. Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

*HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Hymnal 8

*PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.

I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.

I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.

I believe in a God who knows my name.

I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.

Amen.

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

I'd rather not need rescue. I'd prefer a five-step plan and a quick-fix solution. I'd prefer stubborn insistence over honest vulnerability because rescue requires asking for help. Rescue names the rising water. Rescue sees the tired, treading feet.

Rescue feels the swell of the wind and the rain at a slant. But when the floor falls out and the world is on fire and my small hands cannot fix the hurt welling in me, the prayer that slips out is rescue...rescue...rescue me. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Family of faith, you could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting, Christ is always walking toward you.

So hear and believe this good news:

God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved. God is always walking toward you.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Psalm 22:23-31**
Matthew 14 : 22-33

MESSAGE *Pastor Blake Severson*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

*HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Hymnal 353

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 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal 475

*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 February flowers are sponsored by Nancy and Bruce Davis.



Eagle River Presbyterian Church
February 25, 2024



Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church

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Weekly Walk

Sunday	9:00 am	Choir rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	10:15 am	Sunday school for k-6 th graders
Sunday	11:15 am	Handbell rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30 am	Coffee hour @ church
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible study on Zoom
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Bible study in-person

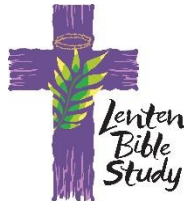
Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 44

Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$36,725.36

Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$37,128.39

Choir and handbell rehearsals for Easter have started, but there is still time to join! Choir will meet at 9:00 am each Sunday, and handbells will meet after worship at 11:15.

Lenten Bible study has also begun, and it's not too late to join! There is a devotional booklet available on the table in the narthex. There are two study options – Wednesdays at 10:30 am on Zoom or Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in-person.



The **Greater Eagle River Garden Club** will begin meeting here again on March 5. Their meetings are open to the public, and they usually have an educational component after the business meeting. Educational topics planned for this year include iPhone photography, composting, fruit tree grafting, and more. There is a flyer on the bulletin board for more information.