

## 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: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?  
Where do we start?

**People: Let us begin with the good news! Let us begin by trusting that we are a blessing, loved by a gracious God. Let us begin with music and singing! Let us begin with warmth and welcome. Let us begin with hope.**

Leader: Yes, let us begin with hope. Today we light the candle of hope to shine a light in a worn and weary world.

**People: May this be our foundation. May this be our fresh start. May this be our new beginning.**

Leader: May hope flow forth from here. Amen!

#### \*PRAYER OF INVITATION

\*HYMN      "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"      Hymnal 88

### RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Affirming God, your first words to creation were words of love. You looked at this earth and said, "It is good." You spoke affirmations through the prophets. You spoke blessings over Mary. You spoke belonging through Christ. At every turn, you have reiterated that we are a blessing, made in your image, held in your love. Forgive us for forgetting this truth. Forgive us for measuring our worth by society's measuring stick instead of yours. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

#### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Family of faith, I don't know the last time someone told you that you are good, just as you are. I don't know the last time you heard that you are loved and created in the image of God. I don't know the last time you trusted those words and truly believed that you are a blessing. However, in case it has been a while, hear these words from Isaiah: God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." We are forgiven. We are loved. Let it leave you awestruck. Thanks be to God! May we believe it.

**All: Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HEARING THE WORD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

Pew Bible p.723

Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible p.514

#### MESSAGE

*Pastor Blake Severson*

#### \*HYMN

"I Will Come to You"

Hymnal 177

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say *sin*)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (*Gluten-free bread is available on each tray, in a white cup.*)

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### \*HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

Hymnal 530

## 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 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" Hymnal 353

\*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.



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  
December 1, 2024*



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