

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 AND CANDLELIGHTING

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

People: Let us begin together. Let us begin arm in arm. Let us begin by holding each other up, instead of tearing each other down. Let us begin with words of peace.

Leader: Yes, let us begin with peace. Today we light the candles of hope and peace.

People: May these lights remind us of what could be. May these lights mark a new beginning. May peace flow like a river, and may it start with us.

Leader: Arm in arm, hand in hand, side by side.

All: May we begin again. Amen.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "Soon and Very Soon" Hymnal 384

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS:

Leader: I have tried to make my own way. I have tried to lace my own shoes, to build my own house, to kindle my own faith. I have said a thousand times, "turn back," as if I am fine on my own. But the days are long and I am forgetful. I need your help. Can you remind me?

People: We will remind you of this everlasting truth: You are not alone. Where you go, God goes. You are held in grace. Trust in this good news. Thanks be to God!

Leader: I remember. I believe.

People: Now we need your help. We, too, have tried to make our own way. We have tried to lace our own shoes, to build our own houses, to kindle our own faiths. We have said a thousand times, "turn back," as if we are fine on our own. But the days are long and we are forgetful. We need your help. Can you remind us?

Leader: I will remind you of this everlasting truth: You are not alone. Where you go, God goes. You are held in grace. Trust in this good news. Thanks be to God!

People: We remember. We believe. Alleluia! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1:1-18

Pew Bible p.187

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

Pew Bible p.474

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN

"Here in This Place"

Hymnal 401

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal 306

*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.



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 communion table flowers for December are sponsored by the Spencers.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
December 8, 2024*



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of Advent

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