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: How precious is the steadfast love of God. All: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace. Leader: Christ is the fountain of life. All: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Hymnal 263

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the Good News: Christ unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

	Isaiah 62:1-12 Luke 13:18-21	Pew Bible p.529 Pew Bible p.738
MESSAGE	1	Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN "Take Us As We Are, O God" Hymnal **312**

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 "For the Fruit of All Creation" Hymnal **36**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able please stand

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 January are sponsored by the Banks family.

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Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church
January 19, 2025
Weekly WalkSunday10:00 amWorshipSunday10:15 amChildren's Sunday schoolMonday - MLK, Jr. Holiday - office closedWednesday9:30 am

Last week's In-Person Attendance ------ 28 Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$7,372.00 Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ------ \$10,871.33

Our January congregational meeting is right after worship

next Sunday. At this meeting we will receive the 2024 Annual Report and vote on church bylaws changes. The report and bylaws changes are available in the back of the sanctuary, if you would like to review them before next Sunday.



Exchange student host family opportunity:

Becky Musick was contacted by 4-H Exchange Program and was told that several Malaysian students need homes this semester. If you would like to learn more, please reach out to Leanne Haltom: (contact the church office for phone number)

The **Presbyterian Youth Triennium** is being held July 28-31 in Louisville, Kentucky. All **high school age** students are welcome to attend, for four days of worship, recreation, Bible study, outreach, and faith formation. There will be a

delegation from the Yukon Presbytery attending together. Please contact Danna Larson at First Presbyterian Anchorage for more information, or the ERPC church office has information as well. The deadline to register is February 15.



February 2 (tentative) – **2nd Town Hall meeting**, after worship February 9 – **Deacons** meeting, after worship February 15 – 6 pm (tentative), **Potluck and Game Night** February 18 – **Session** meeting, 7pm