

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: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves,

People: putting trust in our own strength,

Leader: we become like a shrub in the desert,

People: living in a parched, salty place.

Leader: When we trust in God, when our trust is God,

People: we are like a tree planted by water.

Leader: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green;

People: even in a drought we are not anxious,

Leader: but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.

All: Let us worship the Lord, that we may flourish in any season.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN

"Seek Ye First"

Hymnal 175

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray

**this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word! Our faith is not in vain!
Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-26

Pew Bible p.729

Matthew 25:31-26:4

Pew Bible p.702

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN

"Blest Are They"

Hymnal 172

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table" Hymnal 186

*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 February are sponsored by the Hobbie family.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
February 16, 2025*



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