

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 (Psalm 71:1-6)

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

People: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

People: From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb.

Leader: My praise is continually of you.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" Hymnal 450

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our

families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith.

All: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Isaiah 58
Luke 13:10-17**

Pew Bible p.526
Pew Bible p.738

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN

"O for a World"

Hymnal 372

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness ” Hymnal 314

*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 August are sponsored by Lloyd and Carol Pool.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
August 24, 2025*



Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church

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Weekly Walk

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Wednesday	9:30 am	Coffee hour at church

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 39

Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$168,202.05

Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$157,636.11

Today we welcome Larry Baumgartner, our visiting organist!

Next Sunday, August 31, is the combined worship service hosted by **Chugiak United Methodist Church**, 16430 Old Glenn Hwy. The service will begin at 10:15 am.

Food Pantry needs: **Laundry soap, toiletries, and condiments, as well as volunteers** to clean the pantry on Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Please see the sign-up on the bulletin board.
