

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 11)

Leader: In the Lord I take refuge; how can you say to me, "Flee like a bird to the mountains,

People: for look, the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.

Leader: If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

People: The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven. His eyes behold; his gaze examines humankind.

Leader: The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked, and his soul hates the lover of violence.

People: On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and sulfur; a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

Leader: For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "Hear the Good News of Salvation" Hymnal **441**

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you — have mercy when we fail to praise your

name and help us to exude the faith that makes us well.

Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: Your call has been answered.

Christ has healed you and forgives your sin. With glad hearts, return praise to God.

All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1-11

Pew Bible **p.557**

2 Timothy 2

Pew Bible **p.842**

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN "All Who Love and Serve Your City" Hymnal **351**

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 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” Hymnal 761

*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 with the office, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate during the collection time. Everyone is invited to stay after worship for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex.



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 October are sponsored by Suellyn Novak.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
October 12, 2025*



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**Questions for the Congregants of Eagle River Presbyterian
Church Published by the Pastor Nominating Committee,
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1. In your opinion, does Eagle River Presbyterian Church require a full-time pastor (i.e. at least 35 hours per week)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2. How many years of experience at a minimum should ERPC's next pastor have?

- ☐ 2-5
☐ 5-10
☐ More than 10

3. Would you be open to either of the following? Check for "yes," leave blank for "no."

- ☐ A clergy couple (i.e. a husband-and-wife team that split time at the pulpit)
☐ A yoked pastor (i.e. a pastor that shares time between two congregations)

4. Would you be willing to participate in the following activities? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Vacation Bible School (as a volunteer)
☐ Church Choir
☐ Ministry and Vision Planning
☐ Handbell Choir
☐ Adult Sunday School (as a participant)
☐ Prayer Group
☐ Youth Sunday School (as an instructor)
☐ Lay Leader
☐ Fellowship Activities (outside of regular church services)

5. Mark any of the following additional skills you'd like a new pastor to have.

- ☐ Music (Piano/Organ/Choir/etc.)
☐ Executive Presbyter Training
☐ Adult Christian Education
☐ Clinical Pastoral Training
☐ Youth Christian Education
☐ Multilingualism (Spanish, Korean, etc.)
☐ Conflict Mediation
☐ Other: _____

6. Please rank the following on how important each quality is in a pastor.

- (1) Very Unimportant
(2) Somewhat Unimportant
(3) Neither Important nor Unimportant
(4) Somewhat Important
(5) Very Important
☐ Has a calming presence
☐ Has a charismatic preaching style
☐ Is well-educated
☐ Cares for the spiritual needs of congregants
☐ Attends fellowship events
☐ Maintains consistent office hours
☐ Is an attentive listener
☐ Visits members at home, the hospital, etc.
☐ Prepares relevant and/or thought-provoking sermons