

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: God has looked favorably on all of God's people and has redeemed all of creation.

People: God has given us a mighty Savior, the Lord whose reign we celebrate.

Leader: We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.

People: Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Hymnal 35

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments to silently lift our personal prayers of confession to God.)*

O Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill our lives with grace.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "In the Waiting Room"

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-56

Pew Bible p.723

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymnal 82

MESSAGE "A Season of Waiting" Rev. Todd Carter

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" Hymnal 314

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able please stand*

~A Prayer for Waiting~

God, I find myself waiting again, and to be honest, this is very hard for me. I want to move on from this time of waiting to something else. God, I give you my restlessness; help me in my waiting. Help me to be reminded that as I wait I am not alone. Comfort me, I pray. God, I trust you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 November are sponsored by Jean McCarthy.



Eagle River Presbyterian Church
November 24, 2024



Welcome to
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Weekly Walk

Sunday	9:00 am	Choir rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	10:15 am	Children's Sunday school
Sunday	11:15 am	Handbell choir rehearsal
Wednesday	No coffee hour this week	
Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving! (office closed)	

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 36
 Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$208,793.94
 Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$213,568.83

Today we welcome Rev. Todd Carter to the pulpit. Pastor Blake will return to preaching next week, the first Sunday of Advent.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Samaritan's Purse Christmas box project! We packed 37 boxes of gifts to send to children overseas.



There will be **no coffee hour at church this Wednesday** due to the Thanksgiving holiday; however, the following Wednesday, December 4, please join us from 10-1 as we **decorate the church for Advent**

and share lunch together. We will also have a **cookie exchange**. Questions? Contact Linda Homan at homan.m.linda@gmail.com.

Please check the sign-up board--lay leaders are needed! There

is also a sign up for our **Chili Cook-off and Advent Craft** event after worship on December 8. Put your best chili recipe to the test and win the coveted "copper ladle"!



