

**November 23, 2025**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

GATHERING MUSIC    Wayfaring Stranger

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates;

**People: be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

**People: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory!**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**People: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

\*HYMN #14            For the Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have declared Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. But we admit that we just aren't very good at doing the same. We confess that we mostly put ourselves on the throne of our lives, not Jesus. We confess that your will and ways often take a back seat to our will and ways. We confess that we all too often walk in the way of the world and its priorities of money, sex and power, rather than walking in your way of justice, love and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to become more like Christ in all of our words, actions and loves. May we constantly yield first place in our lives to Him, and then live as His humble ambassadors, shining and bringing light into the darker corners of our world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Apostle Paul wrote that all things in heaven and on earth are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Therefore, forgiveness is ours through faith in Jesus the Christ, in whom God was pleased to fully dwell. In this moment, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING

**Psalm 46**

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

10,000 Reasons

SECOND READING

**Colossians 1:11-20**

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON    The King Who Holds It All Together

SILENT REFLECTION

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*HYMN #610    O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING            Fröhlicher Landmann

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\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE            10,000 Reasons

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*Eagle River Presbyterian Church*

# Christmas Pageant

**4:00PM Children's Service**  
**Christmas Eve**

Seeking participants: please sign up at the table in the narthex.  
All ages welcome. For more info contact Emma Kate Lander  
elande@erpc.org

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Wednesday November 26, 6-7pm  
Loaves and Fishes  
Thanksgiving Eve Free Community Dinner  
Seeking sides and desserts  
Sign up in the narthex or on our website  
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Hanging of the Greens  
Sat. Nov. 29th at 10 am  
Come help decorate the sanctuary  
for the holiday season.  
office@erpc.org

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