

October 18, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All nations and all people, gather at the Lord's table!

People: We come to be fed with the bread of life.

Leader: The Lord's table is wide enough for all to have a spot.

People: We want a crowded table, where all can gather and feast.

Leader: Our God is the perfect host, inviting us all to partake.

People: We worship Jesus Christ, who is full of grace and love.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are distracted people. The greatest gift you have given us is time, and so often, we waste it on worthless pursuits. We know we should follow you, yet we often try to take the lead. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our short-sightedness, and help us to turn again to following where you lead, and may we strive to be your people in the world.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God hears all our questions and all our concerns. God sees all our failures and all our mistakes. Yet God defines us by none of these things. God always welcomes us in; God always forgives; God always loves. Friends, hear the Good News: You are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Joshua Lachlan Wharry

First Reading

Psalm 26

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

The Lord's Prayer

Don Mock

Second Reading

Matthew 16:21–26

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SERMON Why Discipleship? So We Know Where to Be.

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN #718 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Click [ERPC - Prayer Request](#)

OFFERING

To give online: Click: [Giving](#)

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

The Christmas Wreath Fundraiser runs through November 1.
Order forms are in the Narthex. Contact: sharmco@gmail.com;
970-376-3540

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Anyone interested in reading during our 9:30 am Sunday Service?
Seeking readers for Nov. & Dec.
Contact Shirley 850-499-0659; shirley.petersmeyer@gmail.com

A vertical poster with an orange background and white spider webs. At the top, the words "TRUNK-OR-TREAT" are written in a large, black, dripping font. Below this, in a smaller black font, is "at Eagle River Presbyterian Church". The main text reads: "Join ERPC for a community event filled with candy, costumes, crafts, food, games, and more!". The date and time are "Sunday, October 25, 10:30-12:00*". The location is "Church Parking Lot". A note says "*Trunk-or-Treating will begin at 11:00AM." To the right of the text is a cartoon illustration of a green dinosaur wearing a striped shirt and holding a small basket. At the bottom, it says "Sign up in the Narthex or contact Emma Kate to decorate a trunk. elanders@erpc.org or 410-858-7311".

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