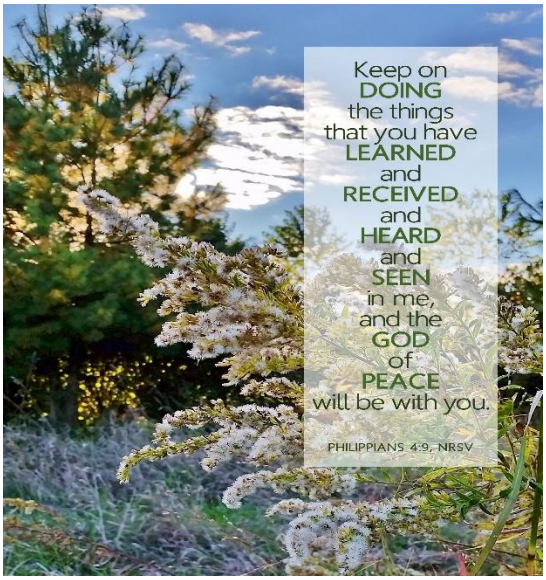
# ELIZABETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Helping people meet and walk with Jesus

**October 11, 2026 - 20th Sunday After Pentecost**




*****Please stand **in body or in spirit**

## CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

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| **PRELUDE** "*Glory"* | PRAISE TEAM |
| **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** | MARILYN TRAVIS |
| **GREETING ONE ANOTHER** | MARILYN TRAVIS |
| **BIND US TOGETHER SONG** | CHOIR & CHRYSTAL COTTRELL |
| **PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *"His Name Is Life"* | CHOIR & CHRYSTAL COTTRELL |

## * CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. KIM NOFEL

One: We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

**All: Here God will transform us into disciples.**

One: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

**All: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.**

One: We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

**All: Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!**

### OPENING PRAYER

**All: Steadfast God, as the seasons change, we know you to be ever-constant and see that you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations. You have shown us the true face of love in Jesus Christ, reaching out with healing and hope to touch desperate lives. We praise you for your love that works for reconciliation among neighbors and nations in this divided world. May we see the face of Jesus as we worship together. Renew our hope by the gift of your Spirit at work among us, so that we can live to praise you as one God now and always. Amen.**

**HYMN #** 56 **"Day by Day"** CHOIR & CHRYSTAL COTTRELL

***PRAISE SONGS** **"All Creatures Of Our God And King"** and **"No Better Place"**
MIKE & PAM BANTA, AMY BIEWENGA, MIKE & JULIE BAGGETT AND BOBBIE MARCHESE

## CELEBRATING GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

**CALL TO CONFESSION** MARILYN TRAVIS

*One: Sin is our stumbling block. It keeps us from seeing God more clearly.*
*Repentance clears the way to hear and receive God's truth, and rest in God's grace.*
*Let us confess our sins together.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of all life and each life, you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive us. Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious.**

*(Please take a moment for reflection on these words and your own heart)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: While it is true we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. So be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**CALL TO OFFERING** REV. KIM NOFEL

*One: We are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.*

**"Kumbaya, My Lord"** CHOIR

**DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen"

**PRAYER OVER OUR GIFTS TO GOD** EVERYONE

**All: Generous God, we offer to you part of the abundance you share with us. Bless our gifts and work through them, so that others will know your generosity and be touched by your love through the kindness we can offer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** MARILYN TRAVIS

*One: Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Inspire us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.*

## Old Testament Reading: **Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20** (NRSV)

Then God spoke all these words:
2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me.
4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven
above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not
acquit anyone who misuses his name.
8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 For six days you shall labor and do all your
work.
12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD
your God is giving you.
13 You shall not murder.
14 You shall not commit adultery.
15 You shall not steal.
16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male
or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and
the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, 19 and said to
Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.'
20 Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put
the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

## New Testament Reading: **Philippians 4:1-9** (NRSV) REV. KIM NOFEL

1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm
in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you
also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work
of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the
book of life.
4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is
anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have
learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** **"Guess What You Get to Do?"** REV. KIM NOFEL

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS** REV. KIM NOFEL

Following each Joy we say, **"Thanks be to You, O God."**
Following each Concern we say, **"Hear our prayer, O Lord."**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** REV. KIM NOFEL

***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***SUNG BENEDICTION** EVERYONE

**"Go Now in Peace"**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION** REV. KIM NOFEL

**POSTLUDE** CHRYSTAL COTTRELL

| **EPC FINANCIAL REPORT** | **August 2026** | **Year-To-Date 2026** |
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| Tithes/Offering/Other Income | $ 11,079.21 | $ 135,862.59 |
| Expenses | $ 9,454.08 | $ 102,332.30 |
| Surplus/(Shortfall) | $ 1,625.13 | $ 33,530.29 |
| Avg Monthly Income | $ 16,982.82 | |
| Total Offerings 10/4/26 | $ 3,915.00 | |