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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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“Then go quickly
and tell his disciples:
**‘He has risen
from the dead**
and is going ahead
of you into Galilee.
There you will see him.”

MATTHEW 28:7, NIV



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Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

During Lent, I gave up sweets. This led to a heated conversation in our family about donuts. Are donuts sweets or desserts if used as a primary source of breakfast? While I debated with tact agreeing a donut after breakfast consists of a treat and preached my cause that a donut becomes a meal if it is the primary source of food in the morning, I found no sympathy or persuasion with my family. I lost.

Sure, my initial reaction was ‘well, I’m an adult, I can eat whatever I want for breakfast and justify it as a meal rather than a sweet and delicious sugary treat’, but I also knew that I would confess my violation of my Lenten practice to Vicki and Peyton. This confession would be honest, but I did not want to endure what I considered failure to break my discipline even though I knew forgiveness would be extended to me by my family. So, I have given up the donut argument, admitted I am wrong and need to reconsider my position on what constitutes a dessert/sweet/treat in the future.

I know this is a silly example, but this is part of my ongoing fascination with thinking again. Or asking myself, how do I know what I know. Yes, this stems from my reading of Adam Grant’s book, *Think Again*, that some of us have read and I led at March’s book club. As I mentioned after my sabbatical in 2022, I read this book and it has challenged me to reflect on my knee jerk reactions, my assumptions, my biases, and my stubbornness to not evaluate decisions I’ve made. As I have reread this book and reviewed some highlighted sections combined with my own growth in faith, I have come to realize I have plenty of blind spots in my thinking, many places where I just refuse to adjust my pattern of thinking, and other areas where I have become lazy in my openness to processing new information.

This process of working to rethink in my own life has been an eye-opener when reviewing, discussing, and organizing our responses from the congregational survey we completed in January. Each response is thoughtful, honest, and gives insight into our collective hopes, dreams, concerns, and desire to be a vital and witnessing faith community. Yet, I will confess, that in my conversations with our elders, in our committees, and those with members of our church, there are some ideas I just do not want to pursue. It is like I am Charlie Brown and as soon as some topics or thoughts come up, I just hear waw, waw, wa, wa wawa. And it takes effort for me to stop the voice yelling in my head: ‘we’ve done this before’, ‘this will not work’, ‘I don’t want to do this’, and ‘this will not help our overall concern’. But I am working on stopping this voice. I am giving my mind space to listen. I am seeking to be open to knowing I do not know everything and together, we can, will, and have the skills and talents to change and embrace where the Spirit is leading.

For instance, one of the desires from our responses is to start having yearly retreats as a congregation. Even before the survey, our Presbyterian Women (PW) and our Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee (CFD) were working on this idea. PW and CFD have worked hard to think about what a retreat would look like, how can we invite as many people as we can, what are the goals of a retreat, how can we use that time to grow in our faith, and what would be a captivating and exciting program. Yes, both groups settled on a day event, but a retreat, a time set apart to grow in our faith and connect with others does not always need to look like it did before. Sure, this may be different than we thought, but I hope you come and experience these events. I hope we can all be open to how these small steps, through planning and prayer, can make a big impact on our landscape as a church.

We celebrate Easter on Sunday April 9th. I invite you to join with us from Palm Sunday through all the amazing services and activities scheduled during Holy Week, but think about Easter. We know the amazing grace of the resurrection on Easter morning, but take a moment to step back and look at that morning from the disciple’s perspective. They had followed Jesus for three years. They put their trust, hope, and lives in his hands. Then, right after Passover, Jesus was arrested. He went through a sham of a trial, was paraded before the people broken and bloody, and to their horror, he was executed as a criminal on a cross. He was dead. They, like us know that death is permanent. It is terrible. It leaves a void in our hearts and lives. It affects families and communities.

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On the morning of the third day, they had a collective rethinking moment. The women disciples of Jesus went to the tomb to continue to prepare his body for a proper burial. They were shocked by what they encountered: an empty tomb with angels proclaiming Jesus is not dead, he is alive. We are told they left the tomb afraid and confused because they could not begin to rethink or imagine this possibility of life and love triumphing over death. When they told the others, they were dismissed and even when Peter and another ran to the tomb, it just did not make sense. It did not make sense until Jesus showed himself to them. They and us still wrestle with this good news. We understand what it means to reassess and reflect on our assumptions and ideas because in humility, mercy, and love we believe in God's amazing grace that Jesus has taken away the sting of death as is alive now. We are certain we know about life, but the mystery of faith reminds us we can adapt, change, and rethink because Jesus is alive.

Our church, its members, those who worship here and come through our doors, those who have made deep, life-changing commitments to God, you are awesome. It is a joy to be a part of this community. We can and will continue to rethink and imagine ways to welcome others into our space, invite others to experience the love of God, and witness to the grace of Jesus. I hope you can join us for worship, be a part of the many opportunities during Holy Week and invite others to be with us as we embrace building on our foundation and following where the Spirit leads.

Peace, *Alan*



FPCE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP & CANTATA

APRIL 2 AT 10AM
SANCTUARY

SEDER & MEAL

APRIL 5 AT 5PM
WESTMINSTER HALL

MAUNDY THURSDAY

SIMPLE MEAL & WORSHIP

APRIL 6
MEAL AT 6PM IN WESTMINSTER HALL
WORSHIP AT 7PM IN SANCTUARY

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 9 AT 6:30AM
LIGHTHOUSE PARK, MUKILTEO, WA

DEACONS' CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

APRIL 9 AT 9AM
WESTMINSTER HALL

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 9 AT 10AM
SANCTUARY

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More information at:
www.firstpreschurch.com/lent-2023

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Library Update - April 2023: Burgundy Bookmobile Rolls Again

As we return to normal after closure, the church library is happy to announce a new step.

The “Burgundy Bookmobile”, pet name for the church library’s book cart, will soon resume its Sunday morning rounds in Westminster Hall or Calvin Lounge to be near coffee hour or adult Sunday School.

What will be on the bookmobile?

- Requested materials ready for pickup.
- New acquisitions.
- Books related to current classes or sermon themes.
- Seasonal items.
- Picture books for children’s browsing.



In other words, some will be specific to known needs; others will be our best guess as to what might be edifying, intriguing, or insightful. Think of it as a tiny, portable branch of our library.

Other helpful items:

- A clipboard for convenient checkout when the computer is not easily accessible.
- A canvas bag to receive returning books.

Why bring the burgundy bookmobile from first to fourth floor Sunday mornings?

Even avid readers are more likely to cluster near coffee, cookies, and conversation than to travel three floors down to see what is in the whole library. Also, an array of books for browsing can spark conversation unveiling common interests and fostering new friendships.

Who will use these books?

Members. Friends. Anyone who takes seriously the importance of listening to other voices to stretch our faith and sharpen our thinking.

For specific requests please contact me or go to our online public catalog:
<https://15781.rmwebopac.com> .

Watch for that Burgundy Bookmobile mid-April.

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Fourth Monday Book Group - April 2023

Book Group continues on Zoom! We convene virtually at 10:00 on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. Our discussions help us understand both the featured book and our fellow readers in new ways. We strive for varied, well-written books, balancing novels and nonfiction. This month we return to historical fiction.

April 24 *The Paris Library* Janet Skeslien Charles Leader TBA
“Based on the true World War II story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris.... an unforgettable story of friendship, family, romance, and the power of literature to bring us together.” Fictional librarians portray the real bravery of those who pushed back creatively against the occupiers of Paris during the Second World War. Author Janet Skeslien Charles divides her time between Montana and Paris, a dichotomy reflected in her historical novel.

Coming Attractions

May 22 *The House in the Cerulean Sea* TJ Klune Leader: Pastor Alan Dorway
“A magical island. A dangerous task. A burning secret.... An enchanting love story, masterfully told, about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in in an unexpected place—and realizing that family is yours.”

June 26 *Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago* Mike Royko Leader TBA
“New edition of the classic story of the late Richard J. Daley, politician and self-promoter extraordinaire, from his inauspicious youth on Chicago’s South Side through his rapid climb to the seat of power as mayor and boss of the Democratic Party machine. A bare-all account of Daley’s cardinal sins as well as his milestone achievements, this scathing work by Chicago journalist Mike Royko brings to life the most powerful political figure of his time...”

July 24 *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* Isabel Wilkerson Leader: TBA
Another timely topic! The paperback edition containing updates of earlier material has been released recently. “An expansive interrogation of racism, institutionalized inequality and injustice . . . This is an American reckoning and so it should be. . . . It is a painfully resonant book and could not have come at a more urgent time.”—**Fatima Bhutto, *The Guardian***

To take part in book group discussions, log in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. If you are already on our email list, watch for the link. To be added to the list please contact me by phone or email.

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Session News and Notes: March 2023—Prepared by Leslie Sufin

The regular monthly Session meeting was held Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

News through Motions:

At the March meeting, these motions were presented and approved with no dissenting votes:

- Motion that we honor Eunice Allan's request and remove her from active membership.
- Motion that we honor the faithful transfer of Mary Ann Knaebel's membership to Palms Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville Beach, Florida.
- Motion to open all pews in the sanctuary for seating.

Other Notes: Session members reviewed and discussed the responses given to the five questions presented to the congregation in January:

- How might we serve the community?
- What do you see as three areas of strength for FPCE?
- What are three areas of concern for FPCE?
- What would help you grow in your faith this year?
- What would need to change for you (and, if applicable, your family) to attend church regularly?

After categorizing the responses into similar themes, Session looked at feasible short and long-term goals.

Discussion and implementation of goals will continue and be shared.



Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, April 10, in Calvin Lounge, at 11:30 a.m.

We will be studying chapter 8. Our hostess will be Lois Tysseling.

All women are welcome.



Priscilla Circle
WOMEN'S GROUP AT FPCE

One Great Hour of Sharing: Repairers of the Breach

Kintsugi, the 15th-century Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the broken areas with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold or other precious metal, reminds us that when repaired, formerly broken places reveal new lines of character and beauty.

But what of God's world? The world God entrusted to our care? So many parts are broken, damaged by cruelty to each other, misuse of Creation or refusal to take God's commands seriously.

In Isaiah 58, the prophet reminds us, "You shall be called repairers of the breach." Repairers. And as we question the breaches that may have resulted from our own actions, we ponder how to repair them, creating something unique, beautiful and resilient. Which ones get attention first? How can we repair a breach that may have existed for decades or one that has only recently emerged? Where can we work for repair to reveal beautiful new veins of gold?

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing provides a way for those whose lives have been affected by poverty, hunger or disaster — whether natural or human-caused — to begin to repair the lives of their families and communities. It provides a way for the least of these, more often than not women and children, to become those veins of gold, binding their families and communities together in strength.

In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God repaired the breach that separated us from our creator, performing a kintsugi of sorts upon us — putting the broken pieces of our lives back together while lining our broken places with the gold of God's grace. As we follow Jesus' example, walking alongside the most vulnerable to partner in repairing the harm inflicted upon them, we celebrate that we are the Church ... together.

To make a gift, look for One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes in the pews. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and note OGHS in the memo line.

You may also make a gift online: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/oghs/>





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S.P.A.M.

SENIOR PRESBYTERIAN ADULT MINISTRY

S.P.A.M. is Back with the Former Galloping Gourmet

Get ready to gather around the punchbowl at our Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry (S.P.A.M.) gatherings!

On Friday, April 21, our S.P.A.M. gatherings return to Westminster Hall with Graham Kerr, the former Galloping Gourmet.

Join us at 11:30 a.m. around the Fellowship Punch Bowl. Lunch begins at noon.

Reservations needed by April 17 — sign up at the welcome booth or call 425-259-4253.



Presbyterian Women's Retreat
Calvin Lounge
Saturday, May 6, 2023
9:30am - 2:00pm

Invite a friend

**CHANGE, WHAT IS IT
GOOD FOR?**

Featuring

Janice Smith - Friend of Jesus

Lunch Provided

RSVP In person, email doreen@firstpreschurch.com
or leave a message at the church office by April 23rd

APRIL CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.



Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (if you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in the future celebration listings):

Anniversaries:

- 4/4 Jim & Renée Angell
- 4/9 Rob & Leslie Sutin
- 4/15 Bob & Debbie Newell

Birthdays:

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| 4/3 John Gebert | 4/20 Tori Faith |
| 4/3 Bradley Smith | 4/20 Judy Kutz |
| 4/6 Jean Kanter | 4/20 Dariel Norris |
| 4/9 Maggie Lamus | 4/26 Adison Mattix |
| 4/11 Lisa Gebert | 4/26 Fern Tully |
| 4/13 Shirley Lockeman | |
| 4/13 Cindy Rowlands | |
| 4/17 Samuel Capetillo | |
| 4/20 Phil Beardsley | |

Newsletter Deadline

E-Newsletter If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to: sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadline:

April 6, 2023

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

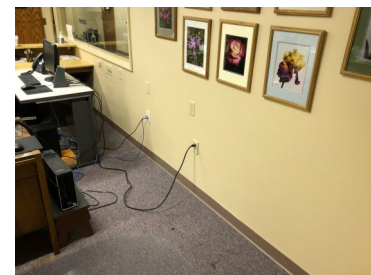
April 16, 2023

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.
ON DUE DATE.**

Church Office Update

We recently updated the work areas in the church office. The project consisted of replacing the old narrow work counters along the wall with a nearly new office system that was donated to the church. First, we removed the old work surfaces and an old desk, relocated some electrical and network outlets, and then cleaned, patched, and painted the wall. Then we assembled and installed the new desk system.

The new system includes integral storage and filing drawers and provides a more effective working arrangement for office staff. Plus it looks nice too. If you get the chance, be sure to take a look.



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!

WISHING YOU
Easter Joy

Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast

After a 3-year suspension due to COVID, the annual Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast returns this year on Good Friday, April 7, at 7 a.m. at the Angel of the Winds Arena, just down the hill from FPCE!

This is a unique yearly event where hundreds of people from our community gather for a nice meal, to meet and greet one another, celebrate, and pray together for our community and our elected officials.

We have reserved three tables for FPCE congregants to attend, free of charge. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. You may sign up to reserve your seat at coffee hour in Westminster Hall.

More information is available at: <https://www.snocoprayerbreakfast.com/>



What's Up with OPOP?

We could not be more excited about the life “on the outside” that our OPOP (One Parish, One Prisoner) partner, Jessie Osalde, is building for himself. He is constructing quite a professional resume through his work at [Pallet Shelter](#). He continues to pursue his studies towards a bachelor’s degree in engineering. He is happily married to a wonderful young lady named Ashton and they have purchased their own home up in Mount Vernon. Your OPOP team - Alan, Dottie, Steve and John - were blessed to join Jessie and Ashton and some family members for a housewarming gathering just prior to Christmas. One of the gifts Jessie has shown to us is his concern and love for those who are still incarcerated and he continues to work closely with Chris Hoke and the folks at [Underground Ministries](#). In fact, while Jessie really doesn’t need a ton of support from us and we continue to grow our relationship with him, he has introduced us to the OPOP team from Snohomish Presbyterian Church with whom we have joined forces to support their incarcerated OPOP partner.

This OPOP journey has truly been a fascinating learning experience for all of us. We have learned much about the criminal justice system in our country and we thought it might be good to share some of the valuable readings that we have enjoyed through our journey. These books provide a good starting point to learn about the type of ministry provided by the work of Chris Hoke and Underground Ministries and OPOP.

- [*Wanted: A Spiritual Pursuit Through Jail, Among Outlaws, and Across Borders*](#), By Chris Hoke
- [*Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*](#), by Greg Boyle
- [*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*](#), by Bryan Stevenson
- [*Restoring Peace: Using Lessons from Prison to Mend Broken Relationships*](#), by Kirk Blackard

Special Dates:

Holy Week, April 2-9, 2023
Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2, 2023
Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023
Good Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
Administrative Professionals Day, April 26, 2023

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

| Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
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| Debbie Roberts | Jamie Hunter | Steve Ulvestad |
| Roy Yates | Jan Weakley | John Gebert |

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