

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin  
November 30, 2025 – 10:00 am

<b>Welcome to Worship Today!</b> Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.	<b>Nursery Care</b> Supervised care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our nursery room on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor. Please pick up by 11:05 am or 10 minutes after service.
For our liturgy this morning, <b>BOLD</b> text invites all to join in the reading.	

Prelude	<i>Christmas Canon</i> <i>Angels and Shepherds</i> <i>O Come Little Children</i>	Cara Harp Ensemble
Ringling of the Bell		Leslie Sutin
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
<u>Call to Worship and Lighting of the Hope Candle</u>	Isaiah 2:2-5	Rosemary Rheinheimer
In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <b>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."</b> For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <b>He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;</b> Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore. <b>House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!</b> As we gather today, we remember the promised gifts of the Messiah. In the lighting of one candle, we set our gaze upon beacons that sustain us through sleepless nights and restless days. We bear this light together. We call this candle Hope. (Light the candle.) Let us pray... <b>We stand in awe of a light that endures, a steady glow through the dimmest days. We draw near to the God who waits with grace, filling us with hope in every season. With hearts ignited, we wait for the light of hope to shine beyond even the deepest shadows. Though our flames may falter, we press on, for God-is-with-us, Emmanuel is near. Amen.</b>		
Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	#2

## Prayer of Confession

Rosemary Rheinheimer

Let us honestly examine our lives and our hearts before Christ comes. Let us turn to God in prayer to confess our sins.

**Holy Lord, we tremble under the weight of suffering, its presence heavy in our midst. It is the mess of our own making that pierces our hearts. Our fears, our need for control, and our dismissal of others leave us questioning and alone. All of creation groans for healing and aches for restoration. You, Lord, are our hope, the quiet strength in our deepest longing.**

*Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.*

## Assurance of Pardon

“Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. We are forgiven! **Hallelujah, Amen!**”

Special Music      *Dona Nobis Pacem/Away in a Manger*  
*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Cara Harp Ensemble

## Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you! **And also with you!**

Hymn              *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

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Scripture              Matthew 24:36-44

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

Anthem              *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – 13<sup>th</sup> Cent. Plainsong/Grant

Directed by Lorilee Brasseur

Sermon              *Hope in Waiting*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Special Music      *Infant Holy*  
*Still, Still, Still*

Cara Harp Ensemble

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn              *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude              *Noel Novelet*  
*Good King Wenceslaus*  
*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Cara Harp Ensemble

## **Announcements**

### **Food Challenge– Supporting Our Neighbors**

We believe everyone should have access to food. Each month we collect non-perishable items for the Volunteers of America Food Bank serving Everett families. With SNAP and other food benefits stopping, our Deacons are challenging us to Support Our Neighbors. The Deacons are giving \$400 to the VOA and the Salvation Army and are asking you to match.

You can help by bringing non-perishable food throughout November or by giving financially. Use the green envelopes in the pews or write *Food Challenge* on your check.

Donations will be shared with VOA and the Salvation Army on December 8. Thank you for your compassion and care!

### **S.P.A.M. Luncheon – December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Our next S.P.A.M. luncheon will be on Friday, December 5. Please sign up at the Welcome Booth or call Jan Weakley by today. Punch bowl is at 11:30 am and lunch is served at 12:00 pm. Our program is Christmas Songs with the Everett High School Choir. Lunch is \$7.50.

### **Second Sunday Nativity Scenes**

We would love to see your Christmas nativity scene on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Leslie Sutin will help collect your creche and set it out for everyone to enjoy during coffee time. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Alan or Leslie Sutin.

### **Be a Part of New Lenten Banners!**

New Lenten banners will adorn our sanctuary this coming February! To complete these banners, the Women's Association is looking for the whole congregation to be a part of this project by donating:

#### **CLEAN, PURPLE, 100% COTTON OR COTTON BLEND FABRICS**

The fabric can be in any purple hue, plain or printed, and will be used to create a mosaic motif to be incorporated into the banners. They can be scrap fabric, full yardage, or an old garment (you will not get back).

Donations of fabric can be dropped off at church anytime between now and January 11, 2026. Donation baskets will be provided in Westminster Hall and in the church office.

Any questions, contact Leslie Sutin in person or at [missleslie50@comcast.net](mailto:missleslie50@comcast.net)

## **This Week...**

**Adult Sunday School** – There is no Sunday School today.

**Lunch with Alan** – Join us for lunch with Pastor Alan tomorrow at 12 pm.

**Thursday Bible Study** – Thursday Bible Study is December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm on 1 Timothy 4. Join Zoom meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81320649537?pwd=343k4LdmdXE0lJ18GD5xg7xc9kzoHG.1>

Meeting ID: 813 2064 9537

Passcode: 509769

**Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

- All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

## **This Advent at the First Presbyterian Church of Everett**

We are celebrating and learning about different cultures and how they celebrate Christmas. On November 30th, we will revisit the story of Mary and Joseph with the donkey pinata. On Sunday, December 7th, we share an Oplatek. This is a Polish Christmas Wafer. On Sunday, December 14th, we will hear about the night of the radishes from Oaxaca, Mexico. December 21st we will explore the fun world of crackers from Great Britain. Then finally, on Christmas Eve, we will search for the pickle ornament.



### **Priscilla Circle – December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter 4 in our study book and having a potluck lunch. All women are welcome.

### **Men's Breakfast – December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Don't miss the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study. We hope to see you!

### **Join the Choir!**

Calling all singers, past and present, to join the choir. Rehearsal is on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. The choir is open to all people who want to grow in their faith and lead our congregation in glorifying God. If you have questions, please talk with Lorilee, our new Director of Music Ministry, for more information.

### **Youth Sunday School**

The First Pres Youth will resume meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCRABBLE**

Scrabble meets December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.



## VOA Food Donations

We gathered 310 pounds of food for the Volunteers of America this month! Great job! Let's keep up the good work by bringing in non-perishable food items throughout the month. You may have seen social media posts like the list below. This has been compiled by social workers as they've listened to their clients. Note, this list is adjusted to fit our FPCE food drive this month. Remember, as you shop and donate:

1. Boxed milk is a treasure for cereal-loving kids.
2. Canned goods are awesome, especially with pop tops.
3. Cooking oil, spices, salt, and pepper are great additions.
4. Don't forget the tea and coffee – we all need a pickup.
5. Cake mix and frosting let kids celebrate birthdays.
6. Dish soap and feminine hygiene products are appreciated.
7. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

Keep up the good work! On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Ken will be in the alley collecting non-perishable food before worship. Drive down the alley, drop off food, then park and come to worship. We will not be collecting on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Hearing Assistance

A limited number of hearing devices are available to amplify the worship service. To use one, please ask an usher.



## Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at: [www.firstpreschurch.com](http://www.firstpreschurch.com).

## Lay Leadership

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.



Pastor's QR Code

## Calling New Members

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR code or talk with Pastor Alan.

## Prayer Requests – November 30, 2025

- Roy Yates' memorial will be here on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- We pray for Rose Capetillo as her sister died. We pray for peace and comfort for the family during this time.
- David Baer-Peckham's dad, Rodney, died on November 21<sup>st</sup>. David was able to be with his family, and we pray for Barb, David, Marla and their family during this time.
- Please continue to pray for healing and good health for Jean Kanter and for God's protection from falling.
- **Update:** We continue to pray for Jay Kuhnhehn. He had emergency surgery to prevent an infectious disease in his spine. He is home doing IV therapy. Praise God to be home and healing. Please keep Marcia and Thelma (health issues), and Julie (strength and perseverance) during this time.
- We pray for Stana Spangler as her husband, Dan, died. A memorial for Dan is scheduled for Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am at Solie Funeral Home.
- **Update:** Brother and sister-in-law, Bob & Sherry, are doing okay. Sherry has nightly dialysis requiring significant preparation time from Bob both before and after. From Pat Erickson.
- **Update:** Juliana Peths, my daughter, and her family, would like to express their gratitude for your prayers. She is getting better under a new doctor's care and feeling optimistic about her progress. From Rosemary Rheinheimer.
- **Update:** It appears Angela may have turned the corner. She is off the ventilator and 24-hour dialysis and is alert most of the day. The family is so grateful for your concern and continued prayers. From Annette King.
- **Update:** After several unsuccessful attempts at skin grafts, doctors had to stop and allow Lisa's wound to heal from the inside out. Her wound has started to respond to treatment and, while reduced in size, will still take months to close. This is a major turnaround in her condition and very hopeful. From Elizabeth Nelson.
- **Update:** Thank you for your prayers for Alan Villevik's sister, Mary Rogers. She is doing well and is not experiencing any pain since her cancer diagnosis.
- **Update:** Thank you for your prayers for our niece, Mary Margaret Villevik, who has left her abusive relationship. We are in regular contact with her. Please continue to pray for her protection and courage not to go back.

## Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas

Christmas at FPCE is a time of celebrating Jesus' birth, beautiful music, heartfelt messages and festive décor.

For many years, the Women's Association has coordinated the purchase of live poinsettias for the sanctuary. This requires time to purchase, set up, water, and maintain the plants.

Traditionally, the poinsettias are added to the décor the Sunday before Christmas and those individuals that purchase them in Honor or Memory of someone may take them home on Christmas Eve. However, many are just left at church.

This year, the Women's Association will be purchasing artificial poinsettias to have in the sanctuary the entire Advent Season for years to come. We believe this will add to the overall décor.

If you would like to make a donation in Honor or Memory of someone, in any amount of your choosing, the funds this year will go to "The Everett Gospel Mission". Names will be printed in the Christmas Eve Service worship bulletins.

Blessings,

The Women's Association Board

Debbie Roberts

Sonya Beardsley

Leslie Sutin

Judy Hammond

Shirley Newman



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Donation for The Everett Gospel Mission

Please make checks payable to: **Women's Association of FPCE.**

Please return this form to the offering box or church office. Thank you.

Please print clearly

In Memory of

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In Honor of

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

Charles Wesley, 1744

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy  
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;  
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of  
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.



## Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

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John Bowring, 1825; alt. 1972

Joseph Parry, 1879

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 1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are.  
 2. Watch-man, tell us of the night, High-er yet that star as-cends.  
 3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav-eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, See that glo-ry - beam-ing star.  
 Trav-eler, bless-ed - ness and light, Peace and truth its course por - tends.  
 Trav-eler, dark-ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.

Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore - tell?  
 Watch-man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
 Watch-man, let your wan-derings cease; Has - ten to your qui - et home.

Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, Prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Trav-eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!

\*May be sung antiphonally.

This tune in a higher key, 303

Alternate tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, 551

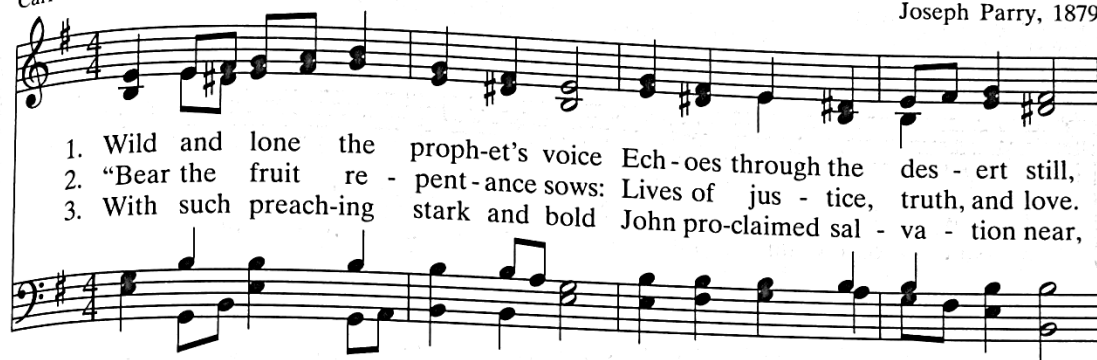
## Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

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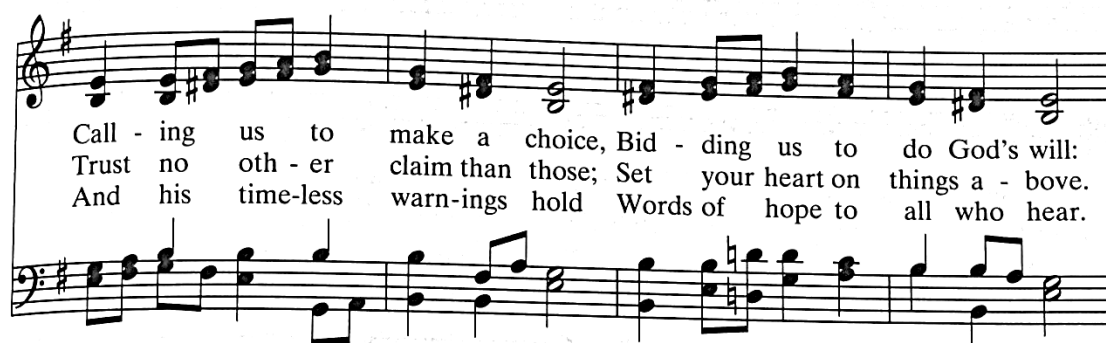
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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

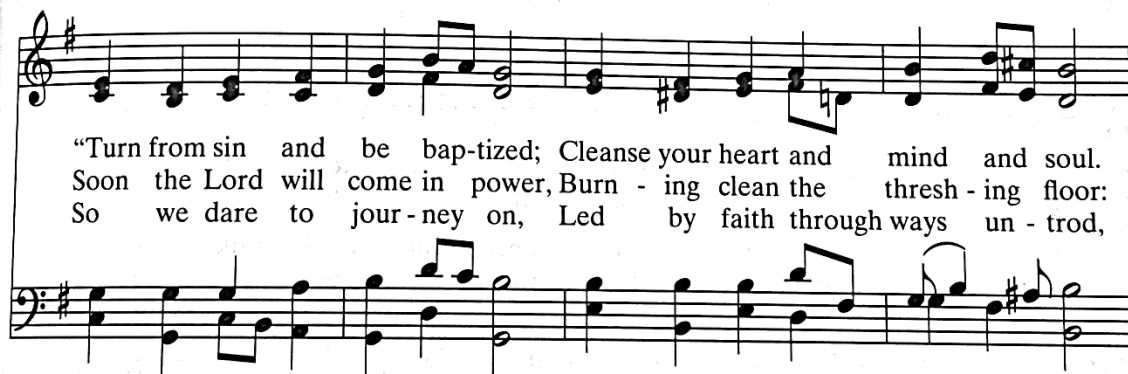
Joseph Parry, 1879



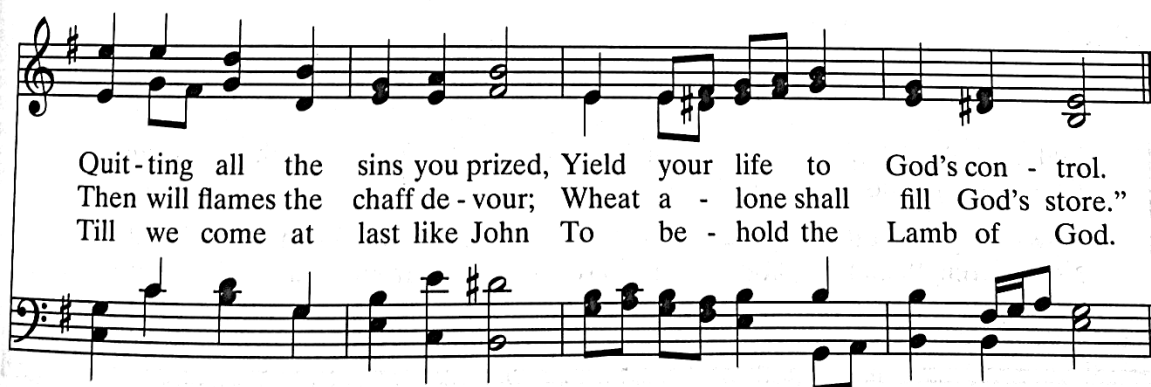
1. Wild and lone the proph-et's voice Ech-oes through the des-ert still,  
 2. "Bear the fruit re-pent-ance sows: Lives of jus-tice, truth, and love.  
 3. With such preach-ing stark and bold John pro-claimed sal-va-tion near,



Call-ing us to make a choice, Bid-ding us to do God's will:  
 Trust no oth-er claim than those; Set your heart on things a-bove.  
 And his time-less warn-ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.  
 Soon the Lord will come in power, Burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:  
 So we dare to jour-ney on, Led by faith through ways un-trod,



Quit-ting all the sins you prized, Yield your life to God's con-trol.  
 Then will flames the chaff de-vour; Wheat a-lone shall fill God's store."  
 Till we come at last like John To be-hold the Lamb of God.

This tune in a lower key, 20

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