



First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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November 2023

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.



First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Rev. Dr. Alan D. Dorway, D.Min., Pastor

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To the friends and members of the First Presbyterian Church of Everett,

I finally humbled myself and agreed with my optometrist to proceed with progressive lenses. Yes, I now have bifocals. My former prescription was for this type of lens, but when I put them on, I said no, I'm not ready for this and I changed my lenses out for single focus ones.

However, over the past two years I knew my eyes were changing. My nearsightedness meant I took off my glasses to read or pulled the book, menu, or paper closer to my face. Hence, off to the doctor. My brother told me I would have headaches for about two weeks with these new glasses and then it would click, but he was wrong. Immediately, I found I could see better and while there is a learning curve, like walking down the stairs, I am sold. This is the right prescription for me.

Whenever I need new glasses, I am surprised. I thought I was seeing clearly. There did not seem to be anything wrong with my vision. I was hesitant to go to the optometrist. I did not think there was much difference in the question, 'which is clearer, one or two'? Yet, when I put the new glasses on... wow. Where did this color and natural beauty come from? How much was I missing?

We like clarity. We like living in the full range of colors, dimensions, and experiences. Yet, there are times when we need to go to the doctor. We need to learn something new. We need to admit we did not know enough or have the right skills. For every moment we're prepared for and have worked to achieve, there are times when we need to rest, head back to the drawing board, and seek wisdom from another. We need to equip ourselves to engage life in a more meaningful way.

Our time in worship, prayer, and study are ways we equip ourselves in faith. We take time to recharge. We find space to be in the presence of God. We pray and seek the Holy Spirit. We get opportunities to read and study scripture as we improve and strengthen our walk with Jesus. Worship, prayer, and discipleship practices reform and build us up to share the love and hope we have for others. Our rest, our work, our learning, and even our play encourages us to engage, with a palate of full color and deeper insight, with our families, our friends, and our world.

Our stewardship focus for 2024 is Equip and Engage. Every year is full of exciting challenges and opportunities. Next year will be no different. It will be a time for us to refocus and renew our prescription as disciples. To assess how we need to grow and learn, find rest and relaxation, and see how amazing and beautiful God is. Then, we are encouraged to go and share the love and grace of Jesus with others.

Please join us in preparing for 2024 by thinking about your pledges supporting our budget. More information will be coming, but you are invited to join us for worship on Sunday November 19th, when we will dedicate our pledges. Thank you.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

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Fall Thursday Bible Study: "Canon" Ball

Our fall Thursday Bible Study continues during the month of November. We are be reading scripture, studying issues on how the Bible came to be, and the struggle over who, what, and when well-meaning Christian's claim 'authority'.

We will not solve everything, but we will endeavor to listen, share, and learn together.

Join us as we gather via the Zoom platform on Thursdays at 4pm. See the schedule below:

2-Nov Conflict of Story

Deuteronomy 4:1-8; Luke 8:26-39

9-Nov National Canon

Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

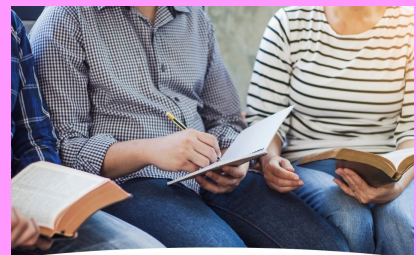
16-Nov The Violence of Canon

Galatians 5:13-26; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20



Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, November 13th, at 11:30 a.m, in Calvin Lounge.

Sonya Beardsley will lead the discussion of lesson #3. Susan Davis will serve as hostess. Sack lunches are optional. All women are welcome.



Priscilla Circle
WOMEN'S GROUP AT FPCE

Advent: Simple Joys

Friends,

I know some of you have submitted an Advent story/thought/reflection or are working on one for our Advent devotional this year. Our theme is *Simple Joys*. We live and experience life traveling at warp speeds. Advent invites us to slow down and be shocked/reminded/startled by the simple joy of love binding us to Jesus and each other.

Heck, recently, my mind was so wound up I got a headache bordering on a migraine. I was missing out on slowing down and seeing joy and grace around me. All I needed to do was go on a brief walk with Barley. On our walk, I saw a child excited to see a dog, look at a flower, and say hello to a neighbor. My heart/mind/soul was calmed, headache slightly abated, and I was refocused on life.

I love hearing your stories about those simple things which bring you joy during the Christmas season. Like I said before, your thoughts are profound and meaningful to me and the rest of the congregation.

So, write a story or create a poem about how joy brought you closer to Jesus in Advent. Think about a favorite memory of Christmas that gave or gives you joy? Is there a tradition you love? Was there a surprise invitation leading to wonder and awe you can think about? What joy touched your heart and showed you the Christ-child again? What brings you joy just thinking about Christmas? Be creative and I'd totally be stoked if you shared those stories with us.

Our deadline October 31st.

Please submit a story via email or bring a completed copy to me before the deadline. Thank you!

Peace, Alan

Simple



Joys

Library Update - November 2023

November. Time to give thanks as our prayer emphasis continues.

Although an urban setting may mute the harvest emphasis for our annual Thanksgiving Day, it's still apt to spend a bit of time with recipes. Check the library's limited but lively collection of cookbooks at 641.3. That Dewey number guides the search not only in the main first floor library but also on the third floor young folks' shelves.

Then with recipes and cooking tips out of the way, it's time to think thankfully of the other 3000 plus books. Much to celebrate! Here's my "what I'm thankful for" list as I contemplate the library. Like traditional thoughts of the feast, my list looks back a few years:

- Early members of our church saw the need of sound, organized reading resources. These pioneers set up the original library with an older cataloging system in its current location.
- Through the years different librarians continued to gather books, processing them according to that early designation.
- The 21st century brought the library management program ResourceMate easing tie in to Dewey Decimal Classification, to online access, and to barcodes.
- Support for a complete book by book redo of the church library came from pastors, staff, and volunteers. This process is ongoing.
- Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries (PNAACL) formed, broadening opportunities to network with other church libraries in the area. We signed on.
- Conversations linking readers to readers and readers to books have multiplied as a number of retiring titles are adopted by patrons in a process just drawing to a close. For now.
- Increased circulation is resulting from having a handy sample of our collection Sunday by Sunday on the fabled Burgundy Bookmobile.
- I also give thanks for the members of the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee who not only encouraged the October changes but also pitched in to make them happen. Please join me in feasting on books as well as turkey throughout and beyond November.

Give thanks! Read with joy! Pray without ceasing!

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Fourth Monday Book Group - November 2023

Book Group continues on Zoom. We convene virtually at 10:00 on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. Open to all; new participants always welcome.

November 27 We share individually: “What I am reading.”
This tradition is a relaxing and often fruitful meeting in a busy month.

If possible, have the author and title on hand or even email them prior to the meeting. We like to compile a list of titles mentioned.

FOR A SEPARATE LIST, it’s okay to note a book you have heard of but haven’t read. These lists offer a starting point for charting our 2024 course.

December X **WINTER BREAK - BOOK GROUP DOES NOT MEET**
Enjoy the simple joys of Christmas.

January 22, 2024 *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* Robert Dugoni
Leader: David Dorway

No available book set but there’s plenty of time to locate a copy of this memorable read which offers a worthy start to a new year of literary exploration.

From the back of the book: “Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called ‘Devil Boy’ by his classmates; ‘God’s will’ is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother’s devout faith, his father’s practical wisdom, and his two misfit friends...”

STILL TO COME: a **book set** for *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. We are next in line so will read it when it becomes available. Please be prepared for possible schedule changes to accommodate its availability.

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

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Thank you to the congregation for making this year's Souper Sunday so successful. Also, thanks to Rose & Sam Capetillo, Susan Lynn, and Shirley Morrow for supplying the delicious soups and to Deacons, Amy & Doug Farnham, Joan Lyderson, Lisa Comstock, Marilyn Nalbach, and all those who generously pitched in.

Thank you to the staff who supported this event: Alan, Ari, and Doreen. Last, but not least, thank you to Amber McGuire, who was required to be there by her mother (me).

High five to you all!
~ Sonya Beardsley, Deacon

Thank you for the lovely cards, kind and uplifting words, support, and love you've given me during Wes' 48 days at Providence Regional Medical Center and continuing since his death on August 5th.

Even dealing with many challenges, there were many little blessings which daily compounded into grateful and beautiful memories of our last month together. The staff was amazing, reassuring, and professional, yet loving and competent. I was able to stay with him every day. We reminisced, hugged, and held hands a lot, and he passed away peacefully as I held his hand. I miss him so much, but I'm so appreciative of your reaching out — my church family, my immediate family, friends, and the outstanding staff at PRMC. Through all of you, God has reached out to me many times.

May God keep you always in His care.

*Lovingly in Christ,
Annette King and Family*

Thank you to all for giving so generously to the kitchen towel and dish cloth drive. We now have enough for both kitchens. It's just great to have brand new towels! They are so bright and colorful. All the extras will be stored until needed.

Thanks again!

Presbyterian Women



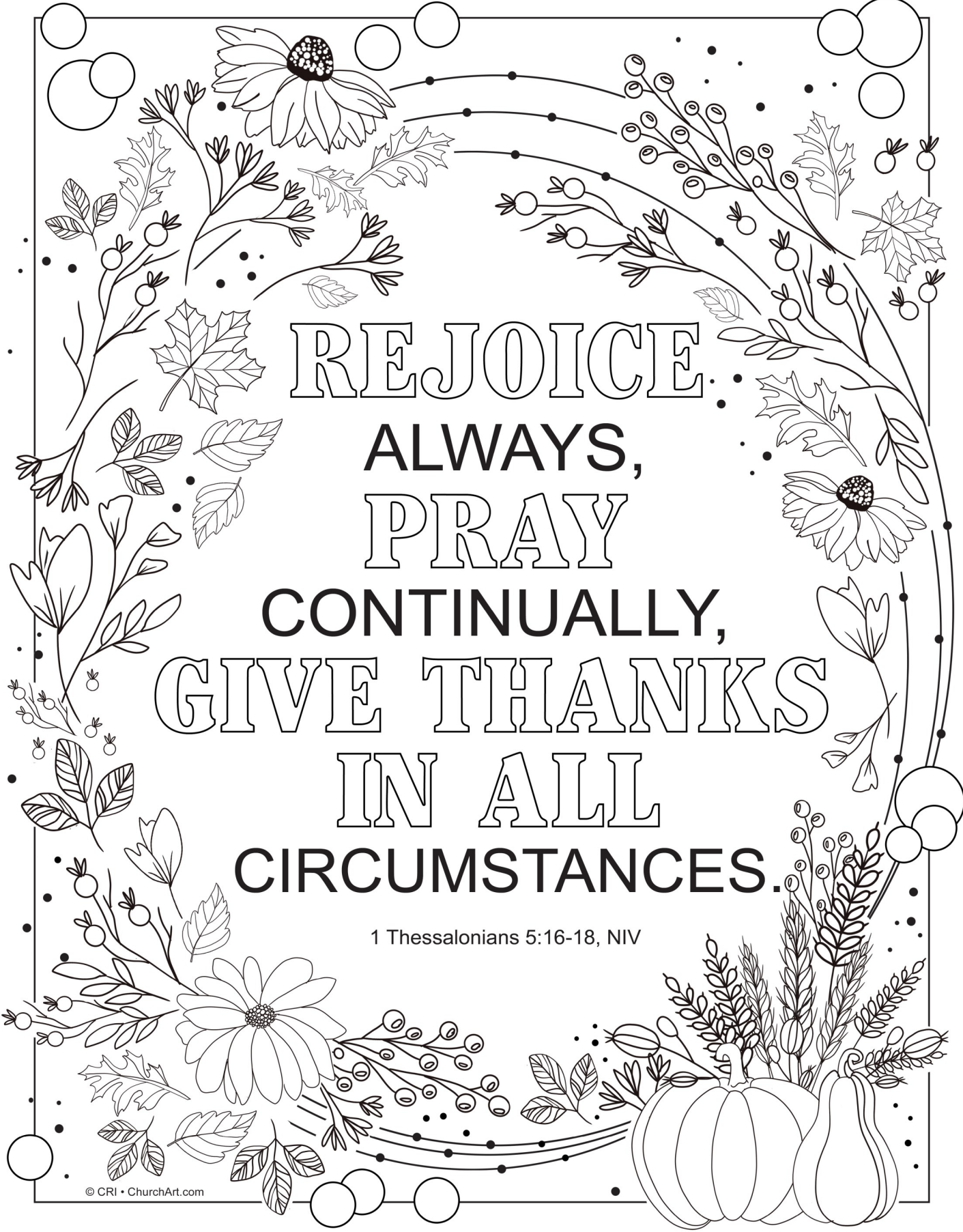


Happy Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks!





**REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS!



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

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 future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

We have no anniversaries to share for the month of November. We look forward to celebrating our December anniversaries.

Birthdays:

11/2 Marquisha Mawudeku
 11/3 Travis Bacon
 11/5 James Angell
 11/15 Nadine Smith
 11/18 Peyton Lust
 11/18 Shirley Morrow
 11/19 Barbara Yates
 11/20 Haley Kniest
 11/20 Matthew Minor
 11/20 Sondra Santos
 11/20 Dottie Villevik
 11/24 Clyde Pitcher
 11/26 Judy Hammond
 11/26 Jean Messner
 11/27 Erin Lorio
 11/29 Doris Pearson

Special Dates in November

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2023
- Daylight saving time ends, November 5, 2023
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2023
- Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023
- Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2023



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:

November 9, 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:

November 12, 2023

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



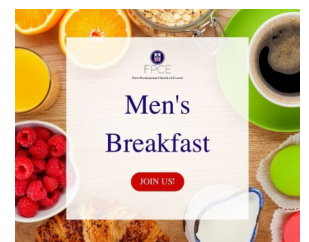
We donated 409 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in October. Great job!

Our next drive-through collection is Monday, November 6th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door.

Your donations support those in need here in Everett. Thank you for your donations.

Men's Breakfast – November 11th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, November 11th from 8:30 to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!





Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5th

Don't forget to "fall back" and turn clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5. The time change goes into effect at 2 a.m.

Enjoy your extra hour of sleep.



SAVE THESE DATES

Advent Potluck & Sing-along



Sunday, December 3rd

Christmas Cantata



Sunday, December 24th 10am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Sunday, December 24th 7pm

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Elizabeth Nelson	Steve Hammond	Marne Larson
Debbie Roberts	Jamie Hunter	Steve Ulvestad
Roy Yates	Jan Weakley	John Gebert

Deacons

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Sonya Beardsley	Susan Davis	Lisa Comstock
Amy Farnham	Ed Pearson	Bob Barren
Mike Davis	Doris Pearson	Joan Lyderson

