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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

# The Carillon

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I CAN DO  
*all things*  
**THROUGH  
CHRIST  
WHICH**  
*strengtheneth*  
**ME.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13, KJV

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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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**Worship - Sundays at 10 a.m.**



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join our worship livestream, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the FPCE Facebook page. 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>. Worship services can also be viewed on our You Tube channel. Subscribe today by visiting [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public)

**Please note:** There are times when Facebook and/or YouTube will mute parts of a worship recording that they deem to be infringing on copyright protections. To see the service online, uninterrupted, you'll need to watch the live broadcast.

Online worship bulletins are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.



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*Ash*

# **Wednesday**

## **SUPPER & SERVICE**

"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return"

**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

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**Simple Supper:**

5:30 pm

**Worship:**

7:00 pm

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## A Take on China Today by Katherine Campbell

A year ago, I visited China with The Outreach Foundation (TOF). We were able to visit seminaries and leaders of ‘registered’ churches (i.e. recognized and overseen by an arm of the Communist Party) and to attend worship services. We were accompanied most of the time by party observers. We also participated in an international table tennis tournament sponsored by The Amity Foundation, a Christian social service agency prominent in Bible publishing.

This November I traveled to China again with TOF whom Amity had invited to co-host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Table Tennis Tournament and be a significant partner in its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

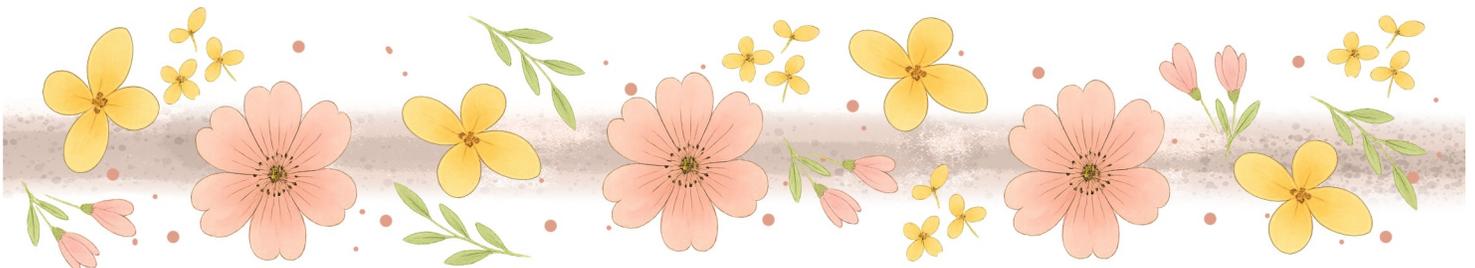
Between those visits much changed. Early in 2025 a prominent Buddhist monk met with the Pope in Vatican City and the ruling Communist Party was *not* pleased. For 2025, all religious exchanges were forbidden for a season of reflection and correction. As a result, we were not allowed to visit with the registered churches at all, though we did have a tour of a seminary with no interaction with students. We did have the opportunity to meet at meals with a few members of the ‘unregistered’ churches. There was no mention of TOF co-sponsoring the tournament either in banners or in speeches since the name Presbyterian is still present in their charter information.

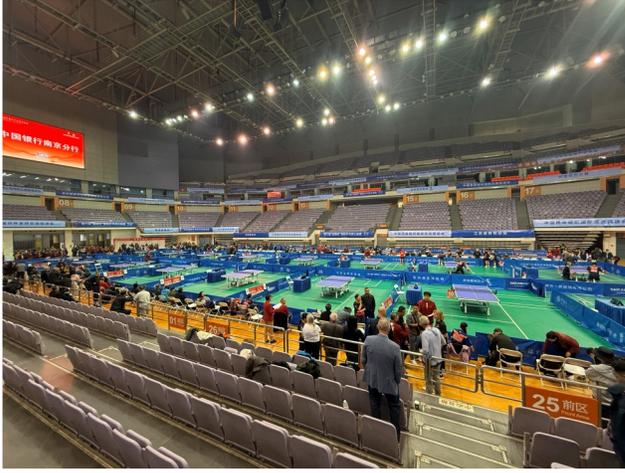
It was interesting to see the difference in how we were welcomed and treated. Last year we stayed in a hotel near the arena with other international players. This year we were ‘upgraded’ to the International Conference Hotel that is used for foreign groups and was presumed to be highly surveilled (rooms presumed to be bugged).

We were able to take a very thorough tour of the Amity publishing plant and were each given a very nice Chinese and English Bible that we had observed being printed and assembled. Tours were given of several of their other social service projects, and we were included and mentioned in the Conference and the lovely 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

For the last part of our journey, we traveled by bullet train to Beijing and experienced the old town and the major tourist sites: the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, the Great Wall and more. It was a great reminder of the persistence and tenacity of a special civilization.

See next page (page five) for photos.







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# ANNUAL MEETING

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
AFTER WORSHIP**

JOIN US AS WE REFLECT ON THE YEAR AND  
LOOK AHEAD TOGETHER.

## Announcements:

### **Adult Sunday School – Sundays at 11:30am**

Join us in Calvin Lounge (or on Zoom) for Adult Sunday School as we continue a discussion of The City of God from The Great Courses. All are welcome—come for thoughtful conversation and community!

### **Thursday Bible Study**

Join us Thursday for Bible Study as we gather on Zoom for learning, reflection, and prayer. Scan the QR code in the bulletin or use the Zoom link to join us—we'd love to have you!

### **Lunch with Pastor Alan – Mondays at Noon**

You're invited to Lunch with Pastor Alan Mondays at noon in the library. Bring a lunch and enjoy casual conversation and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

### **Join the Choir!**

Calling all singers! Choir rehearsals are Sundays from 11:15am–12:45pm. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to sing, you're invited to help lead worship through music. Talk with Lorilee for more info.



**Priscilla Circle** will meet on Monday, February 9th in Calvin Lounge at 11:30 a.m.

You may bring a lunch. All women are welcome.

## Book Group Update—Submitted by Shirley Solberg

Book Group continues to gather via Zoom at 10 a.m. on the dates listed below.

Both new and returning readers are welcome! Just show up. Watch your email or contact me for the familiar link.

**January 26**                      *Stargazer*                      Anne Hillerman      Leader - TBA

Anne Hillerman, daughter of late novelist Tony Hillerman, continues her father's series, solving justice issues amid new adventures for his beloved Southwest lawmen - and women. If you savor Hillerman mysteries, amateur astronomy, Native American or police themes, this book is for you!

**February 23**                      *Mink River*                      Brian Doyle                      Leader TBA

“Brian Doyle’s debut novel brings a town [on the Oregon coast] to life through the jumbled lives and braided stories of its people.” It’s written in Doyle’s “distinctive and lyrical voice.” Don’t miss this unique story with its local flavor.

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### Interfaith Shelter 2026 Donation Drive!

In the early part of 2026, the FPCE Mission Committee is hosting a drive for small household goods to further the mission of the Interfaith Family Shelter as they assist our housing-insecure neighbors.

We don’t plan to start collecting until later in January or February (TBD - stay tuned!), so please do not bring items yet. We wanted to share this message now in case you come across any great holiday deals or are upgrading any of your own items. New or gently used items are welcome. Below is a list of high demand items. They also have an Amazon Wish List - you can scan the QR code below or visit their website ([www.interfaithwa.org](http://www.interfaithwa.org)) for more information.

**Reach out to Kari Nupen or any member of the Mission Committee for more information.**

Current High Demand Items include:

- Bedsheets & Linens (twin and full sizes)
- Pillows (Standard size)
- Towels
- Dinnerware for adults and children
- Personal Hygiene Items (Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc. - for kids and adults)



## Library Update—Submitted by Shirley Solberg

One of the major goals of our church library is to add or feature materials to support current and upcoming classes and programs.

To this end, our latest addition to the book collection is Marilynne Robinson's *Reading Genesis*. In her typical lively writing style, Robinson tells the familiar stories of this first book of our Bible in a very readable style. The book also contains the full text of the King James Version with the traditional chapter and verse notations but in paragraph form for ease of understanding.

*Reading Genesis* complements the existing library collection in a fresh new way. According to Michelle Orange in *Bookforum*, "Robinson's genius is for making indistinguishable the highest ends of faith and fiction..." Whether or not you are able to participate in the upcoming Thursday Bible study of *Genesis*, Robinson's book can enrich your reading life.

For example, in her commentary, Robinson writes, "The text has a sense of humor. Jacob, to escape the consequences of his trickery, flees to his mother's brother Laban, that is, into the arms of another trickster..."

For additional information on *Genesis*, see the display shelf of our library by the church office or check the shelved copies at 222.11. All of these are available for immediate checkout.

Or go directly to the online catalog at: <https://15781.rmwebopac.com/>

Contact me any time for other library needs or wishes.

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HISTORY  
MONTH**



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# SCRABBLE WEDNESDAYS

*Newbies, the average “word-joe”,  
experts, mentors and YOU are  
invited to play!*

**FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall  
North door will be open 12:50 to 1 p.m.**

**JOIN US!**



## FEBRUARY 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:**

- 2/5 Alan & Dottie Villevik
- 2/12 Jeff & Marne Larson
- 2/23 Tony & Lois Tysseling
- 2/24 Alan & Vicki Dorway

### **Birthdays:**

- 2/3 Arlene Mawudeku
- 2/6 Merle Kirkley
- 2/8 Nancy Faith
- 2/9 Sonya Beardsley
- 2/9 Shirley Newman
- 2/16 Donna Bosman
- 2/18 Tom Erickson

### **Special Dates:**

Black History Month, February 1-28, 2026  
Groundhog Day, February 2, 2026  
Valentine's Day, February 14, 2026  
Presidents Day, February 16, 2026  
Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

# Newsletter Deadline

**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](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

**February 8th**

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

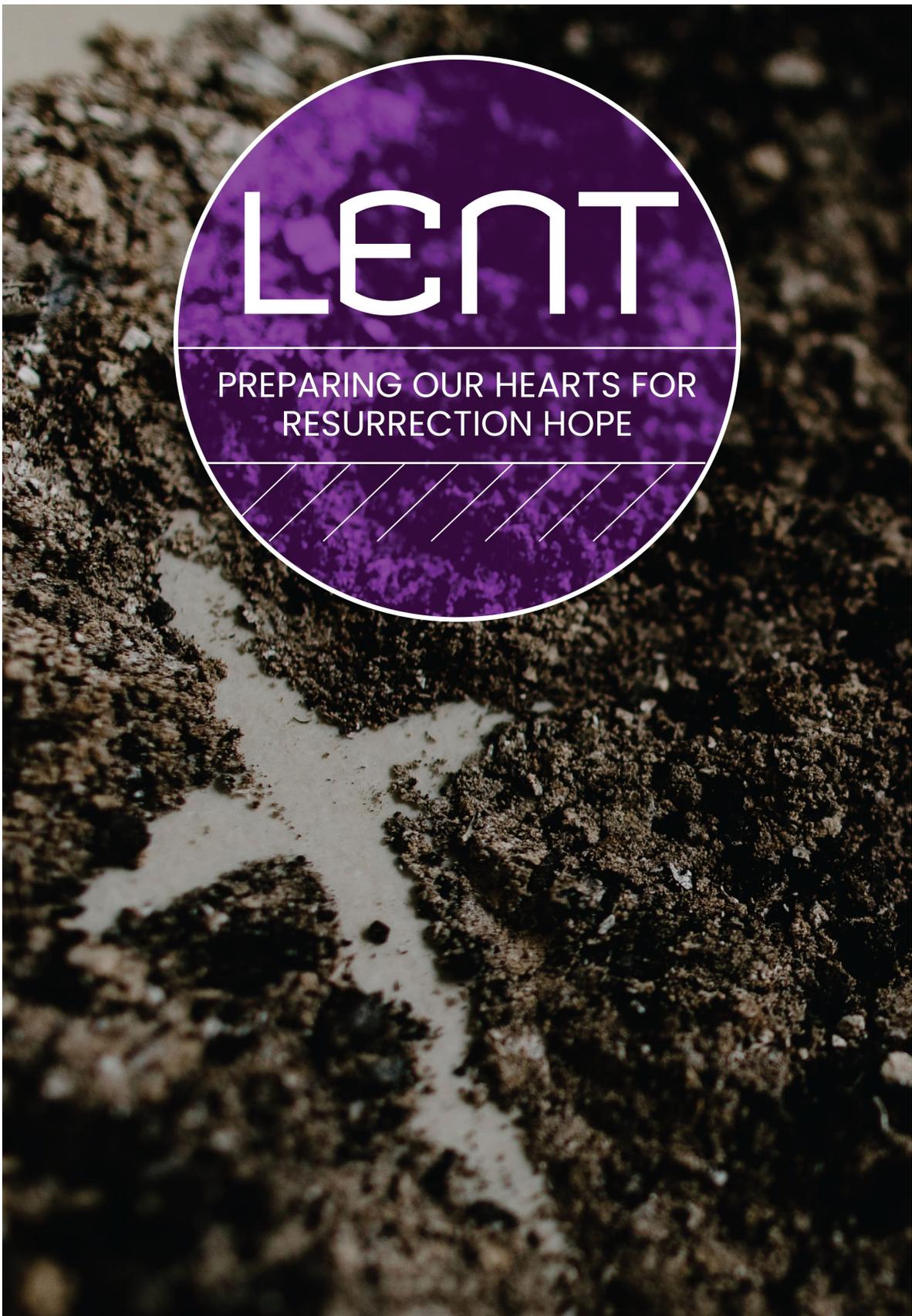


**Our next in-person collection is Sunday, March 1st.**

Find additional information in the worship bulletin.

Thank you for your donations.





Don't miss the next **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, February 14th from 8:30-10 a.m. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study. We hope to see you!

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# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## **Ruling Elders**

### **Class of 2025**

John Gebert

Marne Larson

Steve Ulvestad

### **Class of 2026**

Randy Fehlhaber

Susan Lynn

Kari Nupen

### **Class of 2027**

Judy Campbell

David Baer-Peckham

Terry Walker

## **Deacons**

### **Class of 2025**

Bob Barren

Joan Lyderson

Lisa Villevik

### **Class of 2026**

Rose Capetillo

Sam Capetillo

Mike Davis

### **Class of 2027**

Susan Davis

Judy Hammond

Marilee Richards

