



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – September 13, 2026 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship Today! 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.

Hearing Devices are available to amplify the worship service. Please see ushers.

*For our liturgy, **BOLD** text invites you to join in the reading*

<u>Prelude</u>	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i> (Shurtleff/Curnow)	Ed Pearson, trombone Lorilee Brasseur, accompanist
<u>Ringing of the Bell</u>		Leslie Sutin
<u>Welcome</u>		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
<u>Spotlight on Women's Association</u>		Leslie Sutin
<u>Chancel Bells</u>	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i> (Royal Oak/Eithun/Brasseur)	Dir. by Lorilee Brasseur
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 103:8-13	Darcie Cooper

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Hymn *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art – #457*

Prayer of Confession

Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We do not forgive the pain shown to us or seek forgiveness for the hurt we've caused others. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Lord. Stop us in our tracks and remind us of your mercy, your grace, and your forgiveness. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, learn to forgive, and be transformed through your steadfast love.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. (James 5:15-16) In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

Be Thou My Vision
(trad. Irish/Byrne/Rouse/Brasseur)

Dir. by Lorilee Brasseur
Barb Roetcisoender, flute

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings

Jesus Is Calling – #149

Jesus is tenderly calling you home – Calling today,
Calling today; Why from the sunshine of love will you roam
Farther and farther away?

Refrain:

Calling today, Calling today,
Jesus is calling, Is tenderly calling today.

Jesus is calling the weary to rest – Calling today,
Calling today; Bring Him your burden and you shall be blest –
He will not turn you away

[Refrain]

Jesus is waiting, O come to Him now – Waiting today,
Waiting today; Come with your sins, at His feet lowly bow –
Come, and no longer delay.

[Refrain]

Jesus is pleading, O hear now His voice– Hear him today,
Hear him today; They who believe on His name shall rejoice –
Quickly arise and away.

[Refrain]

Scripture

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Sermon

BHAG – Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised – #388

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

Toccata on St. Anne
(Swann)

Gary Norris, Organist

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Today

Adult Sunday School – 11:30am in Calvin Lounge (and on Zoom). We start a new class today. It is a review of a recorded lecture series titled *The History of Christian Theology*. More information is below under Announcements. Join Zoom with Meeting ID: 831 6855 5529 [click here](#)

Worship Next Sunday will be at 10:00 am (also available online on our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel)

Upcoming

Lunch with Pastor Alan – tomorrow (Monday) at noon in the library.

Priscilla Circle – Monday, September 14th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge.

Priscilla Circle returns this fall, and all women are warmly invited to join us! This year, our study book is “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other”.

This study explores Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, looking at early church divisions, community conflicts, and how the message of Christ’s resurrection calls modern believers into loving unity. You can bring your lunch if you desire. We hope you’ll join us!

The Gathering – Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30 pm in Westminster Hall. Join us for our monthly dinner and program Wednesday dinner called The Gathering.

Scrabble – September 16th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

New Members Class – September 27th

If you have been worshipping with us and want to learn more about the First Presbyterian Church of Everett, are interested in what does it mean to be a presbyterian, have some questions about the church, or have wanted to become a member, then join Pastor Alan for a New Member’s Class on Sundays September 27, October 4, and October 11th. Over these three weeks, Pastor Alan will talk about our church, membership, and our denomination. This class will be at 11:30am in the library.

Women’s Association Fall Gathering ‘So Many Hats’ – Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Calvin Lounge/Westminster Hall. Lunch provided. Sign-up sheet available soon or call/email the church office.

Announcements

New Adult Sunday School Class Autumn 2026 and Beyond

We start a new Adult Sunday School Class today. It will be review of a recorded lecture series titled *The History of Christian Theology*. At first glance that might sound boring, or intimidating, but it is not!

It is a comprehensive survey of what Christians have believed, proclaimed, and taught since the very beginning of the Church, right up to our times. Christian life is deeply rooted in faith, both personal and in community (within the Church). Anselm of Canterbury defined theology as “faith seeking understanding”. Faith comes first, but then we naturally want to understand it, so we can make sense of it for ourselves and share it with others.

Professor Carey, the lecturer for this series, defines theology thus: “Christian theology is the central intellectual activity of the Christian tradition, consisting of critical reasoning about what should be taught in the Christian community, the church.” Talk about boring and intimidating! Not. Our professor is very learned but wants to speak to anyone wanting to understand what it is to be a Christian. While he is not afraid to mention some fine points of theological inquiry, Professor Carey really wants to speak to the person with the most basic questions about Christianity. Like us.

No preparation is required for this class. You can join us anytime you like, though you may find after the first lecture or two that you don’t want to miss any!

Conversation on the Holy Land

You are invited to join us at Snohomish FPC to hear “*A Palestinian Christian’s Message of Hope*” – this will be time to learn, pray, and be in fellowship on Saturday, September 19th from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Alex Awad who recently spoke at PCUSA’s “Christianity without Christian Zionism: Proclaiming the Gospel, Pursuing Justice, Rekindling Hope” conference. Our intent is that participants will leave with clear ideas about how they can join in God’s work for justice and peace for all His precious children of the Holy Land. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Heidi at hhsaikaly@comcast.net.

CPR Training

The Everett Cooperative Preschool is organizing a CPR training on Sunday, September 20th from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm in Westminster. We have been invited to attend. The Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee will subsidize the cost. If you would like certification on CPR and first aid for adults and children good for two years, then please let Pastor Alan know.

Join the Choir!

Calling all singers! Choir rehearsals are on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. 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 information.

Volunteers of America Food Donations

We gathered 552 pounds of food for the VOA this month! Great job! We collect food donations every week at the baskets at both sanctuary doors. If you have a large donation or a heavy one, Ken Newman will be glad to help with collecting it before or after service on any Sunday. Thanks to all who donate food to help those in need in our community.

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.



Please Pray for...

Ed Coon, as his cancer has spread and he has begun hospice.

Ryan & Emily Alfnejd, who are caring for Ryan's dad **Richard**, who is on hospice.

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