THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin November 26, 2023 – 10am

*For our liturgy this morning, **BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading.

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

Prelude The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Holler

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 100

Jamie Hunter

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

#155

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer (using Ezekiel 34:11-16)

Jamie Hunter

The Lord our God: "I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the scattered sheep, so I will seek out my people." Trusting that God is indeed seeking us, let us confess our sin together:

God who loves us like a shepherd, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way.

Take a moment of silent personal confession and reflection

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us. **Thanks be to God!**

With believers everywhere, we join in the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you!

And also with you!

Scripture Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns #151

Worship Song This Life Steve Torrence, Solo

Scripture Ezekiel 34:11-16

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Vision of a King Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People

Hymn Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #367

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude Toccata – Eugène Gigout Gary Norris, Organist

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Worship Song This Life

I sit here quietly, listening to your word. You talk about eternal life. You talk about your kingdom coming in this world, a kingdom without space or time. You talk about a people that will follow you. For your disciples, you will pray. I love you so my Jesus, my life is guided by your hand.

This life that I've been given is but a moment's time. This life I have received it as a gift from your hand. Let all my days reflect your precious holy name. Everything that I do, may if glorify you, my Savior and my God.

My child you don't have to worry about your life. My word is all the strength you need. My child, only one thing matters that will last. It's that you've lived your life for me. You have to choose the good part that will never fail. Tho all the world may fade away. I listen to my Jesus, He is to me the bread of life.

This life that I've been given is but a moment's time. This life I have received it as a gift from your hand. Let all my days reflect your precious holy name. Everything that I do, may if glorify you, my Savior and my God, my God. Let all my days reflect your precious holy name. Everything that I do, may it glorify you, my Savior and my God.

Announcements

Wes King's Celebration of Life will take place on his 100th birthdate, Saturday, December 9th at 1:00 pm in our sanctuary with a reception following. Wes was interred with U.S. Navy honors at Tahoma National Cemetery on October 24th.

Deacons Contribution Drive

During the month of November, the Deacons will be collecting donations for the many activities they provide to our congregation and community throughout the year. Some of these activities include pizza parties, blanket drives, Easter brunch, Souper Sunday, graduating high school senior gifts, and donations to local organizations during the holiday season (food bank, Cocoon House, Millenia Ministries, YWCA gifts for families). They also provide coffee hour every Sunday, are responsible for communion the first Sunday of each month, and perform outreach to church members through calls, notes, and visits. If you would like to



contribute to the Deacons, please use the green envelopes in the pews and note on your check Deacons. Thank you for your support and generosity.



Advent Potluck! – December 3rd

Join the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee and the Deacons as they host an Advent Potluck after worship next Sunday December 3rd. We will be kicking off Advent with festive music, Advent wreaths, and the good food you bring to share! We are asking you to bring a salad/veggie, main dish, or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth for you to let us know you're coming and what kind of dish you will be sharing.

SPAM Christmas Gathering – December 8th

The SPAM Christmas Gathering is December 8th starting with the Friendship Punch Bowl at 11:30am, followed by a luncheon at noon, \$7.50.

Program: A snippet presentation of the preschool that is housed at FPCE followed by a Christmas Sing Along. Sign-up sheet at the Welcome booth.

Men's Breakfast - December 9th

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, December 9th from 8:30 am 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!

Priscilla Circle – December 11th

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, December 11th at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. Sonya Beardsley will lead chapter four of our lesson. We will be having a potluck lunch. All women are welcome.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 410 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this month. Great job! Our next drive-through collection is December 4th 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.

SCRABBLE

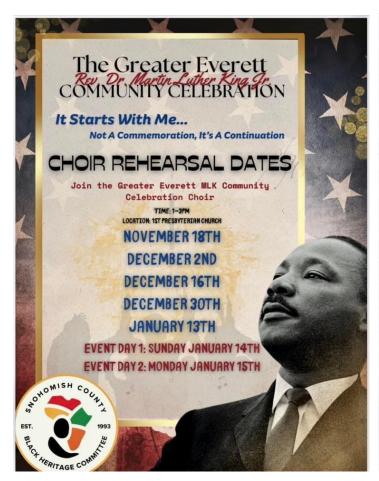
Scrabble will meet the first Wednesday in December. In January we will resume our regular schedule of the first and third Wednesdays. We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on December 6th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

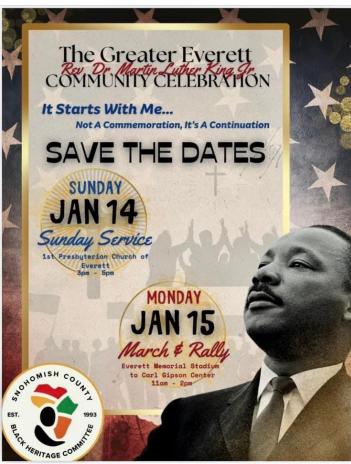
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Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.





This Week...

- **Sunday School** today is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Join Pastor Alan as we watch Season 2 of The Chosen.
 - Join Zoom using this new link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85803311791?pwd=RXZmczdqZjNWeWVyT2gvU1Bv <u>NEFIQT09</u>
 - o Meeting ID: 858 0331 1791
- Lunch with Alan is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** Join Pastor Alan November 30th using the Zoom platform. Our theme will be Advent.
 - o Join Zoom using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902
 - o Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - o All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

To all worshipping with us...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. Ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Use the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.

Prayer Requests November 26, 2023

- We pray for peace and the cessation of war in Israel/Palestine. While there are historical and political complexities and layers to this conflict, we boldly pray for Israeli and Palestinian families who have been caught in the middle and torn apart. We pray for those grieving, for those suffering, for those confused, and for those whose only reaction is to seek revenge. We pray for comfort, relief, healing, and release. We seek your peace that defies understanding to settle on families, individuals, and leaders on all sides. We pray, fully knowing we do not have the answers, knowing we are weak and sometimes prejudiced, but trusting our Lord Jesus knows the answer, is working, and is present there.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Please pray for Joan Copeland, Diane Preston's mom, as she is in the hospital.
- Please pray for my mother, Barbara Peckham, who is having shoulder replacement surgery on November 28 with many weeks' recovery. Marla and I are flying out to assist my parents. From David Baer-Peckham.
- We pray for Bob Barren's sister, Pamela. Her son, Scott Talley died on November 17.
 We pray for Pam and the family as over four months, her husband died, she has moved to assisted living, and now Scott's death. We pray for strength and peace.
 From Bob and Barbara Barren.
- **Update:** Susan Klingler is seeking a second opinion about her leg and appreciates prayer.
- Please pray for Jimmy Sharp's friend, John, whose son was in a motorcycle accident and is paralyzed.
- Dierdre Hervey died November 9th. Please keep her family in your prayers.
- Vicki Dorway's friend's mom was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Please pray as they meet with Fred Hutch doctors and consider treatment options.
- Randy Fehlhaber asks for prayer for his dear friend, Marian Luca and his wife, Sanda. Marian, who grew up in Romania in a village and has a super strong gene heritage, and though his life has been "strong as a bull", is suddenly gravely ill with cancer.

- Word from Sanda is that his liver function is dependent on the next round of chemotherapy. Please pray for liver function.
- Please pray for Randy and Elly to find a house in Everett near a bus stop, so it is easier for me to visit and care for them. From Jodi Doney
- Jean Kanter has COVID. Please pray for a full recovery.
- **Update:** Amber McGuire, daughter of Phil & Sonya Beardsley, is home recovering. She is still having headaches and has a tiny aneurism that will be closely watched. The family is thankful for your continued prayers.
- Please pray for Hugh Minor.
- Please pray for Carol Gresham who is suffering with a compression fracture of a vertebrae.
- Please pray for Jay Kuhnhenn who has been struggling with a couple of cysts on the nerve bundle in his lower back causing sciatica in both of his legs. The first injection has not provided relief. He is now exploring the next steps.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku with on-going health issues.
- **Update:** Sue Hermansen appreciates our prayers and sends a huge thank you to those who have lifted her family in prayer. She is asking for prayers for her vision which has been impacted by her stroke. For the present she is staying with her daughter, Lori. From Lois Tysseling.
- Our friend Karen Jensen asks for our prayers. Her husband recently passed away and she is now living in an adult home struggling with a long history of lupus. From Alan and Dottie Villesvik.
- Our friend Meredith's mother, Beverly, is hospitalized in critical condition. We appreciate your prayers for her and her family. From Ari and Robin Kohler.
- We pray for Gary Norris' health.
- **Update:** Marsha Lueth We are grateful to learn she does not have brain cancer. Marsha had a stroke but is thankful for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for Marsha for strength with her on-going health concerns.
- **New Update:** Son-in-law, Doug Schultz, is now committed to his "chemo for life" regimen (Revlimid). He's driving short distances, and we praise God daily for his improvements in his balance and strength. Thank you for your continuous prayers. From Annette King.
- **Update:** Karen, daughter of Marilee Richards, is making progress with her health challenges and the family is grateful for the prayers. Please continue to pray for ongoing improvement.
- **Update:** on prayer request for our granddaughter, Melissa Mobeck. Chris and Melissa both appreciate our prayers and ask for continued prayers for Melissa's healing. From Alan and Dottie Villesvik.
- **Update:** On our friends Mike and Jeannine Schone: Mike continues to feel great and appreciates our prayers. Recent tests showed no cancer but is continuing his treatment as recommended by his doctors. From Alan and Dottie Villesvik

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Cindy Rowlands
- Family of George Newland
- Family of Wes King
- Family of Peter Boonstra
- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy & Clyde Pitcher
- Susan Klingler
- Tom & Pat Dotson friends of Bob & Barbara Barren
- Cody, grandson of Marilee Richards
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cy Paydar nephew of Steve and Nancy Torrence

We pray for families affected by dementia and/or Alzheimer's. As with other individuals and families, we pray for successful research, perseverance, a sense of humor, and the Spirit's peace.

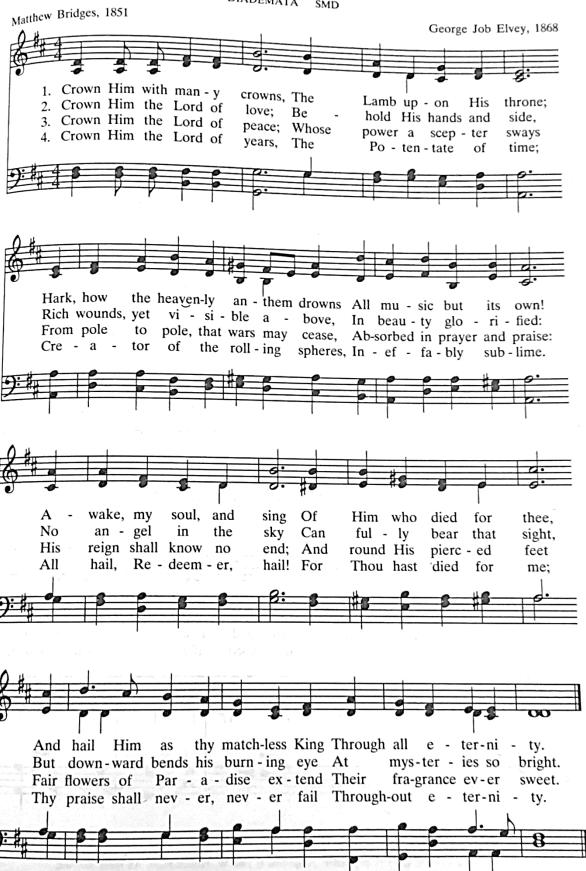
Rejoice, the Lord Is King 155 DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.6.8.8 John Darwall, 1770 Desc. Sidney Hugo Nicholson (1875–1947) Charles Wesley, 1746 Descant For Christ, the Judge, shall come hope! 3. Re - joice in glo - rious a - dore! Your Lord and King 1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Christ rules o'er earth and heaven; fail, 2. God's king-dom can - not For Christ, the Judge, shall come 3. Re - joice in glo-rious hope! their e - ter - nal home: the saints For glo - ri - fy To more: sing, And Re - joice, give thanks, and tri - umph er given: hell Are to our Je sus The keys of death and home: saints For their e ter nal glo - ri - fy the To Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I re - joice! say, Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

This tune in a higher key and without descant, 430

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA SMD



Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI Irregular with refrain Ghanaian folk melody Adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963 Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982 Ghanaian folk song Trans. Tom Colvin, 1969 us with Your love, Show fill - su, Je Je su, Fine from You. how to serve the neigh-bors we have 1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, Var - ied in col - or and 3. These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, Serv - ing as though we are 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their Mail- ill

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