

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

July 4, 2021

Prelude

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome

Call to Worship

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom God has chosen as a heritage.

Righteousness exalts a nation; justice is God's will made known.

You shall bless the Lord your God for the good land you have been given.

Our souls wait for the Lord; God is our help and shield.

Let us worship God.

Hymn

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

#491

1 Stand up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of God's choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.

4 God is our strength and song,
Now is salvation ours;
Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.

2 Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear God's holy name,
And laud and magnify?

5 Stand up and bless the Lord;
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless God's glorious name,
Henceforth forevermore.

3 O for the living flame
From God's own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,
And wing to heaven our thought!

Scripture

1 Samuel 8:6-12, 19-20
Luke 4:5-8

Solo

Through It All

Steve Torrence

Sermon

We Pledge Allegiance to the Kingdom of God

Chris Hoke

Communion

Today we participate in communion together. Please take a moment to organize some bread and juice for you and your family. We will follow the liturgy with Rev. Jim Kutz. When he breaks the bread, so will you. When the cup is blessed, so will yours. Then we will share in the Lord's Supper together.

Gathering Prayer

Lord, there is much in our past of which we are proud and in which we find hope for the future. Yet, there is also much in our past that pains us, shames us, and that we know requires us to attempt to make right. Give us the strength and courage, personally and as a nation, to do the work that is before us to make our nation a beacon of hope, a land of liberty and justice, a nation of welcome, and a place for those seeking peace. Rescue us from false claims of holiness and guide us to feed and converse at your table. Prepare our hearts as we come to once again to celebrate communion. Amen.

Hymn

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

#510

1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to heed thy call.

3 We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

2 Thy truth unchanged has ever stood,
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee, thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad that thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
O chase the night of sin away,
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

Communion Liturgy

Rev. Jim Kutz

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Lord, open our lips

And our mouths shall praise You.

Lord, open our ears

And our ears will hear your voice.

Lord, open our hands

And our hearts will serve You.

Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh, you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small.

Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom.

Here you continue to call your people, freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus, to be a sign of your reign in all the world.

For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give you thanks, praying we may join the dreams you set before us.

Above all we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who sends us into the world to declare the good news of your kingdom to every creature: Justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed.

Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread, and the sharing of this cup. Renew our fellowship in him, that we may be for the world his body poured out for the world at this time in this nation, and at that great banquet in the fullness of your new creation where justice flows like rivers, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, where none shall hunger or thirst, neither shall they learn war anymore.

All glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and ever. Amen.

Communion

Our Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion is shared - You are now invited to take a bite of your bread and a sip from your cup and to taste the mystery of God's grace.

Prayer

Rev. Jim Kutz

Singing of the Lord's Prayer

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Benediction

Chris Hoke

Postlude

Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

Today we welcome Chris Hoke, Executive Director of Underground Ministries (<https://undergroundministries.org>). Chris is deeply committed to Jesus and loving those being released from jail. Our church is a part of the One Parish One Prisoner program Chris has developed.

- Join us today for Virtual Coffee at 11:30am. Our Bible Study at noon, led by Steve Hammond, is on Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation, by Professor Phillip Carey.

Virtual Coffee (11:30am) and Bible Study (12pm) Link for 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTd09>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

- Next Sunday we will be having hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan resumes Tuesday July 6th.
- Thursday Bible Study resumes Thursday July 8th as we study Mark 13.
- We are having a non-perishable canned food drive to support the VOA here in Everett on Monday July 12 from 11am to 1pm. You may also bring food donations to church on Communion Sundays.

Pastor Alan is returning from a family vacation to resume normal pastoral duties on Tuesday July 6th. Lunch with Alan is scheduled for Tuesday July 6th and Thursday Bible Study's is scheduled for July 8th.

Prayer Updates July 4, 2021

- We pray for Marsha Lueth's health. We pray for her as she has renewed tests showing cancer.
- We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris, who had her leg amputated. She faces a long road of recovery and rehab.
- Sondra Santos asks for prayers for her uncle, Jimmy Sico, who was recently diagnosed with Glioblastoma. He has begun radiation treatment.
- Sondra also asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, John Hightower, who was diagnosed with colon cancer.
- Lois Tysseling covets our prayers for her sister, Linda Case. She has been diagnosed with two different types of breast cancer and will have surgery on July 1st.
- We pray for Gary Norris. We pray for his recovery and continued health.
- We pray for Florence and Bev's family after Bev's death. We pray for God's presence, peace, and comfort. No memorial plans at this time.
- We pray for Lucille Hofer as her daughter, Shirley Klien, died unexpectedly.
- We pray for Marilee Richards as she deals with chronic pain. This pain is not responding to treatment.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Jasper Amadeus Dye, son of Elsie and Isaac Dye (Marsha Lueth's niece, her sister Wendy's second oldest). He has gained weight and is now at 3-1/2 pounds.
- Bea Swafford died. Bea had a servant heart, a giving spirit, and gracious presence. She served at FPCE in the nursery and is beloved by family and friends. We pray for her family.
- Don Lyderson died in May. Memorial plans to be determined. Joan is currently living with her daughter in north Seattle and plans to move back to Everett in a couple of months. Please send any card to the Lyderson office on Wetmore.
- Pray for Bruce Russell. Good news, he was able to come home! Now, he is working on adapting with his recovery needs. Prayers for him and Lisa as they navigate this change.
- Update: John Ortmeyer, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- We pray for the people in Myanmar, including those Gabe, Jonna, and I met last year, who face risk of violence related to ongoing civil strife. From Steve Hammond.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when a MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.

- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – concerning pulmonary embolism. Multiple tests have not discovered why she is ill. She is transferring her care and tests to Virginia Mason for continued diagnosis. Friend of Annette King
- Prayers for Kathy Hammond, a cancer survivor twice and again diagnosed with cancer, stage 3 from Jan Weakley, friend.
- Update: Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece Leanne, diagnosed with Berger's Disease. This kidney disease is incurable, but manageable. She has now completed all available treatment and is in remission, for possibly years. We pray she will never need dialysis or a transplant.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhen
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray
 - Family of Bonnie Brown
 - Family of Celia Gordon
 - Sam and Rose Capetillo
 - Marcia Ricks and family
 - Joan Lyderson and family
 - Bea Swafford's family
 - Lucille Hofer
 - Bev Fox's family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Matt McCoy, Grandson of Annette King
- Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Hugh Minor
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings

- Bob Salinas, brother of Rose and Sam Capetillo
- 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.

- Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister
- Dale and Janet Good