

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
February 18, 2024 – 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 *Prelude on "Martyn" – Young* Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 19 Bob Barren

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Hymn *Morning Has Broken*

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Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Bob Barren

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations, and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of people, position, money, and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus, to pick up our cross and follow where he leads. Correct our walk, so when the Spirit leads us to care for others, to give generously, to strive for peace, or to be steadfast in our love, we would put our faith into action. Forgive and restore us, Lord. Guide us in our faith so we can live in a deeper relationship with you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:31-32, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides.

Amen.

With hope and with saints everywhere, we pray 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!**

Hymn *Tell Me the Old, Old Story* FPCE Sings #186

Choir Anthem *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Psalm 1 and Romans 12:1-2

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

Sermon *Deep Reading* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People

Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* #327

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *Fanfare for the Common Man* – Aaron Copeland Gary Norris, Organist
Mike Davis, Bass Drum
Elizabeth Nelson, Gong
Ed Pearson, Trombone

Today's Choir Anthem **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

Lord, listen to Your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to Your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Some things gonna happen like the world has never known...when the people of the Lord get down to pray. A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a tumbling down when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

Lord, listen to Your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to Your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

He's gonna take over. He's gonna take control when the people of the Lord get down to pray. He's gonna move the mountain. He's gonna make the waters roll when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

Lord, listen to Your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to Your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

You're gonna know it when the Lord stretches out His hand and the people of the Lord get down to pray. There's gonna be a brand new song of vict'ry in this land when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

Lord, listen to Your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to Your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. Lord send us grace.

Announcements

Upcoming memorial:

Hugh Minor – March 3rd at 2:00pm

Next week we welcome the Reverend Danae Ashley!

Pastor Alan will be out of town next week, but we are blessed to have our friend Rev. Ashley lead us in worship. Danae is an Episcopal priest who specializes in counseling and soul care for pastors and congregation members. She is a gifted leader, and we look forward to her message on February 25th.

New Sunday School Study on Biblical Wisdom Literature – February 18th

Today we will start a new 36-week Adult Sunday School class based on a lecture series titled Biblical Wisdom Literature. This will be a deep dive into the section of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) called the Ketuvim, or “the writings”. The lecturer is Reverend Joseph Koterski, a Catholic priest from the Jesuit order, who presents the material in a very accessible manner. This course will provide an opportunity not only for you to learn more about the Bible, but also to love it more, and to make God’s Word an even greater blessing on your life.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble continues in February. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on February 21st 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!

Documentary: Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America – March 10th

On Sunday March 10th, Kory Kanter and Pastor Alan will be showing the documentary Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America. This film follows Daryl Davis, an African American musician, who for two decades has been going out of his way to befriend members of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist groups in the hopes of persuading them to recognize their common humanity. After a chance meeting with a member of the KKK, Davis began to reach out to members of hate groups, and he found that the more willing he was to hear them out, the more open they became to embracing him. More than two dozen white supremacists have since renounced their ideology of hate in part because of Davis’s peace offering. We will begin this movie at 11:30am and then have lunch and a discussion afterwards. All are invited to attend.

Thursday Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible study schedule is as follows:

February 22	No Bible Study	
February 29	Job 32-37	Who is Elihu?
March 7	Job 38-40:5	God’s 1st Answer
March 14	Job 40:6-41:34	God’s 2nd Answer
March 21	Job 42	Last Words

VOA Food Donations

We donated 305 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett this month! Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, March 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. Thank you for your donations.

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...

- **Adult Sunday School** – Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. We begin a new series, Biblical Wisdom Literature.
 - Join Zoom using this new link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976388440?pwd=VGNidGNrbnhSQ0V5Qm1yT1dB SXZxQT09>
 - Meeting ID: 869 7638 8440
- **Lunch with Alan** – There is no lunch with Pastor Alan tomorrow as it is Presidents' Day. We will resume on Monday February 26th.
- **Thursday Bible Study** – There is no Bible Study this week as Pastor Alan will be out of town.
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - 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 February 18, 2024

- 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.
- Hugh Minor died January 5th. Please keep Jackie and family in your prayers.
- Clyde Pitcher died December 31st. Please keep Judy and family in your prayers.
- Please pray for Margaret Lillie who is in the hospital with an illness.
- **Update:** Angela's new liver is working well; there are a few issues which need to be resolved so prayers are still needed. Thank you so much. From Annette King & all Angela's family.
- Please keep Danielle, Christopher, and Jackson Roberts in prayer. Danielle's mom, Janette, died on January 29th.

- Mike Clemans had a successful knee replacement. We pray for his continued recovery and rehab.
- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.
- Joseph Williams, brother of Sondra Santos, is undergoing several surgeries after a lithium-ion battery operated foot warmer exploded in his boot, leaving him with third degree burns. Prayers for healing and a speedy recovery.
- Prayers for the Legasse family, friends of Steve & Nancy Torrence, whose grandson, Tyler, recently died.
- Prayers for Tony Tysseling recovering from a stroke.
- Elizabeth Nelson's good friend Heather Burke, who has on occasion sung soprano at our church, has a sister Angie who is battling cancer. Angie is a wife, mother to a 13-year-old, and a very talented business owner. She was diagnosed with uterine cancer and is now being treated with chemotherapy. Heather appreciates our prayers.
- Joanne, 90-year-old aunt of Martha Clemans, has been placed into nursing home dementia care. Prayers she can adjust and for her daughters and grandchildren.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- **Update:** Our friend, Elizabeth Freitag's mom was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Please continue to pray for her as she is tolerating her cancer treatments. We pray for guidance for the professionals and family on this journey. Mom has a strong faith and is grateful for the prayers. From Vicki Dorway

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Eunice Allan
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans

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.

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

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O Word of God Incarnate

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William Walsham How, 1867
As in *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987

Neuvermehrtes Meinungisches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine,
3. O make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.