

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

March 19, 2023 – 10am

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

Prelude *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed* – Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Minute for Presbyterian Women Leslie Sutin

Call to Worship Psalm 23 Merle Kirkley

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes us lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,

For you are with us; your rod and your staff, they comfort us.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint our head with oil; our cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long.

Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #387

Prayer of Confession Merle Kirkley

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Take a moment for reflection and personal confession

Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.
This is good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you,
And also with you!

Hymn *Seek Ye First* #333

Scripture 1 Samuel 15
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem *Lord, Whose Passion Didst Reveal* Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon *Rejection* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Affirmation of Faith from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Hymn

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

Fugue on Saint Anne – J.S. Bach

Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

Next week, Pastor Alan will be preaching on Exodus 11. Over this week, take time to review these verses as a way to engage next week's sermon in a deeper way.



S.P.A.M. – April 21st

S.P.A.M. (Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry) gatherings return on Friday, April 21st in Westminster Hall with Graham Kerr, former Galloping Gourmet. Join us at 11:30am around the Fellowship Punch Bowl. Lunch begins at noon. Reservations needed by April 17th. Sign up at the welcome booth or call 425-259-4253.

FPCE Seder & Dinner



- When: Wednesday April 5, 2023
 - Doors open: 4:30 PM
 - Service & Meal begins at 5:00 PM
- Where: Westminster Hall
- Requested Donation:
 - \$20 Adults (>13 years old)
 - \$10 Youth (6-13 years old)
 - Free Child (< 6 years old)
- Paid reservations required (for accurate planning)
- Menu
 - Items for Seder including Wine, Non-alcoholic also available
 - Matzo Ball Soup
 - Salad
 - Traditional Brisket
 - Glazed Carrots
 - Green Beans Almondine
 - Herb Roasted Potatoes
 - Dessert



Presbyterian Women's Retreat
Calvin Lounge
Saturday, May 6, 2023
9:30am - 2:00pm

Invite a friend

**CHANGE, WHAT IS IT
GOOD FOR?**
Featuring
Janice Smith - Friend of Jesus

Lunch Provided

RSVP In person, email doreen@firstpreschurch.com
or leave a message at the church office by April 23rd

VOA Food Donations

We donated 362 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this month. Great job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be April 3rd from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

This Week...

- **Sunday School today** is 11:30am to 12:30pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Pastor Alan will be leading a Lenten study.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Lunch with Alan is Mondays** at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan is March 23rd using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Amos chapters 8 and 9.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **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...

On Tuesday, March 14th, Session voted to remove pew spacing requirements. As such, we continue to:

- 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 Updates March 19, 2023

- We pray for the people in Turkey and Syria after their devastating earthquakes.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Healing prayers for our brother-in-law, Craig. He is facing several heart bypasses soon. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Prayers for our friend, Carlos, who is fighting cancer. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Please pray for my brother Randy and his wife, Ellyn. Please help heal Elly's eyes and help her to see better. Pray that Randy, Elly and I get to spend time together. From Jodi.
- Kemper Davis, cousin of Jimmy Sharp, had a heart attack and is in hospice care. Pray for comfort for Jimmy and the extended family.

- Bruce Russell, friend of Lisa Comstock, died February 23rd. We continue to pray for his extended family, for Lisa, and for the Villesvik family. A memorial for Bruce will be held here on Sunday, March 26th at 2pm.
- Jean Rankin fell and broke her arm. Prayers for healing.
- Update: Carol Venables fell and fractured two vertebrae in her neck. She is doing better and will be moving out of ICU before going into long term rehab. Prayers for her, her family, and her doctors. From Jay Kuhnhenh.
- Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King, pray that the Revlimid chemotherapy continues to work. Also, for healing from the prostate procedure so he can return to physical therapy. From Annette & Wes King.
- Bong, Alan & Judy Hutchison's daughter's brother-in-law is in ICU on a ventilator and appreciates prayers. From Judy Hutchison.
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Jay Kuhnhenh's mom, Thelma, after her cancer surgery.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.
- Alzheimer's prayer: Sue and Art Hermansen. Art is now in a memory care situation. Prayers for both as they journey through this. From Lois Tysseling.
- Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, is in physical therapy a few times a week. The main focus is the alignment of his torso, which will be ongoing for several months. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Maggie Lamus
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Ashley Tomlin
- Larry O'Donnell
- Florence Day
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahan – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Wes King
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde Pitcher

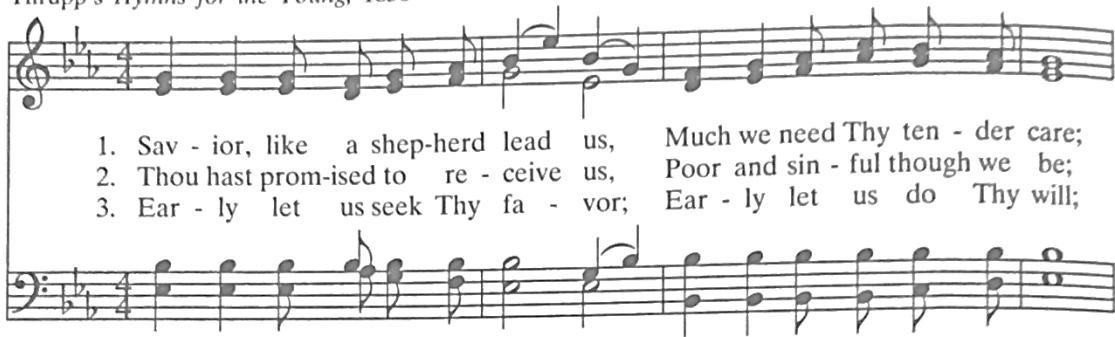
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher’s daughter
- Cy Paydar – nephew of Steve and Nancy Torrence
- We pray for families affected by dementia and/or Alzheimer’s. As with other individuals and families, we pray for successful research, perseverance, a sense of humor, and the Spirit’s peace.

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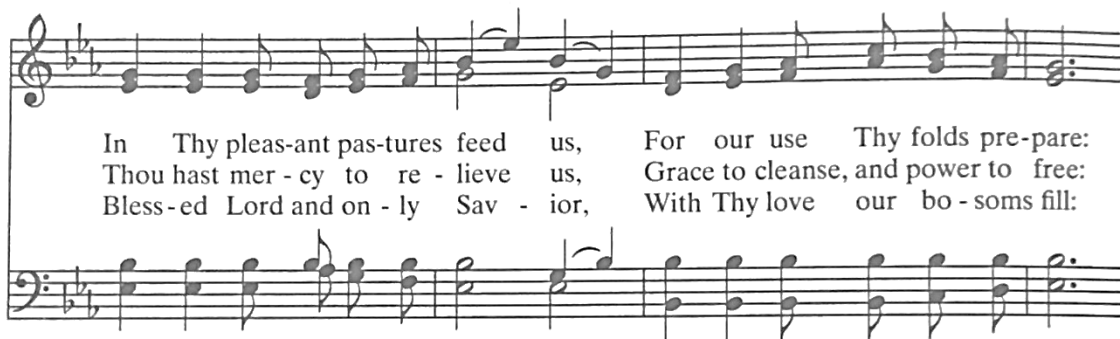
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Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



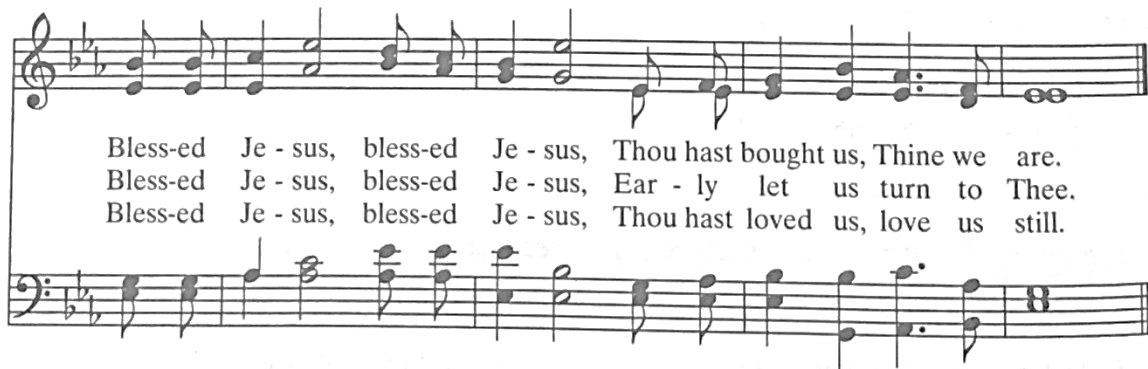
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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Alternate tune: SICILIAN MARINERS, 538

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Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY Irregular

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

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Descant Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His
 2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

le - lu - ia, Al - le -

righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

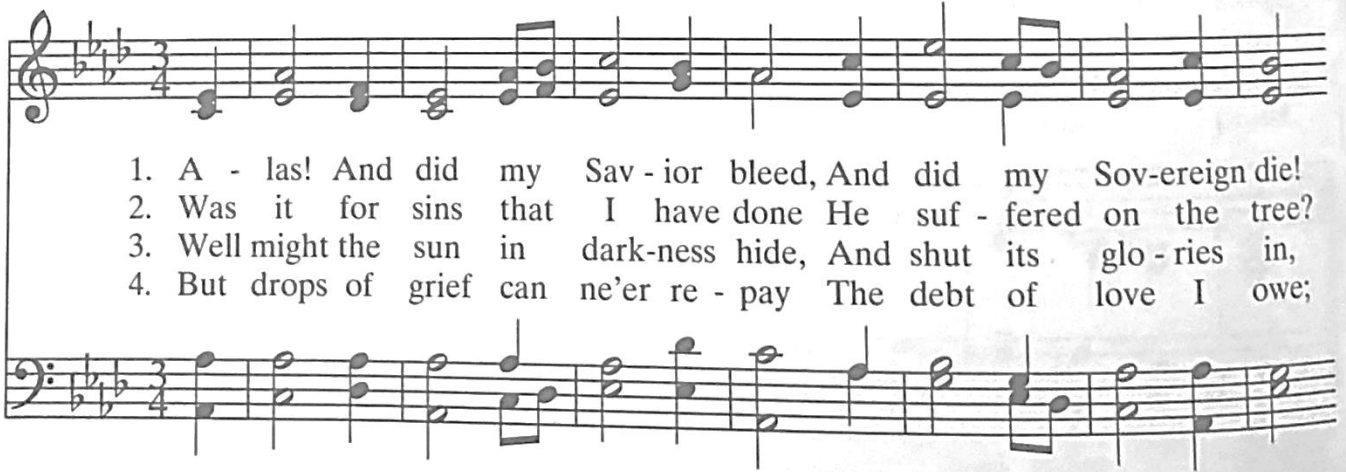
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

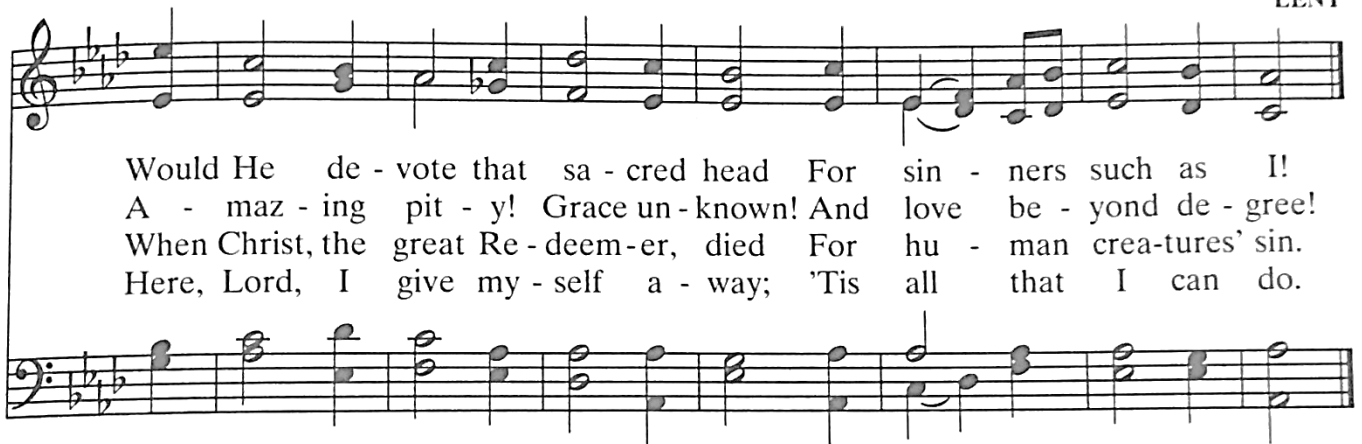
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Isaac Watts, 1707

Hugh Wilson, c. 1800
Adapt. and harm. Robert Smith, 1825


1. A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And did my Sov - ereign die!
 2. Was it for sins that I have done He suf - fered on the tree?
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, And shut its glo - ries in,
 4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The debt of love I owe;

LENT



Would He de - vote that sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I!
 A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 When Christ, the great Re - deem - er, died For hu - man crea - tures' sin.
 Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way; 'Tis all that I can do.