

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

February 5, 2023 – 10am

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

Prelude *Prelude on “Slane”* – Trembling Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Minute for Deacons Lisa Comstock

Call to Worship Psalm 112:1-9

Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* #345

Celebration of Mission: A Tribute to Frank and Louise Fargo

Choir Anthem *Halle, Halle, I'm So Glad!* Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Matthew 5:17-37

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Down in the Valley* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayer for Communion

Lord, we gather this morning with our siblings in Christ across the world to worship you. Thank you for all the ways that you bless us; for the gift of a warm cup of coffee, for the love of a friend, for warm, winter coats, for the luxury of naps. You are so good. We know that you accompany us every day, God, and that you bless us in small and large ways. But we also know that this life is hard. It is full of sadness, of loneliness, of illness, of fear and of hatred. As we pray, we remember those who are struggling; those that we know intimately and those who we have never met. We lift them up to you now.

Lord, you have called us to share your love with the world. Empower us to do so. Empower us to work for good and to make a positive change. Please guide our political leaders. Please guide our community organizers. Please bless medical professionals and nonprofit workers and teachers and parents and volunteers and everyone who works, in small and big ways, to bring about kindness and love.

God, we pray for the universal church. We pray specifically this morning for our siblings in Christ who we do not agree with. May religion and tradition not distract us from the movement of your Spirit. May we find a way to stand united with other Jesus-followers without turning away from injustice.

All-knowing God, you know us, our deepest, truest selves and so you know the prayer requests we carry. But the miracle of prayer is that there is something in the naming of our needs and worries and pain that connects us to you. And so, with faith in your compassion, we pray for those in our community. We pray for those in our families. We pray for those you have placed on our hearts.

Trusting in your love and grace, we proclaim Jesus Christ is alive, present, and working in our world. Amen.

Hymn

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

#516

Communion

The 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.

Please come forward to receive communion as hosted by our Deacons.

Prayer

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Lord's Prayer

Solo by Steve Torrence

Postlude

Grand March – Verdi

Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

Today we are celebrating Frank and Louise Fargo. Frank leads Showers for the People and has faithfully served the homeless community in Everett by providing over 25,000 showers. You are invited to join a special coffee time where we will have 'shower' cookies and get a chance to meet Frank.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 275 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in January. Awesome job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be tomorrow, February 6th, from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

Deep Questions for Lent

We officially begin Lent in February. Lent asks us to reflect on the things in our lives that either take us away from or have been a barrier from God. Lent naturally brings to our minds the questions we have about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, faith, theology, and life. For instance, what have you wanted to ask a pastor, Sunday school teacher, mentor, or someone you perceive who has their faith journey under control? What nagging question about Lent, Easter, or other part of the Christian life do you have?

Rather than avoid these questions, I invite you to write them down and either email them to me (dorway@firstpreschurch.com) or add them to the offering box. Part of our Lenten practice will be to wrestle with these questions in Sunday School and in worship. You can begin to submit questions from now through Sunday February 19th.

Annual Congregational Meeting & Pizza Lunch February 12th

Our annual congregational meeting will be **Sunday, February 12th** immediately after worship.

After the meeting, our Deacons will be hosting a pizza lunch with cupcakes and beverages in Westminster Hall.



Church Directory

The church office will be publishing an updated church directory soon. The directories will be available on Sunday, February 12th. Do you have an update for the directory? Is your home phone number still being used? Is your cell phone number, address, and email address current? If you have any updates for the directory, please submit them to Doreen (doreen@firstpreschurch.com) in the church office by February 6. Having current information allows us to communicate with you in a timely manner. Thank you!

Priscilla Circle – February 13th

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, February 13th, at 11:30 am, in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter seven. Judy Hutchison will serve as hostess. Individuals may bring their own lunch if desired. All women are welcome.

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22. We will have a simple supper at 6:00pm followed by worship and the imposition of ashes at 7:00pm. You are invited to come, join in conversation around a meal, and then begin a season of reflection through worship that evening.

More Announcements

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.
- **Sunday School** today is 11:30am to 12:30pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom, led by Steve Hammond. This Adult Sunday School class is based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls and is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology. There is no requirement for preparation for this class, and you can drop in at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights.
 - 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 February 9th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Daniel chapters 7 and 8.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

To all worshipping with us:

- Masks are optional in our facility
- The first six rows of the sanctuary are open seating
- The back rows are every other pew for more spacing

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 February 5, 2023

- 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.
- Rev. Dr. Ed Coon recently had a pacemaker installed. He is doing well and appreciates all the prayers he felt during the last several days. Prayers for continued healing. From Dottie Villevik
- Sam & Rose Capetillo after the death of Rose's brother, Bob Salinas.
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Jay Kuhnenn's mom, Thelma, after her cancer surgery this past week.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.

- We pray for Teresa Good and family after the death of Dale and Janet Good.
- Ashley Tomlin appreciates prayers for her heart condition. She asks that the Lord wrap his love around her heart.
- 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.
- Bruce Russell, friend of Lisa Comstock, under hospice care. We pray for both Lisa and Bruce.
- Please pray for my sister, Pamala Talley who has been diagnosed with NPH (Hydrocephalus) and is awaiting surgery to correct the problem. We appreciate your support. From Bob & Barbara Barren.
- Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, has been cleared for physical therapy and has a regimen of stretches and exercises. He really appreciates and thanks you for your prayers as he makes slow and steady progress. 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.
- 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
- Larry O'Donnell
- Florence Day
- 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
- 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.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 345

REST 8.6.8.8.6

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

1. *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian
 3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4. Drop Thy still dews of qui - et - ness, Till all our striv - ings

ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, In
 sea, The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let
 above, Where Je - sus knelt to share with Thee The
 cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, And

pur - er lives Thy ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word Rise up and fol - low Thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, In - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess The beau - ty of Thy peace.

*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind."

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and Thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm!

Alternate tune: REPTON, 419

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA 11.10.11.10

Paris Antiphoner, 1681

As in La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

Fred Pratt Green, 1977

1. Lord, we have come at Your own in - vi - ta - tion,
 2. Here, at Your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion,
 3. When, at Your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,

Cho - sen by You, to be count - ed Your friends;
 Give it Your seal of for - give - ness and grace;
 Vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored:

Yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion,
 Teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
 May we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing

Ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
 Lord, in Your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.
 All that it means to ac - cept You as Lord.

This tune in a higher key, 147

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