

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin  
August 17, 2025 – 10:00 am

<b>Welcome to Worship Today!</b> Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.	<b>Nursery Care</b> Nursery care is on summer hiatus and will resume on September 14 <sup>th</sup> .
For our liturgy this morning, <b>BOLD</b> text invites all to join in the reading.	

Prelude	<i>Brandywine River</i> <i>It is Well with My Soul</i> <i>Prelude in C</i>	Cara Harp Ensemble
Ringling of the Bell		Leslie Sutin
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Selections from Psalm 104	Steve Hammond
Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. <b>You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.</b> You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. <b>You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,</b> Giving drink to every wild animal. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth, <b>Wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.</b> O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; <b>May the Lord rejoice in his works; who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.</b> I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. <b>May our meditation be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the Lord.</b>		
Hymn	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	#455 Gary Norris, Organist

## Prayer of Confession

Steve Hammond

Try as we might to follow Jesus, at some point we always fail. But our failure does not have the power to separate us from God. Trusting Christ's grace, let us confess our sin together:

**Loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, Lord. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. We turn to you in prayer.**

*Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Steve Hammond

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We are the body of Christ, the family of faith, all of us both saints and sinners. The grace we receive in baptism washes away our shame and brokenness and unites us with one another in bonds of love and community. Proclaim the good news with me: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you! **And also with you!**

FPCE Sings                      *O God, You Are My God*                      #71

Scripture                      Genesis 6:5-8; 8:1-11

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

Special Music                      *Amazing Grace*                      Cara Harp Ensemble  
   *Be Thou My Vision*

Sermon                      *Seeing Our World*                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Special Music                      *Down to the River to Pray*                      Cara Harp Ensemble

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn                      *Open My Eyes That I May See*                      #324

Benediction                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude                      *Gift to Be Simple*                      Cara Harp Ensemble  
   *Ode to Joy*

## **Announcements**

### **Hearing Assistance**

A limited number of hearing devices are available to amplify the worship service. To use one, please ask a greeter or Pastor Alan.

### **Special Treat at Coffee Time Today**

In June, Aladdin and Malia were married at their home church in North Carolina. Today, they will be sharing pictures on the screen in Westminster during coffee time. Thank you for sharing and congratulations!

### **Free Books & Vases Today!**

During coffee time today, be sure to look for the tables with gardening, cooking, craft books and vases that are available for free! Take some for your friends and neighbors!

### **All-Church Picnic – August 24<sup>th</sup>**

The All-Church Picnic is next Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Legion Park. All are welcome for BBQ and food, games & activities, and fellowship & fun! Please sign up at the Welcome Booth.

### **Book & Puzzle Sale Collection**

The Women's Association will be hosting a book and puzzle sale in October. They will begin collecting items on August 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate, please place items in the totes by the stairwell at the Rockefeller entrance. Thank you.

### **Nursery Volunteers & Youth Sunday School**

The Christian Formation & Discipleship Committee is looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service and to help lead youth Sunday school for this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good or Pastor Alan.

### **Invitation to Join Prayer Team**

Here at FPCE we have a small group of individuals that pray online weekly and would like to invite any of you that also feel called to be involved in a prayer ministry for our congregation, in our community and around the world. A list is sent out every Thursday, which corresponds to a "Wave of Prayer" that comes from the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem and covers issues there in the Holy Land. If you feel called, please speak with Pastor Alan.

## **This Week...**

**Adult Sunday School** – Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. We will be watching the final episode of The Chosen Season 3. Join Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82666606593?pwd=y2bNwTCfCjQzY0E7Z0BFBxJkDRmfDv.1>

Meeting ID: 826 6660 6593

**Lunch with Alan** – Lunch with Alan is on summer break. Lunch will resume on September 8.

**Thursday Bible Study** – Thursday Bible Study is August 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm on Acts 10.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86014705926?pwd=n6i55oXfRmZBhub3gbKPaf4JZARsW5.1>

Meeting ID: 860 1470 5926

**Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

- All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.



## SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

## VOA Food Donations

We donated 153 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America this month. Great job! Our next in-person collection is on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm.

## Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun!

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at:

[www.firstpreschurch.com](http://www.firstpreschurch.com).

## Lay Leadership

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful

people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.



Pastor's QR Code

## Calling New Members

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR code or talk with Pastor Alan.

## Prayer Requests August 17, 2025

- Michael Goza's memorial will be here on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm. Please keep Carolyn and family in your prayers.
- Beverly Brandt's memorial will be here on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please keep Bev's family in your prayers.
- Please pray for our daughter, Monica, as she recovers from arthroscopic knee surgery. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please keep Adison & Ainslee, grandchildren of Mike & Martha Clemans, in your prayers. Adison is in Ohio to attend college and play baseball. Ainslee is in Austin to teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade math. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Lisa, daughter of a friend of Elizabeth Nelson, has a spider bite wound that is not healing and now threatens to require a foot or partial foot amputation. Please pray for a turnaround in her symptoms. From Elizabeth Nelson.
- Ari & Robin Kohler's sister-in-law fell and injured her knee and leg. Please pray for healing.
- We pray for Stephen Moore as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Jay Kuhnhehn and his mother continue to have back issues. **Update:** Jay's fusion on his back is now scheduled for November. His mother received an injection and has had some relief. Marcia's dementia continues to progress. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Ron. Ron was a friend of Ray Smith who died unexpectedly. Ron was a teacher of English and a missionary in Vietnam. We pray for comfort and peace during this difficult time.
- **Update:** Sandy was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation along with her battles with spinal stenosis and neuropathy. Please keep praying for less pain, more comfort, mobility and good test results. She is very grateful for your continued prayers. Thank you from Annette King.
- Alan Villevik's sister, Mary Rogers, was diagnosed with an aggressive type of cancer. She chose not to proceed with surgery or chemotherapy. Please pray for comfort and freedom from any pain and for our nephew, Bob Rogers, who is caring for her. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.
- Please pray for Mary Margaret Villevik who is living in an abusive relationship in Europe and desires to leave but needs the strength and courage to leave safely. We appreciate prayers on her behalf. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.
- Our friend has been diagnosed with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). She needs a liver transplant. Please pray for a donor and as she waits, pray for strength and healing. From Alan & Vicki.
- We pray for Jean Kanter for healing, strength, peace, and happiness. Thank you.
- We pray for Carol Gresham who fell and broke her hip. She is slowly recovering.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, has very painful involuntary muscle contractions due to an illness. Prayers for pain relief and healing are appreciated. From Lisa Villevik.
- The father of a friend of Ari & Robin Kohler was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. Prayers for his healing and for his daughter Meredith are appreciated. From Ari Kohler.
- Please pray for Ari Kohler's sister, Lolita, as she deals with health issues.

- Please pray for my daughter and son-in-law, Joanna & Jason and their 2½ year old daughter, Violet. Violet has been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Prayers for their ability to manage Violet's high blood glucose levels, a new baby, and Joanna's continuing recovery from a C-section. From Diane Preston.
- **Update:** Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Alan Villevik. The two issues that are a challenge to him currently are his eyesight and his hearing loss. He wants to remain positive through all of this. From Dottie Villevik.
- **Update:** Jade, our grandson, is doing outpatient dialysis three times per week. Sight problems from diabetes continue. He has cleared the first hurdle for a kidney transplant. Please continue all prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- **Update:** LeAnne, Mike's great granddaughter, is home from a two-week hospital stay. After so much chemo she had a reaction that caused a lot of pain and resulted in seizures. After treatment, the pain is finally manageable, and the seizures seem to have declined. The doctors remain highly optimistic. This will be a very long battle with last "scheduled" chemo treatments sometime toward the end of 2026. Please keep LeAnne in all your prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Our nephew, Ben, is in dire need of a new kidney. Please pray for a donor and visit and share this website with all: <https://www.kidneyforben.com/>. From John & Lisa Gebert.
- Please pray for Robin & Ari Kohler's niece, Lola, as she deals with health issues.
- We pray for Marsha Lueth who has health issues that are preventing her from doing the things she would like to. She is comfortable, but we pray for healing and peace from the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray for my father-in-law, Richard Alfrejd, who continues to battle stage four cancer. From Emily Alfrejd.
- Margaret Lillie's daughter, Rita Cornelius, has started chemotherapy, and testing shows that her cancer has not spread. Thank God for this good news! Please continue prayers. From Lisa Villevik.
- Monica's husband, Robby, is still struggling with the effects of his stroke. Prayers are appreciated. From Mike and Martha Clemans
- Aaron, a friend of Lisa Villevik, has been very ill and has gone through dozens of tests. The cause of his illness has not been identified, and he is very discouraged. Please pray he will be restored to health and hope.

### **Continued Prayers**

- Family of Tracy Klingler
- Family of Marilyn Larsen
- Family of Barbara Yates
- Family of Mary Grosse



## 455 All Creatures of Our God and King

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Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

*Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*Unison*

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice  
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail  
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for  
 4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with  
 Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,  
 Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both  
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

*Harmony*

soft - er gleam,  
 find a voice!  
 warmth and light, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 al - so show!

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*Unison*

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

5. And everyone of tender heart,  
 Forgiving others, take your part.  
 O sing ye! Alleluia!  
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
 Praise God and cast on God your care!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

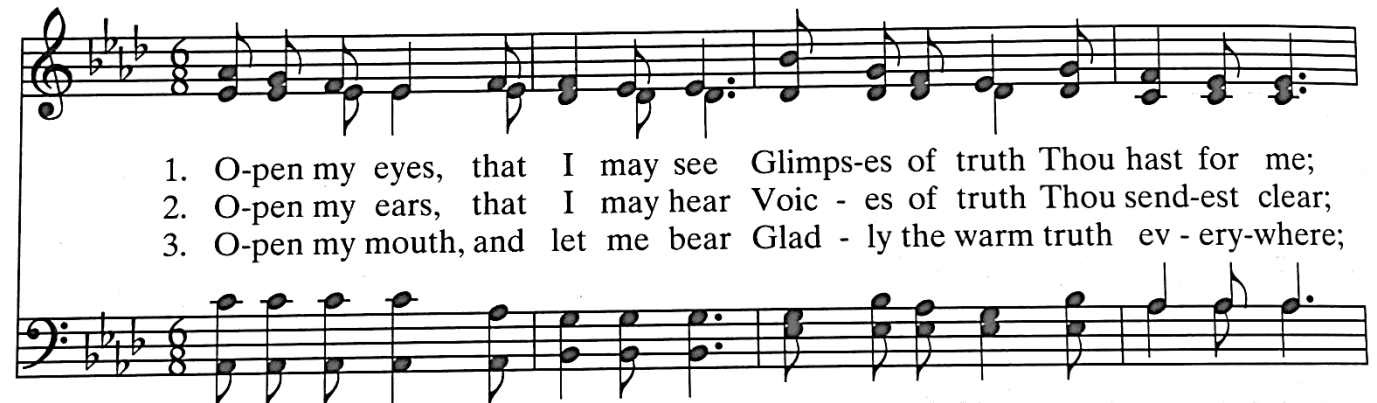
6. All creatures, your Creator bless,  
 And worship God in humbleness.  
 O sing ye! Alleluia!  
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



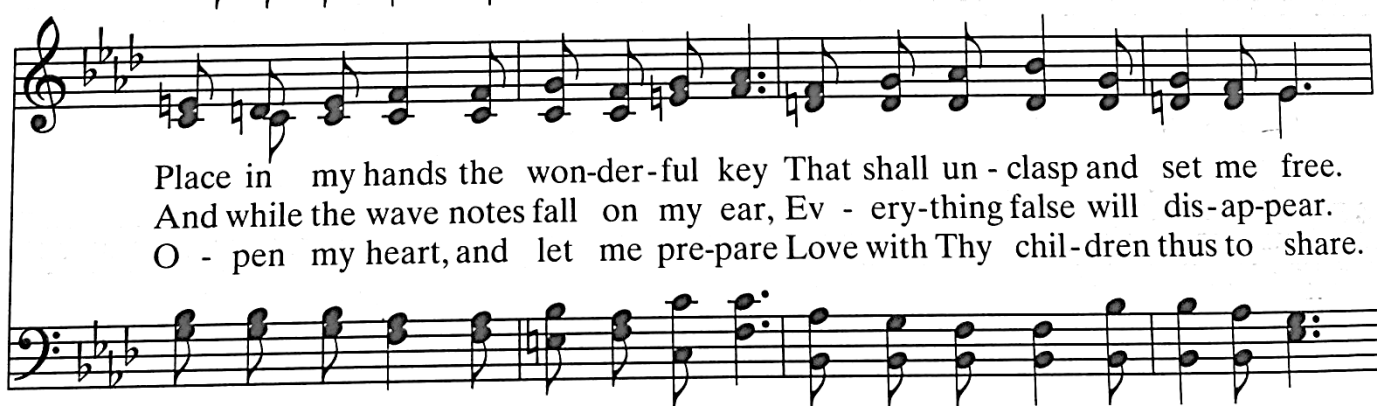
OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8 with refrain

Clara H. Scott, 1895

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1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;  
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send-est clear;  
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where;



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear.  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil-dren thus to share.

*Refrain*

HOLY SPIRIT



Si-lent-ly now I wait for Thee, Read-y, my God, Thy will to see;



eyes,  
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 heart,