

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

November 13, 2022

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

Prelude      *Eternal Father Strong to Save* – Callahan      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell      Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Minute for Mission      Frank Fargo

Call to Worship      Psalm 98      Marne Larson

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

**Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.**

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

Hymn      *For the Beauty of the Earth*      #473

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer      Marne Larson

We are imperfect. God calls us to be bold, and we seek comfort. God calls us to love others, and we put ourselves first. God calls us to care deeply, and we choose to be numb. Let us be honest with God and each other as we speak our shortcomings plainly, knowing that our creator hears us and will not turn away.

**Almighty God, we have fallen short. We have harbored hate. We have celebrated the pain of others. We have ignored your truth and withheld mercy from others. We have chosen what is easy instead of what we know is right. Empower us that we may not grow weary.**

**Teach us that we may know what is right. Restore us to our first love in you. Redeem our interactions so that we would share grace with others. We silently name our failures and lay them at your feet now.**

*Take a moment for silent confession*

Friends, we do not have to be perfect. Christ's love and God's grace covers us. All God asks is that we love the Lord. This love changes us. It defines us. In Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven, and your slate is wiped clean.

With boldness and together with all the saints, we pray 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.**

Praise Song                      *I Love You, Lord*                      #627, Glory to God Hymnal  
(Words at end of bulletin)

Scripture                      Luke 21:5-19                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway  
This is the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                      *Solution Prayer*                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn                      *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*                      (Words at end of bulletin)

Choir Anthem                      *America*                      Directed by Steve Torrence  
Congregation sings these words when directed:

My country tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring!

Benediction                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude                      *His Truth is Marching On* – Fedak                      Gary Norris, Organist

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# Announcements

**Priscilla Circle** will meet on Monday, November 14 at 11:30am, in Calvin Lounge. Our hostess will be Marilyn Nalbach. We will discuss plans for Christmas giving. All women are welcome.

## **Work Party! – November 19**

Join the Facilities Committee on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> for a work party! We gather at the Rockefeller doors or in Westminster Hall at 9am.

## **Everett Holiday Tree Lighting! – November 25**

Last year we provided cookies and celebration as the City of Everett lit the downtown for the holiday season. Pastor Alan has signed us up again to help! We will be providing cookies and treats for our community on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>. The holiday tree lighting event will be from 4-7pm that afternoon. Pastor Alan will be getting more information, but we need COOKIES. Yes, lots of them to share with those attending this event. Beginning next Sunday, you can bring cookies (bought or made) to the church and store them in the freezers in Westminster kitchen. Please label any cookies for this event so they will be used then. Again, we will need volunteers that Friday, but more information will be coming. Thank you!

## **Advent Potluck – November 27**

Join the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee in celebrating the first Sunday in Advent! On November 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a potluck to kick off our Advent season right after worship. We will be passing out our Advent Devotional, singing Christmas songs led by the Deacons and Ed Pearson, and building community. Sign-ups for bringing a main course, salads, and desserts can be found at the Welcome Center.

## **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** has moved to Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Coffee will be provided but bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up.

- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan on November 17th at 4pm using the Zoom platform. We will be looking at Chapter 49 of *We Make the Road by Walking*. However, you do not need the book. Our scripture references will be Psalm 98, John 14:15-18, 25-27; 15:26-27; 16:33, 1 Corinthians 3:9-15; 15:20-28.

There will be no class on November 24th – Thanksgiving.

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- 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

Even as we move into this new chapter, we affirm a cautious approach by:

- Having masks and hand sanitizer available for use
- Keeping socially distanced
- Using prefilled communion cups

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a Session member. 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 November 13, 2022**

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community.
- 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.
- Please pray for Maggie Lamus as her cancer has returned. She has restarted treatment and we pray for peace, healing, and strength.
- Marilee Richards son-in-law, Galileo, had knee replacement surgery recently and now has a bad infection in the knee. He underwent emergency surgery on Thursday. Please pray for healing and protection for his knee.
- Update: My friends Aaron and Alicia no longer have COVID but do struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Update: Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, had a doctor appointment on Tuesday and his bones are continuing to heal. He walks three times a day but isn't allowed to twist or bend. He is off all meds! He's disappointed that he can't begin physical therapy for a least another six weeks. Prayers for patience and continued healing will help greatly. Thank you for your prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.

- Update: After a valiant four-year battle with lung cancer, our much-loved friend and special neighbor Doug Dawson passed away peacefully into a new life with Jesus. Thank you, FPCE, for your many prayers for him. From Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Please pray for Don Collins who is having some health issues dealing with his heart. He is one of our regular helpers at Dinner at the Bell every Wednesday. From Dottie Villevik.
- Our son-in-law, Doug Schultz, has a long recovery ahead from a spinal cord injury. Prayers are requested for strength and mobility in his legs. From Annette and Wes King
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Kimberly, who has recently been placed on hospice.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen and for her doctors to find the best treatment. She is having difficulty speaking. Please also pray for her husband, Robert, and son, Steven, as this is difficult for the whole family.
- Update: Please pray for Tracy McLean, Martha Klingler's daughter in Portland who has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. She started chemo on September 8. From Dottie Villevik.
- Janet Good is experiencing an unfortunate progression with Parkinson's disease, resulting in a decline in her health. Please pray for Teresa, and family as they seek strength, wisdom, and peace during this time.
- Rev. Karen Summers appreciates our continued prayers. From Shirley Solberg.
- Update: My friend Ida has died. Please pray for her family. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Lillian who has serious cardiac issues. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Jim Iles who has cancer. From Marilyn Minch.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Larry O'Donnell still amazes us – PTL! Thank you for your continued prayers for his energy level improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's shortness of breath is still a concern. We appreciate your continued prayers. From Annette King.

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Dale Good
- Family of Dean Copeland
- Family of Ethel Geniesse
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Robert Henry

- Genevieve Heuer – friend of Jimmy Sharp
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Doug Paine – friend of Marilee Richards
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahan – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Matt McCoy, Grandson of Annette King
- Clyde and Judy 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
- 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 for Suzan, Judy Kutz’s sister and Janet Good.

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838  
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861  
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,  
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,  
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

## I Love You, Lord

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear."

This simple song of adoration provides a significant blend of individual and communal considerations, for although the text is written in the voice of one person, the music involves multiple voices singing in harmony. The resulting experience seems more shared than solitary.



## Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1. Eternal Father, strong to save  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.
2. Eternal Father, with Thy hand,  
Protect all those who serve on land,  
Give all them honor, skill, and sight,  
That they may serve held by thy might;  
Let every step of each new day,  
Lord, find them marching in your way.
3. Lord, guard and guide the men who fly  
Through the great spaces of the sky,  
Aloft in solitudes of space,  
Support them with your saving grace;  
Be with them always in the air,  
In darkening storms or sunshine fair,
4. Eternal Father, grant, we pray,  
To all Marines, both night and day,  
The courage, honor, strength, and skill  
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;  
Be thou their shield forevermore,  
From every peril to the Corps.
5. Lord, guard and guide all those who fly,  
And those who on the ocean ply;  
Be with our troops upon the land,  
And all who for their country stand:  
Be with these guardians day and night,  
And may their trust be in thy might.