

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

March 5, 2023 – 10am

Name Tag Sunday! As we begin March, let's re-familiarize each other with our names. Please take a moment to get a name tag at either door so we can greet each other by name. We will have a moment of passing the peace during the service to greet our neighbors.

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

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* – Miller Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* #473

Prayer of Lent

Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom.

Hear our intercessions.

For your church around the world,

we ask new life.

For all who carry out ministries in your church,

we ask grace and wisdom.

For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines,

we ask inspired discipleship.

For Christians of every land,

we ask new unity in your name.

For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,
we ask your divine blessing.
For those who cannot believe,
we ask your faithful love.
For governors and rulers in every land,
we ask your guidance.
For people who suffer and sorrow,
we ask your healing peace.
Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us
Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

The Psalmist reminds us, "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit, out of the miry bog and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God (Psalm 40:1-4)."
Believe the good news, through Jesus, we are free to sing a new song and we are forgiven.
Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

Scripture John 3:1-21
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem *Peace Like a River* Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon *Born Again?!* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Lord, and to give you thanks,
for you alone are God, living and true,
dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Lord of All, how wonderful is the work of your hands!
When sin had scarred the world, you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own,
you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing
for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.
Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom.
From them you raised up Jesus, your Son,
the living bread, in whom all hunger is satisfied.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ
and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Hymn

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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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

Singing of the Lord's Prayer

Steve Torrence
Gary Norris

Announcements

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 12, 2023.
Be prepared to spring forward on the 12th!

VOA Food Donations

We donated 233 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in February. This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be tomorrow, March 6th, from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

Priscilla Circle – March 13th

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, March 13th, at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter 7. Don't forget your homework assignment. Carol Gresham will serve as hostess. You may bring a lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

Work Party – March 18th

Join the Facilities Committee for our March Work Party on Saturday March 18th at 9am. We are hoping to work outside to prepare our grounds for the Easter season. All skill levels can help, just bring good shoes, and gloves. You can bring your own garden tools or there will be some provided. Yes, donuts and coffee will be there!

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

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- 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

Save the Date – May 6th Presbyterian Women Women’s Retreat

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a women’s retreat here on Saturday, May 6th. More details will be coming soon.



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. Pastor Alan will be leading a Lenten study in a new Sunday School series.
 - 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 9th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Amos chapters 3 and 5.
 - 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 March 5, 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.
- 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 Villevik 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 Kuhnenn.
- 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.
- Update: Rev. Dr. Ed Coon appreciates continued prayers. He has a follow-up next week with the surgeon who implanted his pacemaker. He is hopeful to be free to start his walks again. From Dottie Villevik
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Jay Kuhnenn'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.

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.

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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Charlotte Elliott, 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849
Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 3. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
 4. Just as I am, Thy love un - known Has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve,
 Thine a - lone,