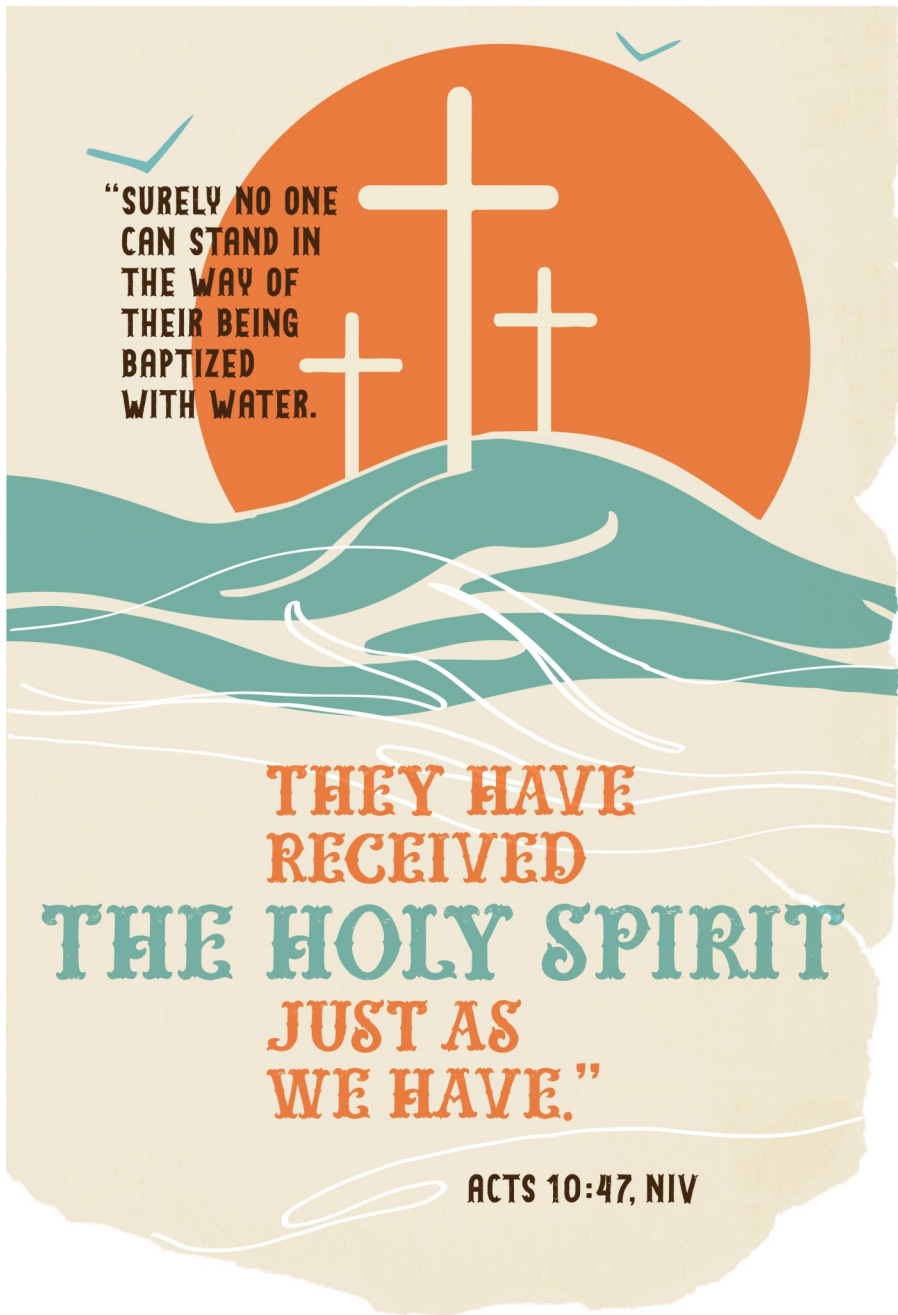




First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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**The Carillon
June 2024**

Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join our worship livestream, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the FPCE Facebook page. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>. Worship services can also be viewed on our You Tube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Please note: There are times when Facebook and/or YouTube will mute parts of a worship recording that they deem to be infringing on copyright protections. To see the service online, uninterrupted, you'll need to watch the live broadcast.

Online worship bulletins are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

The other day I drove by a Christian school with a sign stating: Trust in the Lord and not your own understanding. Now, that sounds like it's from the bible, but it's not. The verse they attempted to share is Proverbs 3:5. In the NRSVUE edition, it's translated: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. Verse 6 continues, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.

We make think, what's the issue? We may think the school got the essence of the meaning with limited letter space. Yet, on the sign, there is no note of where the verse came from. I noticed it and thought to myself, there's something not right here. I cycled through scripture I have memorized over my life and thought, they dropped an important phrase: with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding (NIV, the way I learned the verse in elementary school).

Again, most people may wonder pastor, what's the big deal? Let's say we are good people driving by this school every day. We read their signs and appreciate the encouraging scripture the school shared. Yet, those who do not attend church and/or know scripture well, may look at the words and take them at face value. We could think the words are scripture, therefore these words are a full representation of what Christian's believe. But maybe they are not. Maybe there's a 'verse' on the board at some point saying, hate the sin, love the sinner. Whether or not it's a good phrase, it sounds 'churchy', but it is not scripture.

The other concern I have is the theological implications of condensing a verse like Proverbs 3:5. Again, as we drive by the sign, we may conclude our trust in God removes us from thinking. After all, this verse tells us trust in the Lord, but not our own understanding. This is a concern. We could think, finally, just trust in God and that's all we need. It's just me and God and whatever God tells me is true and I can ignore or reject all others. True, trusting in God is very important, but the shorter version on the sign allows us to distrust science, discount those we disagree with, and become closed in a discussion because all we're doing is trusting in God and not in our or your understanding.

This misses out on the truth of the verse. The verse tells us to trust in the Lord with all our heart. This echoes back to the command Moses gives the children of Israel from Deuteronomy (6:4-6), "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart." We see the foreshadowing of Jesus reminding us of what the greatest commandment is in the gospels. We are to trust in the Lord with all our heart. With our entire being. And when we do that, we do not rely on our own insight. Meaning, we have a healthy trust of science, others, school, leaders, and discussion. A healthy trust means we do not need to agree fully, we can disagree, we can respectfully listen, we can advocate another way, we can wrestle over ideas without condemning another person, and through it all, we note there are ideas, processes, and information we may not be able to comprehend.

This is why we trust God. There are things we will not understand, but we are not to curb or restrict our curiosity and just blatantly ignore those who do have solutions and answers. God has given us minds to think, be creative, and explore our world. We have the capabilities to solve problems and work together. If we just rejected those talents and gifts, then we would be unfaithful to the amazing God who we lean on and who we trust.

Also, the verses in Proverbs are not isolated. The context of the first chapters of Proverbs encourages the reader to hold on to, to seek, and to learn wisdom. Wisdom is not easy. We are tempted by other voices trying to lead us down paths away from God. The writer is reminding us to trust God. To seek wisdom. To not go down the slippery path promising riches, power, and prestige. Those goals fade and fall away, leaving us worse off than if we had just leaned on God.

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Travel with Outreach in 2024

We invite you to travel with The Outreach Foundation to spend time with our global partners, experience the presence of Christ through their work, and participate in opportunities to fuel the spread of the Gospel. As we exchange stories and testimonies with our siblings in Christ, we both provide and receive encouragement for our faith journeys.

UKRAINE, APRIL 11-23

We will begin in Warsaw, Poland, where we will meet teams from City Church in Lithuania and The College of Theology and Social Sciences. In Lviv, Ukraine, we will facilitate a 3-day resiliency retreat for staff of the Ukraine Evangelical Theological Seminary (UETS), military chaplains, and pastors from various denominations along with their spouses. Following the retreat, we will travel to Kyiv to bring encouragement and assistance with relief efforts, as well as meet other relief partners including Radooga, Peter's Work, and Mission Eurasia. *At the request of our partners, we will bring IFAKs (Immediate First Aid Kits) for soldiers. These are a critical need, and each kit is \$110. Please consider donating!*

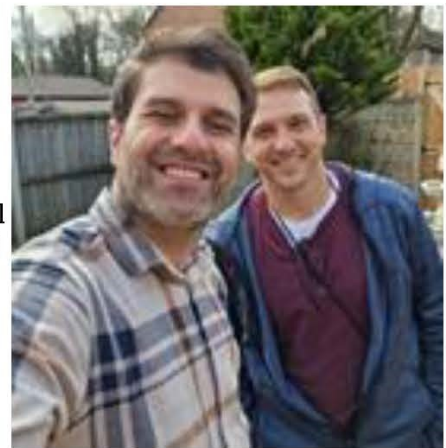


WARSAW, POLAND, APRIL 30 - MAY 9

The highlight of this visit will be leading a "Healing the Healers" retreat for staff and students at The College of Theology and Social Sciences (CTSS) in Warsaw. The staff of CTSS has been faithful to God's call by providing quality humanitarian relief, trauma healing training, and maintaining its core education mandate throughout the war in Ukraine. The team arrives in Krakow, where we will visit Auschwitz and Bikenau to gain appreciation of the context of regional oppression that has scarred their history. After the retreat in Warsaw, we will tour Old Town and develop deeper conversations with CTSS leadership.

LIVERPOOL, UNITED KINGDOM, AND PORTUGAL, AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 4

As a Persian Diaspora Partnership visioning visit, this trip begins in Liverpool, United Kingdom, with Shapoor Ahmadi of Frontline Centre, who works among the Persian-speaking community that lives as refugees in Liverpool, Manchester, and Portugal. Led by Shapoor, we will participate in worship and evangelistic outreaches, hear testimonies and bring hope to many Muslim background believers, facilitate Alpha courses and assist in relief work as we gain understanding of the powerful work of transformation God is achieving through Persian-speaking Muslims in exile from Iran, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan.



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NUREMBERG, GERMANY, SEPTEMBER 10-18

The Outreach Foundation team has been invited to bring support to the annual conference of the Synod of Iran in Diaspora with the Presbyterian Church of Bayern and Pastor Sergez. Our team will visit a refugee community where Sergez serves a small house church community, enjoy rich Persian hospitality, share in worship, and participate in a day of intercessory prayer at the church's new training and worship center. Throughout the visit, we will receive many testimonies from Muslim background believers.

CHINA, OCTOBER 11-21

This visioning visit will begin with a day of worship and touring in Shanghai with representatives of the National CCC/TSPM before traveling to Zhejiang Province to meet with church leaders and theology faculty in Ningbo and Hangzhou. Afterward, we will travel to Jiangsu Province to meet with church leaders in Wuxi and Jiangyin. The Outreach Foundation has accepted Amity Foundation's invitation to participate in and attend its national ping pong tournament.



TÜRKIYE, NOVEMBER 3-13

This trip provides you with an opportunity both to have a tour of the 7 Churches of Revelation with our

expert tour guide, and a rich visit with two phenomenal ministries in the Persian Diaspora Partnership. Following our arrival in Istanbul, we will gather and fly together to Izmir. There we will begin with our tour of the 7 Churches of Revelation and lead a 3-day conference for house church network leaders of our partner Forouzan/Gates of Heaven. Then we travel to Denizli to see the church site at Laodicea and meet with nearly 50 students of Pars Theological Center to worship, hear their testimonies, and participate in rich dialogue.



Additional trips may include Mexico, Cuba, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Zambia, Pakistan, and Egypt. Please visit our website at <https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/trips> for updated information.

Stories from Outreach trips can also be found on our website under Trip Blogs and are especially helpful for new travelers.

Library Update - June 2024

June already! Summer arrives bringing camp memories for many of us. Camp is also a preaching and activity theme this year. In our monthly updates we spotlight library materials that may enhance or relate in some way to ongoing church events. But camping?

Our shelves hold books for camp ideas or just summer family fun:

In *The Acorn People*, Tom Parker details his time as counselor at a summer camp for severely handicapped youth. His heartwarming discovery that, given encouragement and acceptance, these young people blossom to exhibit amazing gifts. This slim volume is an engaging read.

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What would camp be without songs? Our library has several resources:

This Little Light of Mine Raffi E 782.42 Raf

Group's Singable Songs for Children's Ministry: Accompaniment & Leaders Guide

For voice and piano; includes chord symbols, motions, some sign language instructions.
784.6 Gro

Music from Our Lord's Holy Heaven Gloria Jean Pinkney CE 784.6 Pin

One More River : A Traditional Spiritual Blumen, Karen E 782.25 Blu

This classic spiritual about Noah's ark is adapted for reading, singing, and counting...

The Song of Francis Tomie dePaola E 271.3 DeP

All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir Bill Staines CE 784.4

Of course there must be games. A few possibilities:

Noncompetitive Games for People of All Ages Susan Butler 793.19 But

Everyone's-a-Winner: Games for Children's Ministry CE 796.1 Eve

Let's Play: Group Games for Preschoolers CE 796.1 Bro

Look for these and other books on the library's display shelf or on the famed Burgundy Bookmobile in Westminster Hall on Sunday mornings.

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From the Organ Bench: Time, God's Gift to Us

Seasons of biblical drama on a unique calendar guides the organist's choice of music. Time is God's gift to us. Our calendars mark the passing of time. Your mother told you, "Be on time" and, "Don't waste time!"



For centuries, and especially the reformation, the Christian church established its own calendar called "The Calendar of The Christian Year". It provides the church at large, and each believer, a framework of the most significant biblical events. These events hold before us special seasons including:

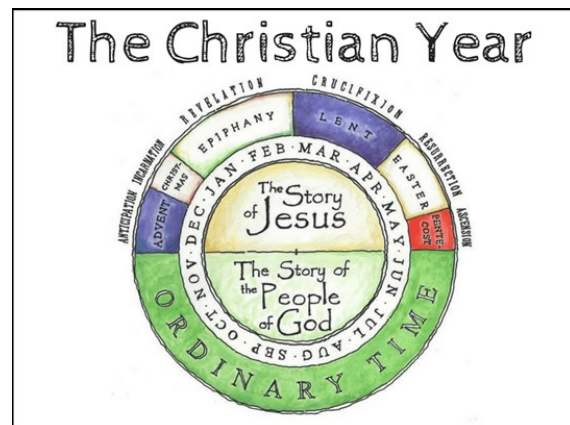
1. Advent: the anticipation of the coming of our Lord
2. Christmas: the birth of our Lord
3. Epiphany: the arrival of the wise men
4. Lent: the launching of our Lord's ministry ending with Holy Week, Maundy Thursday and His death on Good Friday
5. Easter: the celebration of His resurrection
6. Pentecost: the gathering of the disciples in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit descended and sent them out to preach (we just celebrated this)

We are now in what is called Ordinary time, those Sundays after Pentecost (May 19) and Trinity Sunday (May 26), and lasting until the first Sunday in Advent, (December 1, 2024).

Our Presbyterian church along with Protestant, Anglican, and Roman Catholic churches have print material that provide resources for each Sunday. These resources include hymns, scriptures, prayers, affirmations of faith, prayers of confessions, anthems for choirs, bell choir music, and art.

With my membership in the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM), I receive a 52 Sunday illustrated notebook entitled, "Call to Worship." Stop by after a Sunday service and I will offer it to you to examine as I will have it with me at the organ bench.

Our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters have what is called a "Missal" (from the Latin word meaning sent) in their pews. The Missal, distributed annually, provides a service for each Sunday along with 100 hymns.



Together, let us make this time of God's "ordinary time" **extra ordinary** as we gather for worship, grow in our faith, rejoice in God's grace, and move out in service to our community.

~Gary Norris, Organist

Book Group - June 2024

Book Group continues to convene virtually at 10 a.m. on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise.

June 24 *Horse: A Novel* Geraldine Brooks Leader TBA

“Every character is carefully and believably explored, including Lexington, the horse, an excellent racehorse ... whose closest relationship is with his enslaved caretaker and exercise rider... [Brooks] reveals a lot about racing art and biological science. Best horse book I’ve ever read, including all of my own.” —Jane Smiley, *The New York Times Book Review*

Ten copies of *Horse* from Everett Public Library’s book group set are available in our library.

July 22 *Rough Sleepers* Tracy Kidder Leader TBA

Nonfiction again. Dr. Jim O’Connell undertakes an urgent mission to bring healing to homeless people in Boston. Tracy Kidder (you may remember him from *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer*) chronicles O’Connell’s many years of outreach. This multifaceted account details effects of abuse, illness, drugs, and alcohol along with poorly designed legal, medical, and housing rules.

August 26 Title and leader TBA

Other coming selections include Paul Lynch’s *Prophet Song* and James McBride’s *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*. We are in line for a book set for the McBride title, so we need to be flexible with scheduling,

Leaders will be announced with proposed dates. Don’t miss any of these upcoming treasures.

To take part in monthly discussions, log in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. For the link or to be added to the email list please contact me by phone or email.

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Summer AquaSox Baseball Game

Join Pastor Alan for a fun night of summer baseball! We have group upper reserved tickets for the AquaSox game on Wednesday July 31st at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased over the next few weeks. We currently have 20 tickets but can get more. Funko Field is a fun stadium, with easy parking, great views, and decently priced food. Plus, Roberto the Magnificent will make a special appearance during the game. Sign up and pay with Pastor Alan or register by scanning the QR code.

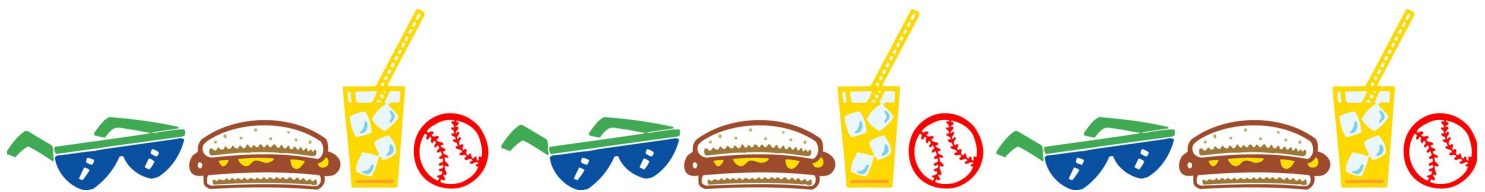


(continued from page 3) Off the Wall Submitted by Pastor Alan

Knowing scripture, studying God's word, taking time to pray or reflect, and worshipping together are ways we can develop ways to trust God. To turn our hearts over to Jesus and walk closer with him. To catch where the Holy Spirit is moving so we can lean not on our understanding but grow in wisdom.

When I was younger, one of the ways we worked on trusting God, growing in Christ, and developing wisdom was at camp. Vacation Bible School, church camp, and retreats were amazing ways to follow God with our whole hearts. This summer, we too at the First Presbyterian Church of Everett will be going to camp! Beginning Sunday June 23rd, we will go through orientation and spend the rest of the summer at camp. We will have some Wednesday programs, cook s'mores, attend an AquaSox baseball game, sing silly songs, participate in crafts, and take time to read, study, and contemplate scripture. More information will be coming, but I invite you to embrace the summer and join us as you are able.

Peace, *Alan*

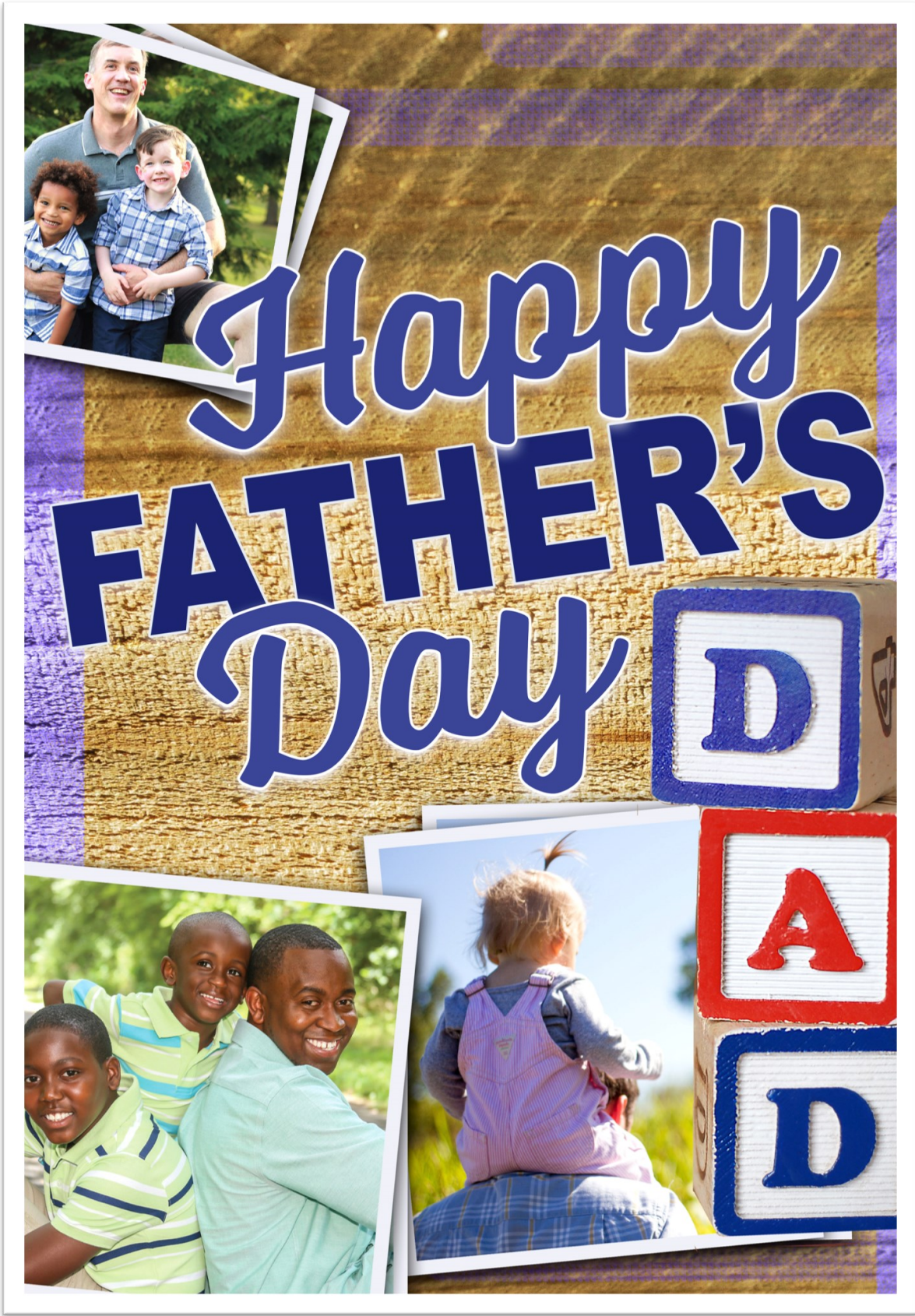


Thursday Bible Study

Join us for an 8 -week Thursday Bible Study on the book of Revelation. Have you ever wondered about the end times? Have you been concerned when fellow Christians start pointing out 'signs'? Do think the last book of the bible seems crazy and not understandable? Then join Pastor Alan as we dive into the symbols, confusion, faith, and witness of Revelation.

Revelation Study Schedule:

- June 6 – Revelation 8:2-11
- June 13 – Revelation 12-16
- June 20 – Revelation 17-20
- June 27 – Revelation 21-22



Graduation Sunday



JUNE 16, 2024

We're celebrating the Class of 2024 during our 10 a.m. worship service on June 16—Graduation Sunday.

Have a loved one graduating in the Class of 2024? Submit a graduate information form by June 2.



SCAN QR CODE FOR DETAILS



Christian Formation & Discipleship (CFD) is looking for volunteers to work in the nursery on a rotating schedule. If you are interested please contact Teresa Good.



JUNE CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

If you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

- 6/4 James & Mary Lou Finley
- 6/6 Brian & Anna Cochran
- 6/9 Alan & Judy Hutchison
- 6/11 Sig & Sondra Santos
- 6/28 Ari & Robin Kohler
- 6/30 Michael & Martha Clemans

Birthdays:

- 6/1 Mike Davis
- 6/2 Jody Heath
- 6/3 Greg Faith
- 6/5 Ed Coon
- 6/10 Tony Scoringe
- 6/12 James Finley
- 6/13 Ari Kohler
- 6/16 Randal Fehlhaber
- 6/25 Linda Senter
- 6/25 Doreen Solberg
- 6/28 Jackie Minor
- 6/30 Florence Day
- 6/30 Marsha Lueth

Special Dates in June

- Flag Day, June 14, 2024
- Father's Day, June 16, 2024
- Juneteenth, June 19, 2024
- First day of summer, June 20, 2024



Newsletter Deadline

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

June 16, 2024

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.
ON DUE DATE.**



In May, we donated 279 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank Bank. Great job!

Our next drive-through collection is Monday, June 10 from **10am to 12pm**. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door.

Your donations support those in need here in Everett.
Thank you for your donations.

Men's Breakfast – June 8th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, June 8th, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!



Scrabble Wednesdays in 2024

Scrabble continues in June on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on **June 5th and June 19th from 1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall** for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE.

The north door will be open from 12:50-1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!



We gather together
to say thanks for the blessing of
Ed Coon
Please join us in a celebration of his 90th birthday

June 9, 2024
12-2 pm
Forest Park Picnic Shelter
802 E Mukilteo Blvd Everett WA

Cake and beverages will be provided

Please feel free to
bring a birthday card.

He'll be coming around the mountain when he comes.
We'll be ferrying him your well wishes when he comes.

Ed Coon's 90th Birthday!

**Please join us in writing birthday cards
with greetings, well wishes and notes of
remembrances for our dad.**

Please send them by **June 1st** to:
Ed Coon
c/o Merry Trent
2616 Hillside Lane
Everett, WA 98203

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Steve Hammond	John Gebert	Randy Fehlhaber
Jamie Hunter	Marne Larson	Susan Lynn
Jan Weakley	Steve Ulvestad	Kari Nupen

Deacons

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Bob Barren	Lisa Comstock	Rose Capetillo
Doris Pearson	Susan Davis	Sam Capetillo
Ed Pearson	Joan Lyderson	Mike Davis

