



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – July 26, 2026 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship Today! 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.

Hearing Devices are available to amplify the worship service. Please see ushers.

*For our liturgy, **BOLD** text invites you to join in the reading*

Prelude

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringin of the Bell

Leslie Sutin

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12

Katherine Campbell

You will say on that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Hymn *Joy to the World! – #40 (verses 1 & 2)*

Prayer of Confession

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. We admit that we need to begin again for we have fallen short of the glory of God. With confidence that God hears our prayers, let us confess our sins:

Gracious Lord, we come before you with open hearts. We want to rejoice and sing. We want to care for our world and love our neighbor. Yet, we get caught up in things that do not matter. We rush, we do not take time to reflect, we let feelings of doubt and hurt cloud our minds. We humbly ask that you hear our hearts and free us from our sin. Release us from the unnecessary burden we hold onto and replace it with the gift of love and joy only you can offer. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world in the here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

With joy, let us give thanks to the Lord, in Jesus, we are forgiven.

Hallelujah, Amen.

Hymn *What Child Is This – #53 (verses 1 & 3)*

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymn *As with Gladness Men of Old – #63*

Scripture

Luke 2:8-14

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

Special Music

In Dulci Jubilo

Elizabeth Nelson, piano

(Trad. 14th century/Davis)

Sermon

Good News of Great Joy

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

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

Angels We Have Heard on High – #23

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

Gary Norris, Organist

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Today

Adult Sunday School: Music 101 – Join Elizabeth Nelson in Calvin Lounge 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for this five-week summer class, **Understanding the Basics of Music**, as we explore the building blocks of music together – including musical notation, rhythm, scales, time signatures, dynamics, sight reading, and more. No advanced musical background is required.

Worship Next Sunday will be at 10:00 am (also available online on our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel)

Upcoming

Lunch with Pastor Alan – tomorrow (Monday) at noon in the library.

Wednesday Summer of Joy Zoom Check In – July 29th at 6:00 pm, we are taking time to gather via Zoom to talk about our joy readings, reflect on the sermon, talk about what is bringing you joy, and to pray.

Join Zoom with Meeting ID: 840 1349 4173 or [click here](#).

Scrabble – August 5th and 19th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, August 8th at 8:30am in Stocker Hall. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study.

Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, August 16th – after worship the Nominating Committee will present Barb Roetcisoender to serve as a Deacon. This is the only item of business for this meeting.

Announcements

Top 20 Summer Challenge

With the limited parking downtown on Sundays with the market and other exciting events, let's fill our parking spaces first. We have 20 spaces and, on some Sundays, they are not totally filled. Our challenge is to first park in our spaces, to make sure they are used for members and friends to worship on Sundays, and to free up parking at the top of the hill for visitors.

Volunteers of America Food Donations

We gathered 202 pounds of food for the VOA this month! Great job!

We collect food donations every week at the baskets at both sanctuary doors. If you have a large donation or a heavy one, Ken Newman will be glad to help with collecting it before or after service on any Sunday. Thanks to all who donate food to help those in need in our community.

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.



Pastor's QR Code

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.



From Gary Norris

In your summer of “discovery learning” when on that walk in the woods, sitting beside a stream, did you ever stop and ask yourself: What is my IQ?



No, not your Intelligence Quotient, but your *Imagination Quotient*.



Call to mind this powerful Bible passage and a vow, a promise you made when becoming a church leader and explore a hymn for today.

Remember that vow, that promise. “Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?”

Remember and personally connect that with Ephesians 3:20. “Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or *imagine*, according to His power that is at work within us...”

Then as a church musician, I invite you to learn and sing to the familiar tune
Lyons "O Worship the King" (#476 in our blue hymnal).

O God, give us life and show us anew,
Each person is loved and valued by you.
May we see all people as children of yours,
And work for your kingdom that heals and restores.

Biblical reference: Luke 7:11-17, 36-50, 7:22, 15:1-32, 4:18.

Source: https://www.carolynshymns.com/o_christ_you_are_life.html

Please Pray for...

Shirley Morrow and **Todd Morrow**. Shirley's health is declining and we pray for peace and comfort during this time.

Pray for God's healing, protection, and peace for **Jean** and **Kory**.

Victor, a local landscaper and friend of Chris Hoke of Underground Ministries, is now in emergency status. Doctors show the ICE facility has mismanaged Victor's heart medications and he has gotten worse and needs a heart transplant asap, but the courts won't allow it. There is a rushed petition for humanitarian release they want to file this week. Also, pray for his wife and young family. From Dottie Villevik.