

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin – 10am

September 12, 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County and the State of Washington, is **requiring masks indoors** for all ages above 5 years old.

We understand this is not where we wanted to be, but our desire as a church is to love God and love our neighbor. Masks are a tangible way we express our concern and compassion for our community. We ask you to join our session in praying for our county as together we navigate this time.

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

Prelude *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* – DeCou Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 150 from The Message

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy house of worship, praise him under the open skies;

Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his magnificent greatness;

Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings;

Praise him with castanets and dance, praise him with banjo and flute;

Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise him with fiddles and mandolin.

Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Hallelujah!

Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* #478

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Widely yet his mercy flows!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.

Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

Prayers of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Loving God, you are always ready to forgive our sins. We are much less eager to forgive those with whom we disagree. So often when we have something against our friends, family, or strangers, we escalate the conflict rather than working for unity. Our sinfulness and hard-heartedness push us away from healthy relationships and lapse us into conflict and enmity. We would rather talk about people instead of talking to people. We would rather avoid the hard work of making peace, instead of seeking healing and wholeness. We wish we could turn the other cheek, but it feels so much more satisfying to demonize the other side. We resist your call to be ambassadors of reconciliation. Forgive us for our divisive and sinful behaviors. Heal our brokenness and set your peace in our hearts. Forgive us our sins, and hear us now as we continue to confess our sins in silence...

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.

Summer Choir

Carry Me Home

Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture

Colossians 1:1-6, 15-23

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

ReOpen ReOpening

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

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Francis of Assisi (1181/2-1226)
Para. James Quinn (b. 1919)

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., 1962

1. Lord, make us ser - vants of Your peace; Where there is
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is
3. Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek To be con -
4. May we not look for love's re - turn, But seek to

hate, may we sow love; Where there is hurt, may we for -
gloom, may we sow hope; Where all is night, may we sow
soled, but to con - sole, Nor look to un - der - stand - ing
love un - self - ish - ly, For in our giv - ing we re -

give; Where there is strife, may we make one.
light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.
hearts, But look for hearts to un - der - stand.
ceive, And in for - giv - ing are for - given.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn
Through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of Your peace
To wake at last in heaven's light.

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BenedictionPostlude*God of Grace* – Manz

Gary Norris, Organist

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Prayer of Confession adapted from Rev. Chip Hardwick.

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of my dear husband, Jack Campbell, who passed away a year ago today after a valiant struggle with multiple health problems. He will forever be missed.

**Lovingly,
Judith Campbell**

Announcements

TODAY IS OUR FALL KICK OFF!

- Flower calendar begins – sign up to bring flowers from September to December 2021
- In person Coffee Time hosted by the Deacons starts after worship
- Hybrid Adult Sunday School begins in Calvin Lounge at 11:30am

Tomorrow, Monday September 13th from 11am to 1pm, we are collecting non-perishable food for the Volunteers of America Food Bank. Just drive down the alley where Ken Newman and Pastor Alan will greet you and gratefully accept donations.

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan begins this Tuesday September 14th at 12pm. We have a new zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTd09>

- Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- Passcode: FPCE21!

- Thursday Bible Study will resume on Thursday September 23rd.

We begin a new Sunday School class today at 11:30am

This hybrid class (zoom link coming soon) consists of recorded lectures by Professor Bart Ehrman of the University of North Carolina Department of Religious Studies. This course explores the remarkable diversity of beliefs and writings propounded by people who considered themselves to be Christians in the first few centuries AD. This class is led by Steve Hammond and will be in Calvin Lounge and using the Zoom link below.

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Join Zoom Meeting

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Priscilla Circle begins Tomorrow Monday September 13th at 11:30am

Priscilla Circle will begin meeting again on Monday, September 13, at 11:30 AM in Calvin Lounge. Since it has been so long that we have been together, this will be a social meeting in which we will discuss our plans for the year and what our study lesson will be. We welcome all women who wish to attend. Please bring a salad to share for our potluck lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Masks are required as well as Covid-19 protocols.

Upcoming Memorials

Don Lyderson's memorial is this Thursday, September 16th at 2pm.

You are invited to a "Celebration of Life" for Richard Dean Weakley. The date is Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 4:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Everett, WA. Dick had designed and constructed stained glass windows for the church doors. They are currently being installed and will be dedicated during this celebration. In addition, I am creating a memory book of Dick's life. I would love to have you share a special memory that you have of Dick, serious or funny. To include your memory please email it to me by Wednesday, September 15th. Please include your name and relationship to Dick. Some of your thoughts may also be included in a slide show before the Celebration. With the increase in COVID-19 masks are currently required for everyone inside our church.

Blessings to you,

Jan Weakley

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Thursday Bible Study

We are a congregation desiring to learn and grow our faith in Jesus. Over the past year, we have met on Thursday afternoons to read scripture, discuss, and work together studying God's word. Beginning on September 23rd at 4pm, we will begin a year long journey walking through the Bible. We will be using *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren. This book has 52 chapters and walks participants through learning for an entire year. You can find this book on Amazon or other internet sources. Pastor Alan has 10 copies for purchase (\$13/each). While it's not crucial to have the book, the commentary, reflections, and questions the book includes will help each one of us come prepared to engage the text.

Save the Date

October 3rd is World Communion Sunday and our *Souper* Sunday. This is a relaxing lunch after worship for community building sponsored by the Deacons. All are invited!

Prayer Updates September 12, 2021

- We pray for Snohomish County. On Wednesday September 1st, the rate of new COVID cases during the last two weeks now stands at 446 per 100,000 people. This is a level not seen since April 2020. Snohomish County encourages people to get vaccinated.
- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate this COVID surge in our community.
- Jan Weakley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Pat Weakley Hein now under Hospice Care for congestive heart and kidney failure. Pat is Dick's little sister.
- Tina Amm is asking for prayer as she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Tina is scared and a single mother. Tina is a co-worker with Sam and Rose Capetillo.
- For school administrators, teachers, para-educators, students, and families as they head back to school
- We pray for those affected by Hurricane Ida.
- We pray for Afghanistan, for refugees, and for our military personnel.
- We pray for Maggie Lamus as her sister, Barbara Werner, died last Thursday following complications from a stroke and dementia.
- My prayer request is that my sister Jill gets her unemployment check and that she gets a great job she is happy with. From Jodi Doney
- Is that Randy finds it in his heart to either add me as a friend on Facebook or accepts my friendship invitation. From Jodi Doney
- We pray for Campbell Farms. Our friend and colleague in ministry, Carman Pimms, died unexpectedly in her sleep on Saturday, August 21, 2021.
- Update: We celebrate Marilee Richards improved health! She has been cleared by her doctor and has slowly begun to resume daily activities.
- Update from Marsha Lueth: My great nephew, who was born 8 weeks early, at 3 pounds, is now home after 10 weeks in the NICU. Thank you for your prayers for Jasper and his family.
- We pray for Bruce Russell, who is fighting a serious infection. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Pat Erickson as she seeks a solution to a physical problem that limits her mobility. Note: Prayer is working as Pat is feeling better!
- Update: We pray for Scott Morrow as he begins chemotherapy. We pray for his doctors, his strength, God's comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. He is home and is undergoing extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Update: We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris. Mary Lee needed another surgery and needs prayer as she heals.
- Sondra Santos asks for prayers for her uncle, Jimmy Sico, who was recently diagnosed with Glioblastoma. He has begun radiation treatment.
- Update: Sondra also asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, John Hightower, who was diagnosed with colon cancer. John had surgery to remove a mass and the good news is the mass is not cancerous.

- Update: We continue to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling's sister. Linda had surgery and is recovering.
- We pray for Lucille Hofer as her daughter, Shirley Klien, died unexpectedly.
- Update: John Ortmeier, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when an MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – concerning pulmonary embolism. Multiple tests have not discovered why she is ill. She is transferring her care and tests to Virginia Mason for continued diagnosis. Friend of Annette King

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhenh
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray
 - Family of Bonnie Brown
 - Family of Celia Gordon
 - Sam and Rose Capetillo
 - Marcia Ricks and family
 - Joan Lyderson and family
 - Bea Swafford's family
 - Lucille Hofer
 - Bev Fox's family

- Larry O'Donnell
- 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 Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- 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 Dale and Janet Good.