



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – July 12, 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

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 65

Bob Barren

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

You provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful – #267*

Prayer of Confession

God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship. The grace of God is that the sorrows in our lives cannot last forever; so, let us unburden ourselves, confessing the ways in which we struggle against God that we may receive that grace.

Gracious Lord, you created this world and called it good. Yet we ignore your goodness and can find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ. We open our hearts to you in this moment.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. (Romans 8:1-2)

Believe this joyous good news: through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new life. **Alleluia! Amen!**

Special Music

In the Garden
(Miles/Lanier)

Ed Pearson, Trombone
Elizabeth Nelson,
accompanist

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings

In the Garden – #147

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. (*Refrain*)

I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Tho the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go, thru the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. (*Refrain*)

Scripture

Galatians 5:1,16-26

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

Sermon

The Joy of Gardening

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

Morning Has Broken – #469

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

Gary Norris, Organist

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 15th 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](#).

The Gathering – July 15th at 5:30 pm in Westminster Hall. We continue our third Wednesday gathering for food and community. We will be watching the movie *Inside Out*.

Scrabble – July 15th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Announcements

Last week, Pastor Alan recommended the book, *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. This book balances the joy found in nature and leads us to appreciate the joy found in relationships. If you questioned his mentioning this book, then please talk to him during coffee time.

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 past week! 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.



Please Pray for...

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

Victor, a local landscaper and friend of Chris Hoke of Underground Ministries, who has been held by ICE in the Tacoma Detention Center for the past year. Pray that he will be released soon and for his wife and two children under four. From Dottie Villevik.