

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

December 4, 2022

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

Prelude *I Wonder as I Wander* – Mark Hayes Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Minute for Deacons Sonya Beardsley

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle Psalm 122 Steve Hammond

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and security within your towers.”

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, we will seek your good.

Hymn *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* #20

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ.

Light the Hope candle

Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

Light the Peace candle

We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God’s promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. These candles stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Hymn *O Day of Peace* #450

Scripture Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-32 Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Gift: Peace* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the One who heals our brokenness.

Let us offer our thanks to God, who has prepared this Table for us.
We will bless the One who offers us life in every moment.

Ever living, always acting God, as the days grow shorter and the darkness deepens, we bow before you uncertain how to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. How do we make ready for the Savior of world to come to earth? No matter how hard we pray or how much we study, despite our earnest confessions and our desire to repent, we recognize our unworthiness to be in your presence, let alone have you dwell within our hearts. And yet, you make a way for us. You prepare a place for us. You refuse to abandon us. You relentlessly pursue us with your goodness and mercy. You set the table of grace in the presence of our enemies. You invite us to put down our burdens and come to your banquet. You are mindful of us even when we neglect you and one another. Such mercy is too wonderful for us.

Choir Anthem *Christmas Communion Song* Directed by Steve Torrence

Forgive us, God of this holy season, and help us to be as willing to draw near to others, so we might heal their brokenness, touch their loneliness, embrace their grief, and love them as you did when you came to us so long ago, as well as in these moments, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

God of the prophets, we confess our lack of preparedness and our tendency to wander away from you and your path. You call us to venture outside our comfortable spaces, yet we hunker down and excuse ourselves from faithful action. Forgive us, God. Call us again. Help us to respond this Advent in faith.

Now in these days, as we gather around the table gifted with the bread and the cup, may your Spirit of wisdom rest on us, so we may recognize the vulnerable and welcome their gifts in our lives; may your Spirit of might rest upon us, so we may stand up to injustices around us; may your Spirit of unity rest upon us; so we may resist all people, all words, which seek to divide us; may your Spirit of compassion rest upon us, so we may remember, and serve, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, in this holiest of seasons.

And when your harvest of peace comes at the end of all time, and we are gathered with our siblings around your feast, we will sing and glorify you forever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

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

Hymn *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

#22

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Lord's Prayer

Solo, Steve Torrence

Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High – Bish

Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

VOA Food Donations

We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be tomorrow, December 5th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.



Sunday, December 18 – Our choir will present Christmas Cantata 2022: *The Promise of Light* by Joel Raney.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 24, 5 PM

FPCE
Sanctuary

2936 Rockefeller Ave.
Everett, WA 98201

Candlelight Service

Deacons Gift Giving Offering

Each year at this time the Deacons collect a monetary donation from the congregation to purchase gift cards to distribute to organizations that help those in need. You may use the green envelopes in the pews for your donation. Please note "Deacons" on your check. Through December 4th, the Deacons will be collecting money. We appreciate your support and thank you for your generous gifts.



Men's Breakfast – December 10

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, December 10 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!

Priscilla Circle – December 12

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, December 12th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge – all women are welcome. We will have a potluck and gift exchange. In place of the YWCA adopt-a-family for Christmas this year, money was collected and donated to the Presbyterian recovery effort in Puerto Rico.

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, led by Steve Hammond. This Adult Sunday School class is based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls and is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology. There is no

requirement for preparation for this class, and you can drop in at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights.

- 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 on December 8th at 4pm using the Zoom platform. We will be looking at Chapter 51 of *We Make the Road by Walking*. However, you do not need the book. Our scripture references will be Psalm 126, Revelation 1:9-19; 19:11-16; 21:1-8; 22:16-21.
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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

Even as we move into this new chapter, we affirm a cautious approach by:

- Having masks and hand sanitizer available for use
- Keeping socially distanced
- Using prefilled communion cups

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a Session member. 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 December 4, 2022

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community.
- 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.
- Susan Johnson, a former member of our church in the 1980's/90's, died on November 19th. Her memorial service will be December 7th at 12:00 pm at Evergreen Funeral Home. Please keep the family in prayer during this time. From Dottie Villevik.
- Please pray for Maggie Lamus as her cancer has returned. She has restarted treatment and we pray for peace, healing, and strength.
- Please pray for Bruce Russell. He has a narrowing in his esophagus and has difficulty eating and swallowing. From Lisa Comstock.

- Please pray for Arlene Mawudeku who has stage 4 kidney failure and needs a kidney transplant.
- Please pray for Dottie and Alan Villevik, both have tested positive for COVID.
- Quinn Carpenter is having health issues and would appreciate prayers. From Marilyn Minch.
- Please pray for my friend Barbara and her parents. They all have COVID. From Lisa Comstock.
- Marilee Richards son-in-law, Galileo, had knee replacement surgery recently and now has a bad infection in the knee. He underwent emergency surgery. Please pray for healing and protection for his knee.
- Update: My friends Aaron and Alicia no longer have COVID but do struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Update: Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, had a doctor appointment on Tuesday and his bones are continuing to heal. He walks three times a day but isn't allowed to twist or bend. He is off all meds! He's disappointed that he can't begin physical therapy for a least another six weeks. Prayers for patience and continued healing will help greatly. Thank you for your prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Update: Don Collins had heart surgery to put in stents on November 18. He is one of our regular helpers at Dinner at the Bell every Wednesday. From Dottie Villevik.
- Update: Tracy McLean (Martha Klingler's daughter) had a lung scan recently that showed a 35-50% reduction of all tumors and no new tumors. She is scheduled for another scan on November 30. They are thankful for our prayers. From Dottie Villevik.
- Our son-in-law, Doug Schultz, has a long recovery ahead from a spinal cord injury. Prayers are requested for strength and mobility in his legs. From Annette and Wes King
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Kimberly, who has recently been placed on hospice.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen and for her doctors to find the best treatment. She is having difficulty speaking. Please also pray for her husband, Robert, and son, Steven, as this is difficult for the whole family.
- Janet Good is experiencing an unfortunate progression with Parkinson's disease, resulting in a decline in her health. Please pray for Teresa, and family as they seek strength, wisdom, and peace during this time.
- Rev. Karen Summers appreciates our continued prayers. From Shirley Solberg.
- Update: My friend Ida has died. Please pray for her family. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Lillian who has serious cardiac issues. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Larry O'Donnell still amazes us – PTL! Thank you for your continued prayers for his energy level improvement. From Annette King.

- Update: Wes's shortness of breath is still a concern. We appreciate your continued prayers. From Annette King.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Dale Good
- Family of Dean Copeland
- Family of Ethel Geniesse
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Robert Henry
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Doug Paine – friend of Marilee Richards
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- 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 Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- 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 Janet Good.

Poinsettia Order Form

Red Poinsettias are a beautiful addition to our Christmas Décor in the Sanctuary. If ordered, your poinsettia can be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service.

Please fill out the form below and enclose \$12.00 per Poinsettia. Drop it in the Collection box during Worship or at the Church Office no later than December 15th. Only the amount purchased by December 15th will be ordered.

Please print clearly

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Your Name _____


Phone _____



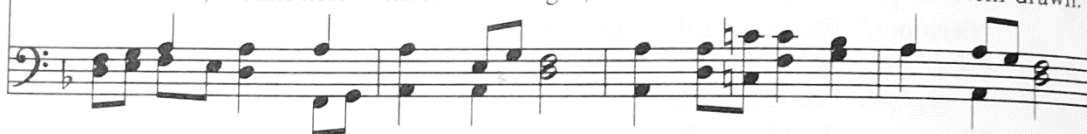



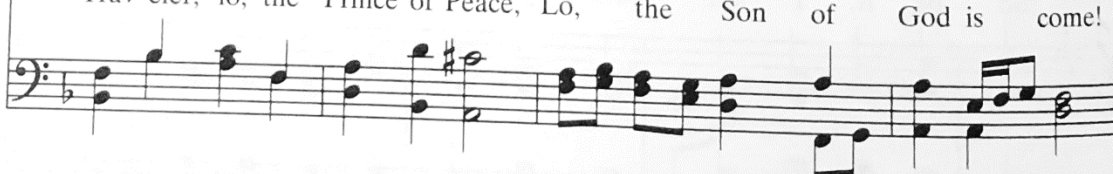
Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH 7.7.7 D

John Bowring, 1825; alt. 1972

Joseph Parry, 1879

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 1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are.
 2. Watch-man, tell us of the night, High-er yet that star as-cends.
 3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn.



 Trav-eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, See that glo-ry - beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed - ness and light, Peace and truth its course por-tends.
 Trav-eler, dark-ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.


 Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore-tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, let your wan-derings cease; Has-ten to your qui-et home.


 Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, Prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!


*May be sung antiphonally.

This tune in a higher key, 303

Alternate tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, 551

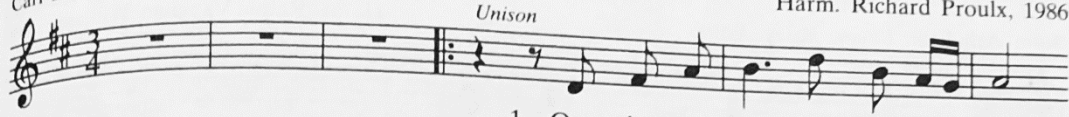
O Day of Peace

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JERUSALEM LMD

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986



1. O day of peace that dim-ly shines
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,



Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, Guide us to jus - tice,
Nor shall the fierce de - vour the small; As beasts and cat - tle



truth, and love, De - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
calm - ly graze, A lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, Our hearts from en - vy find
mies shall learn to love, All crea - tures find their true



re - lease, Till by God's grace our war - ring
ac - cord; The hope of peace shall be ful -



world Shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
filled, For all the earth shall know the Lord.



Accompaniment for this tune, 252

♩ = 48-52

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Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825
 Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon-der shines the in - fant light:
 Seek the great de - sire of na-tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:
 Ev - er-more your voic - es rais-ing To the e-ter - nal Three in One:

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new - born King!