

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

June 23, 2024 – 10am

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Friendship Pads are in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

Prelude                      *Canon in D – Pachebel*    Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell    Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship      Psalm 9:1-2, 107:1-3    Steve Hammond

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

**From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

I will be glad and exult in you;

**We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Hymn                      *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*    #483

Prayer of Confession    Steve Hammond

**Holy God, we doubt you and claim to be people of faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Does this justice include the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war? Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust parts of life from which we cannot see our way clear. Strengthen our faith. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace. Hear us as we come to you in silent confession.**

*Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.*

Assurance of Pardon    Steve Hammond

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace.

**We respond with love. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings      *O God, You Are My God*      #71

Scripture      1 Corinthians 3:1-15

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

Choir Anthem      *Our God is God*      Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon      *FPCE Summer Camp: Orientation*      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      *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*      #417

Benediction      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude      *When We All Get to Heaven* – Bish      Gary Norris, Organist

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**Today's Choir Anthem**

**Our God is God**

Who holds the wind in his hands? Have you not heard? Do you not know? Morning breaks at his command, breaks at His command. Have you not heard? Do you not know?

Who formed the stars, called them by name? Who calms the storm; sends gentle rain? Who hung the sun and moon in space?

Before all time began, who knew creation's plan? Who gave the breath of life to man? Who gave the song its start and whispers to the heart? Who is the one who made the solemn night? Who knows the dwelling place of light?

Not a god of clay. Not a silent stone. Not a graven image made of gold. Have you not heard? Do you not know? Have you not heard? Do you not know? Have you not heard? Do you not know? Do you not know? Our God is God!

We are the works of His hands. He is Creator. Angels serve at His command. All creation bows before Him and we must do the same, for God alone is worthy, worthy of our praise. All creation bows before Him and we must do the same for God alone is worthy, worthy of our praise.

Our God is worthy. He is worthy. Our God is God!

## **Announcements**

### **Our Ukrainian Friends**

We have been blessed to have our Ukrainian friends Luba and Tania worshipping with us for over six months. We are so grateful they are here as they navigate the challenges of learning our culture, speaking a new language, and finding community. One way we may be able to help is with finding a job. If you have potential work or know of a place where their skills could fit is hiring, then please talk with them or contact Pastor Alan. Thank you!

### **Work Party! – July 13th**

Join the Facilities Committee and your friends for a work party on Saturday July 13th at 9am! We will be weeding outside, so this is truly an activity for all skill ranges and individuals. Please wear close-toed shoes and if you have them, bring a good pair of gloves. We have a few pairs of gloves to spare. Join us in the library at 9am for some donuts and coffee before we clean up our gardens.

### **Coffee Time**

We so appreciate the Deacons and friends for hosting our wonderful coffee time after worship every Sunday! Beginning Sunday July 21st, the Deacons will continue to host the coffee. Here's the great thing, if you want to bring some of your delicious cookies (homemade or store bought), if you want to drop off a load of zucchini from your garden, if you made some muffins and want to share them, if you like fruit and you think others do to, then share. That's right, the Deacons will set out coffee, but if we want some treats, then bring them, set them out, pick up your plate before you continue your day, and know we are thankful for your contribution. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Alan or Bob Barren.

### **VOA Food Donations**

This month we donated 305 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America local food bank. Awesome job! Remember, we collect food throughout the month at either door to the sanctuary. We have our larger push on the first Sunday of the month when we celebrate communion. Our next in person collection will be August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

### **Lay Leadership**

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, then please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.



**Pastor's QR Code**

## **Summer AquaSox Baseball Game – July 31st**

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 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 at the welcome booth, talk with Pastor Alan or you may use this link to purchase with a credit card: <https://subspla.sh/qccfnjh/>

## **Save the Date – Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> is the All-Church Picnic!**

Join our congregation as we head back to Legion Park for our classic picnic. There will be hamburgers, salads, desserts, games, and much more fun. More information will be coming!

## **Musicians Request**

Do you play or have a musical gift that you would be willing to share with the congregation? If so, then please contact Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries or talk with Pastor Alan. We would love to have you add your gifts to our worship experience.

## **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](http://www.firstpreschurch.com)

## **This Week...**

- **Adult Sunday School** – Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. This class is based on a lecture series titled Biblical Wisdom Literature.
  - Join Zoom using this link:
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526979826>
  - Meeting ID: 895 2697 9826
  
- **Lunch with Alan** – Join Pastor Alan for lunch in the library at noon on Mondays. We gather to talk and share life together. The north door opens at 11:45am. All you need to do is bring a sack lunch and come on down.
  
- **Thursday Bible Study** – We are studying Revelation on Thursdays. Everyone can join via the zoom link below. This week we are studying Revelation 17-20.
  - Join with this Zoom link:
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82539196213?pwd=WGZFS0JheHVjTGRza0Q2Y3k0R3VqUT09>
  - Meeting ID: 825 3919 6213
  - Passcode: 975621
  
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
  - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

## To all worshipping with us...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. We ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Feel free to use any of the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. 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 Requests June 23, 2024

- We pray for peace and the cessation of war in Israel/Palestine. While there are historical and political complexities and layers to this conflict, we boldly pray for Israeli and Palestinian families who have been caught in the middle and torn apart. We pray for those grieving, for those suffering, for those confused, and for those whose only reaction is to seek revenge. We pray for comfort, relief, healing, and release. We seek your peace that defies understanding to settle on families, individuals, and leaders on all sides. We pray, fully knowing we do not have the answers, knowing we are weak and sometimes prejudiced, but trusting our Lord Jesus knows the answer, is working, and is present there.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Pray for Randy and Ellie. From Jodi.
- We pray for Merle Kirkley as he recovers from a health issue.
- We pray for Elizabeth Nelson as she recovers from a broken foot.
- We pray for Rev. Bob Nicholson who continues to recover.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku who had a stroke and is at home.
- Pray for health and clarity for Chris Mattix, son-in-law of Mike and Martha Clemans, who is having headaches and dizzy spells. No answers yet as the doctors continue to work.
- Please pray for Lisa G, Ari and Robin's ex-sister-in-law, who will be going through upcoming surgeries.
- We pray for Eric Chavis who is recovering from heart surgery. We pray for his health and for Mary Ann during this time.
- Please pray for those affected by the devastating floods in my hometown of Brazil and the larger community. From Rosemary Cassady.
- Judy Pitcher died and her memorial will be Saturday, June 29 at 2pm in the sanctuary. Please keep the extended Pitcher family in your prayers.
- Please pray for our friend's sister and husband who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Pray for strength and healing as he begins radiation treatments. Alan & Vicki Dorway.
- **Update:** Thank you for the prayers for our friend's mom. She is responding well to her cancer treatments and appreciates your prayers. From Vicki & Alan Dorway
- Richan Jensen, sister of Dariel Norris, is terminally ill with cancer.

- **Update:** We pray for Sophia, Sam & Rose Capetillo's niece, who is in the hospital going through tests. The doctors believe that with some antibiotics she will have the vision in her one eye restored. The family appreciates our prayers.
- **Update:** Thank you for your ongoing prayers. My brother is doing well. He is continuing with treatment and physical therapy. He recently returned to work; thanks be to God. From Sondra Santos.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer's son, James, who had a heart attack and will be put on a pacemaker. From Jimmy Sharp.
- **Update:** Prayers for LeAnne, Mike & Martha Cleman's great granddaughter, who is beginning phase 2 of her chemo treatment for leukemia. Prayers for healing, strength, and wisdom.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, is homeless and needs stability in her life.
- Marilee Richards' grandson, Cody, needs direction and wisdom.
- **Update:** Chris Butterfield is undergoing steroid treatments for his back pain and is seeing some improvement. Please pray for continued relief. From Lisa Comstock and Dottie Villevik.
- Elizabeth Nelson's good friend Heather Burke, who has on occasion sung soprano at our church, has a sister Angie who is battling cancer. Angie is a wife, mother to a 13-year-old, and a very talented business owner. She was diagnosed with uterine cancer and is now being treated with chemotherapy. Heather appreciates our prayers.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- **Update:** Good news for Dale Collver, son of Milt and Aurla Magee and friends of Tom and Pat Erickson. Prayers have been answered as Dale's cancer lymph nodes have shrunk! Jesus answers prayer! Please continue to pray for Dale as he continues his next step on this journey with cancer. He will undergo stem cell replacement in Seattle and faces several weeks of challenges. The family appreciates our prayers.

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Family of Marilyn Carter
- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Dale Collver – from Tom & Pat Erickson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Jan Geibel
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans

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.

# 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675  
Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -  
2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy  
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -  
4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of  
keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful  
tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and  
prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And  
eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!  
joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God  
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy-ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:  
all is just and all is right:  
gent-ly leads the cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
soul and bod - y take your part:

\*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 417

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
 3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of  
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er  
 to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est  
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter  
 Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and

help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.