

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

September 18, 2022

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

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth* – Lasky Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 113

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* #476

Prayers of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Please join me as we pray,

Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters, work, wealth, power, addictions, yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

This past week, we have taunted our neighbors. Remind us how you treated us to a warm welcome. We may have mocked those who are different than us. Help us to welcome and affirm them as family. We have withheld our compassion and love from others. Remind us of your joy and mercy poured out on all lives.

Forgive us, Lord, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus calls us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

Let us take this moment in silence to offer our prayers, joys, concerns, and confessions to God.

Trusting we are God's beloved children, redeemed, forgiven, and set free, we join with believers around the world, praying the prayer Jesus taught us...

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.

Choir Anthem	<i>Talkin' About Jesus</i>	Directed by Steve Torrence
Scripture	Luke 16:1-13	Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God!		
Sermon	<i>Read – Parables</i>	Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
Hymn	<i>O Word of God Incarnate</i>	#327
<u>Benediction</u>		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
<u>Postlude</u>	<i>Grand Chorus – Handel</i>	Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

**Flowers today are from Alan & Vicki Dorway
In honor and celebration of family and birthdays.**

Thursday Bible Study with Pastor Alan resumes this week on September 22nd at 4pm using the Zoom platform. We will be looking at Chapter 41 of *We Make the Road by Walking*. However, you do not need the book. Our scripture references will be John 15:1-8; Galatians 3:19-4:7, 5:1, 13-26; Colossians 2:6-7, 3:1-17.

Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

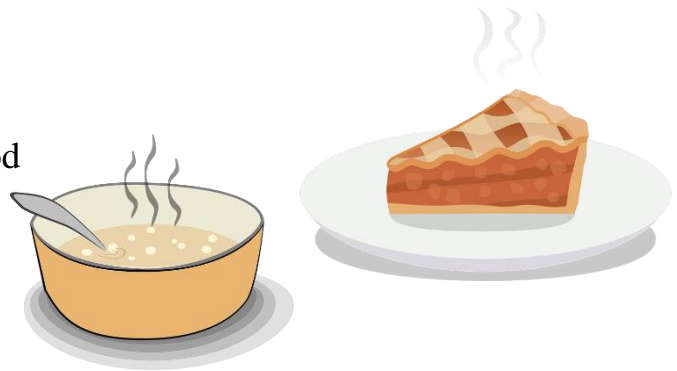
Lunch with Pastor Alan is moving to a new day! We will be moving lunch to Mondays beginning on September 26th. We will meet at noon in the library. More information will be coming.

POVERTY 101 – October 1st 9:00am – 2:30pm Westminster Hall

Your FPCE Mission Committee invites you to join us for this important and engaging learning experience that will challenge everything you thought you knew about those living in poverty. The staff of the Everett Gospel Mission will help us as individuals and as a church understand how to help and come alongside those affected by poverty, both in our community and beyond. Go to www.egmission.org/poverty101 for more information and to register (scroll down to the link under “When are the trainings?”). Or sign up in Westminster Hall during Coffee Hour, and check with Judy Hammond or John Gebert if you have questions. This is a free event, and a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Souper Sunday – October 9th 11:00 am

Once again, the Deacons will be serving up food and fellowship. Be sure and mark your calendar and come one, come all.



Presbyterian Women Dorcas Circle

If you've been thinking about joining a women's bible study but just haven't yet, now's your chance. Dorcas Circle is planning a return this fall. We will meet one evening a month and focus our study on the Horizons Bible Study: “What My Grandmothers Taught Me”. Please feel free to talk to Debbie Roberts or Leslie Sutin with any questions. Please let us know if you are interested so we can finalize details and make sure we have enough books.

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, 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:

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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 September 18, 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.
- Please pray for Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling. He will have very serious back surgery on September 19 at Shriner's Hospital in Spokane. It's an 8-9 hour surgery with a 12-18 month recovery. We covet your prayers for him, his medical team, and his family. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Kimberly, who has recently been placed on hospice.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen. She is having difficulty speaking and is undergoing tests.
- Update: Please pray for Tracy McLean, Martha Klingler's daughter in Portland who has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. She started chemo on September 8. From Dottie Villevik.
- Update: Martha Klingler's move to Ida Culver House went well. She loves her new home and is meeting new friends. From Dottie Villevik.
- Janet Good is experiencing an unfortunate progression with Parkinson's disease, resulting in a decline in her health. Please pray for Dale, Teresa, and family as they seek strength, wisdom, and peace during this time.
- Please pray for Jimmy Sharp who recently had cataract surgery.
- 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 Marshel Gleason who is in a coma from COVID. From Judy Hutchison.
- Please pray for Jim Iles who has cancer. From Marilyn Minch.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Larry O'Donnell continues to amaze with his improved energy level. PTL! Please pray for his continued improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's recent doctor's appointment confirmed good recovery from most of his December complications. PTL! However, his shortness of breath is still a concern; please keep praying. Hoping this will be over in the next few months. From Annette King.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Ethel Geniesse
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Robert Henry
- Genevieve Heuer – friend of Jimmy Sharp
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Doug Paine – friend of Marilee Richards
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahan – 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
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug Dawson, as he goes through another round of chemotherapy– Tony and Lois Tysseling
- 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.

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Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); alt.

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 Al - might - y, Thy power hath found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -
 The char - iots of heaven the deep thun - der - clouds form, And
 Hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree, And
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And

vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O Word of God Incarnate

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William Walsham How, 1867
As in *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987

Neuvermehrtes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine.
3. O make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.