

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin  
April 21, 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. Our Friendship Pads are back 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                      *It Is Well With My Soul* – John Purifoy                      Elizabeth Nelson, Pianist

Ringing of the Bell    Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Minute for Deacons    Bob Barren

Call to Worship                      Psalm 80:1-7    Steve Hammond

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before your people.**

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**You have fed us with the bread of tears and given us tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Hymn                      *This Is My Father's World*    #293

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer    Steve Hammond

Knowing how easy it is to wander from the paths of right living; remembering how we have failed to place our trust in Jesus; how can we not come to God with our confessions? Please join me as we pray, saying,

**Lord of All, we confess the emptiness of our souls which sends us searching for all those things which cannot nourish us. Our restless longing for the goods of the world fills us with every greed and envy. Our belief that still waters are stagnant causes us to thirst for whitewater thrills and adventures. Our trust in the hollow promises of our culture turns us away from the shelter you offer to us. Forgive us, Lord. Call us back from our wayward lives, so we may find rest in the stillness of your gentle heart; we may find healing from your scarred hands; we may find that life for which we yearn, together in you and through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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

This is the good news: God walks with us in every moment, God fills us with goodness and mercy, God restores through the grace of Christ.

**Anointed with grace and forgiveness, our lives overflow with love for all people. Amen.**

With saints everywhere, we pray 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.**

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #163

Choir Anthem *In The Garden* Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Acts 4:5-13

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

Sermon *Effects of the Resurrection: Kindness* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People

Hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* #379

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You* – Meredith Willson  
Elizabeth Nelson, Pianist

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## Today's Choir Anthem

### In the Garden

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on roses; and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

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.

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.

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling, but He bids me go through the voice of woe His voice to me is calling.

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, none other has ever known.

Yes, Jesus loves me! And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own.

## Announcements

*Flowers this morning are given by Todd Morrow & Shirley Morrow  
with honor and thankfulness for Scott Morrow*

### **Youth Sunday School**

All children are invited to come to the youth room on the second floor during the Passing of the Peace.

### **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 please 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. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

### **Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed**

We need cookies and people to assist in preparing and setting up coffee hour. If you would like to contribute cookies or labor, please contact Bob Barren or any Deacon. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you.

## **2025 - 2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR EVERETT**

If you had a million dollars to help your community, how would you spend it? The City of Everett's Community Development Division is conducting outreach to receive input on the needs of Everett residents, employees, and visitors to guide our five-year spending plan called the "Consolidated Plan".

Needs could be based on services (such as childcare), public facilities (such as a community center or food bank), neighborhood improvements (such as sidewalks or park improvements), or housing.

Your participation in this survey will help us capture the needs and desires of our community and help decide how to prioritize funding!

To fill out the survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025ConPlan>

### **Summer AquaSox Baseball Game – July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Join Pastor Alan for a fun night of summer baseball! We have group upper reserved tickets for the AquaSox game on Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup> 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 and pay with Pastor Alan.

### **Thursday Bible Study**

Our next Thursday Bible Study focus will be on the book of Revelation. Have you ever wondered about the end times? Have you been concerned when fellow Christians start pointing out 'signs'? Do you think the last book of the bible seems crazy and not understandable? Then join Pastor Alan as we take an 8-week dive into Revelation. Beginning this Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, we will gather via Zoom to study the "Who, What, When, and Why?" of Revelation and then over the course of our study, dive into the symbols, confusion, faith, and witness of Revelation.

See Thursday Bible Study under This Week for Zoom meeting information.

### **Port Gardner Bay Music Society Final 2023/24 Season Gala Concert – Today**

This concert will feature the Moonlight Swing Orchestra on April 21 - 3:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 215 Mukilteo Blvd Everett. This Gala Event will include space for dancing to music from the Big Band Era, a reception, and a raffle for two terrific entertainment packages! Donation as you wish or by suggested donation. For more information, visit [www.portgardnermusic.org](http://www.portgardnermusic.org)

### **Nursery Volunteers Needed**

CFD is looking for volunteers to work in the nursery on a rotating schedule. If you are interested, please contact Teresa Good.

## SCRABBLE

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm. Hope to see YOU there!

## VOA Food Donations

We donated 286 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett this past week! Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door. Thank you for your donations.

## 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.

## Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.

## 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 new link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976388440?pwd=VGNidGNrbnhSQ0V5Qm1yT1dBSXZxQT09>
  - Meeting ID: 869 7638 8440
- **Lunch with Alan** – is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.



- **Thursday Bible Study** – Join Pastor Alan April 25th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying the book of Revelation.
  - Join Zoom using this 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. 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.
- Use 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 April 21, 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.
- Prayers for healing for Jean Kanter after a TIA.
- Prayers for LeAnne, Mike and Martha Cleman's great granddaughter, who has been diagnosed with 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:** Please pray for Judy Pitcher who is on hospice. Judy is home and we pray for comfort and peace for her and her family. She thanks everyone for their wonderful support and appreciates the cards, calls, and prayers.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer who is having memory issues. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.
- **Update:** Joseph Williams, brother of Sondra Santos, had a second surgery and continues to heal. The healing process from the surgery will determine what happens next. Continued prayers for healing are appreciated.

- 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:** Thank you for praying for our friend's mom. Your prayers are appreciated. She received good results from her most recent scan. Please keep praying as this is an aggressive cancer. Thank you. From Vicki Dorway

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Family of Marilyn Carter
- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde Pitcher
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Dale Collver – from Tom & Pat Erickson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy Pitcher
- 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.

# This Is My Father's World

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Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1901

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915  
Harm. 1953 for *The Hymnbook*; alt. 1988

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears All  
2. This is my Fa-ther's world: Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of  
This is my Fa-ther's world: The bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.  
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heaven be one.



## 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

Edward Mote, c. 1834

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly  
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an-chor  
 whelm-ing flood; When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is  
 Him be found, Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

*Refrain*

lean on Je - sus' name.  
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All  
 all my hope and stay.  
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.