

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

March 26, 2023 – 10am

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

Prelude *Were You There* – Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 130 Marne Larson

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Hymn *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* #210

Prayer of Confession Marne Larson

If it is true that God has recorded our failings, we hope it will never be published. But in truth, if the book was opened, every page would be blank, for God forgives us of everything we have done, or failed to do. So, let us wait for God's mercy and grace, as we come with our prayers for forgiveness, saying,

We are set free by your saving grace, Generous God, yet we must confess how we are still bound by our pride and arrogance. We seem unable to throw off the grave clothes of our habitual sin, finding them too comfortable to wear. We cling to our fears, for they are so familiar and make such good companions.

Yet, there in every corner of our lives, in every shadow we fear, into the cold embrace of death itself, you come with steadfast love. You break the bonds of sin and terror, giving us new strength and hope for the journey, and calling us to new life through the love and sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Take a silent moment for personal confessions and reflections

You can put your hope in God, dear friends, for God offers us that love which never fades, that life which never ends.

We wait for God, and God does not fail us. God's hope, God's love, and God's grace are forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you,
And also with you!

Hymn *Jesus Loves Me!* #304

Scripture Exodus 11
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Special Music *Amazing Grace* Ed Pearson, Trombone

Sermon *Un-Adverted Tragedy* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People

Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* #394

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* – Willan Gary Norris, Organist

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Part of our liturgy today was adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman [Lectionary Liturgies](#).

Announcements

Next week is Palm Sunday. We hope you join us for our wonderful Chancel Choir Cantata: *The Beginnings*. Pastor Alan will not be preaching on an assigned text. On Easter morning, our text will be Matthew 28:1-10.

Parking Note for Easter Sunday April 9th

The Pursuit Church has rented out the Angel of the Winds Arena for a large Easter morning worship service beginning at 10:30am. *However, the doors for this service open at 9am.* This means parking downtown will be BUSY. We will work hard to keep our north and alley lots open and available for those attending worship here at FPCE. Please plan accordingly. More information on other parking areas will be coming.

HOLY WEEK

All are welcome to join the First Presbyterian Church of Everett as we reflect and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through these events between April 2nd and April 9th.

Palm Sunday – April 2nd – Chancel Choir Cantata *The Beginnings*

Seder Service & Meal – April 5th – 5pm

Maundy Thursday – April 6th – Simple Meal 6pm, Worship 7pm

Easter Sunrise Service – April 9th – 6:30am at Lighthouse Park, Mukilteo

Easter Sunday Worship – 10am



The Deacons will be hosting a Continental Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 9, at 9:00am in Westminster Hall. Be sure to drop by before worship to enjoy some seasonal delights and be with friends as a special part of your Easter celebration.

FPCE Seder & Dinner



- When: Wednesday April 5, 2023
 - Doors open: 4:30 PM
 - Service & Meal begins at 5:00 PM
- Where: Westminster Hall
- Requested Donation:
 - \$20 Adults (>13 years old)
 - \$10 Youth (6-13 years old)
 - Free Child (< 6 years old)
- Paid reservations required (for accurate planning)
- Menu
 - Items for Seder including Wine, Non-alcoholic also available
 - Matzo Ball Soup
 - Salad
 - Traditional Brisket
 - Glazed Carrots
 - Green Beans Almondine
 - Herb Roasted Potatoes
 - Dessert

Men's Breakfast – April 8th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, April 8th 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 – April 10th

Priscilla Circle will be April 10th at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter 8. Our hostess will be Lois Tysseling. You may bring a lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

S.P.A.M. – April 21st

S.P.A.M. (Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry) gatherings return on Friday, April 21st in Westminster Hall with Graham Kerr, former Galloping Gourmet. Join us at 11:30am around the Fellowship Punch Bowl. Lunch begins at noon. Reservations needed by April 17th. Sign up at the welcome booth or call 425-259-4253.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 362 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this month. Great job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be April 3rd from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

This Week...

- **Sunday School today** is 11:30am to 12:30pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Pastor Alan will be leading a Lenten study.
 - 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 is March 30th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Obadiah.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.



Presbyterian Women's Retreat
Calvin Lounge
Saturday, May 6, 2023
9:30am - 2:00pm

Invite a friend

**CHANGE, WHAT IS IT
GOOD FOR?**
Featuring
Janice Smith - Friend of Jesus

Lunch Provided

RSVP In person, email doreen@firstpreschurch.com
or leave a message at the church office by April 23rd

To all worshipping with us...

On Tuesday, March 14th, Session voted to remove pew spacing requirements. As such, we continue to:

- 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 Updates March 26, 2023

- We pray for the people in Turkey and Syria after their devastating earthquakes.
- 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.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.
- Healing prayers for our brother-in-law, Craig. He is facing several heart bypasses soon. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Prayers for our friend, Carlos, who is fighting cancer. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Please pray for my brother Randy and his wife, Ellyn. Please help heal Elly's eyes and help her to see better. Pray that Randy, Elly and I get to spend time together. From Jodi.
- Kemper Davis, cousin of Jimmy Sharp, had a heart attack and is in hospice care. Pray for comfort for Jimmy and the extended family.
- Bruce Russell, friend of Lisa Comstock, died February 23rd. We continue to pray for his extended family, for Lisa, and for the Villesvik family. A memorial for Bruce will be held here today at 2pm.
- Jean Rankin fell and broke her arm. Prayers for healing.
- Update: Carol Venables fell and fractured two vertebrae in her neck. She is doing better and will be moving out of ICU before going into long term rehab. Prayers for her, her family, and her doctors. From Jay Kuhnhenh.
- Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King, pray that the Revlimid chemotherapy continues to work. Also, for healing from the prostate procedure so he can return to physical therapy. From Annette & Wes King.
- Bong, Alan & Judy Hutchison's daughter's brother-in-law is in ICU on a ventilator and appreciates prayers. From Judy Hutchison.
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Jay Kuhnhenh's mom, Thelma, after her cancer surgery.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.

- Alzheimer's prayer: Sue and Art Hermansen. Art is now in a memory care situation. Prayers for both as they journey through this. From Lois Tysseling.
- Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, is in physical therapy a few times a week. The main focus is the alignment of his torso, which will be ongoing for several months. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Maggie Lamus
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Ashley Tomlin
- Larry O'Donnell
- Florence Day
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Wes King
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde 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
- 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.

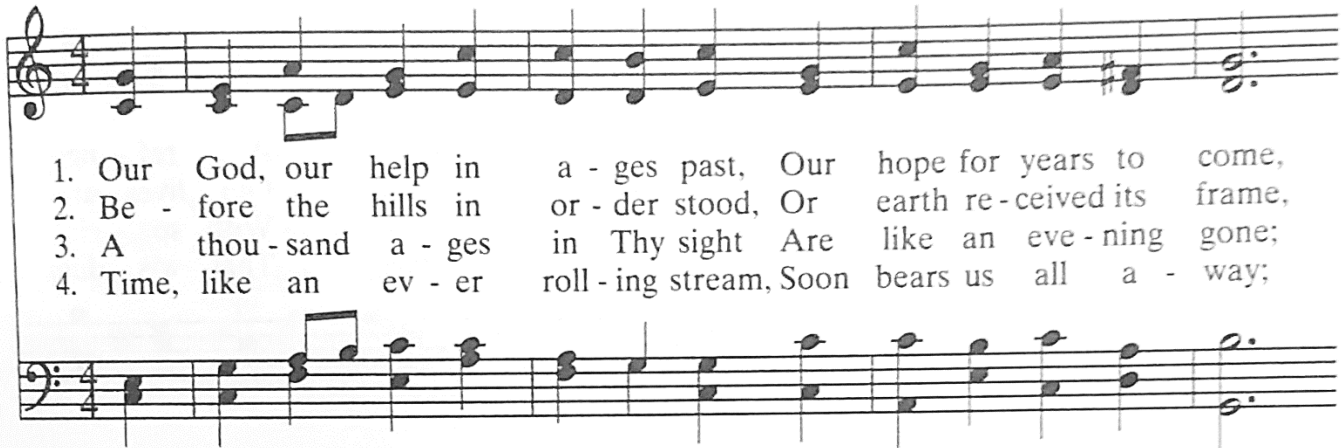
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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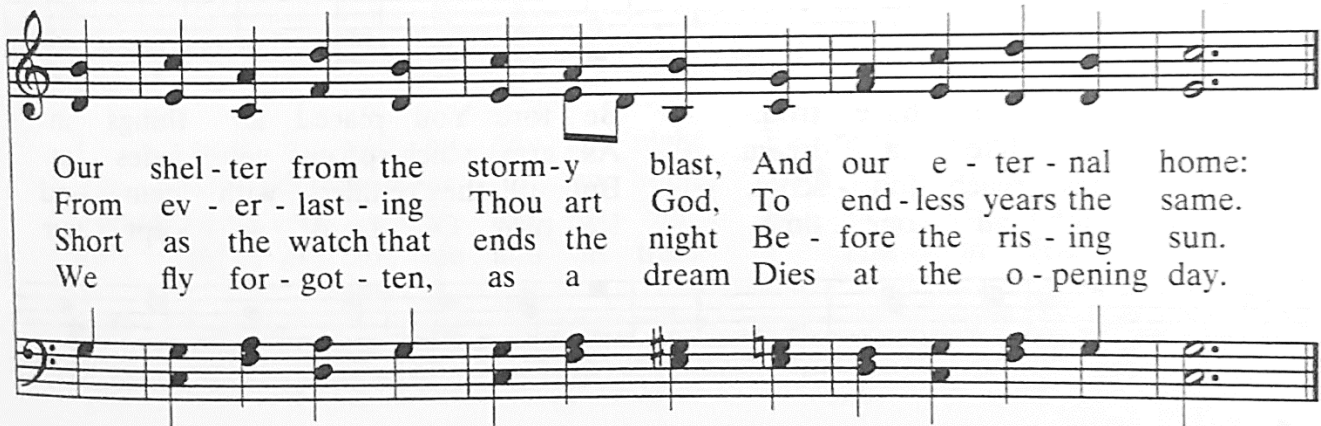
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

Jesus Loves Me!

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JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 with refrain

Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1861

1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
 Tak - ing chil - dren on His knee, Say - ing, "Let them come to Me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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BALM IN GILEAD 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual
Arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989; alt.

African-American spiritual

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
 2. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, For Je - sus is your friend, And
 3. If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul, You can

then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge He'll not re - fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus And say, "He died for all." There is a