

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
December 7, 2025 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship Today! Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.	Nursery Care Supervised care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our nursery room on the 2 nd floor. Please pick up by 11:05 am or 10 minutes after service.
For our liturgy this morning, BOLD text invites all to join in the reading.	

Prelude	Gary Norris, Organist
Ringling of the Bell	Leslie Sutin
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Isaiah 11:1-10 Mike Clemans

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,

But with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lighting of the Peace Advent Candle

As we gather today, we remember the promised gifts of the Messiah. At times our souls are disquieted weary from our own expectations. The anxiousness of life can pull us away from the promise of God's peace. In the lighting of two candles, we set our gaze upon beacons that sustain us through sleepless nights and restless days. We bear this light together.

(Light the Hope and Peace Candle)

Lord, you offer us peace, a gift, not as the world gives, but a peace unencumbered by life's demands or the chaos of our souls. We say "yes" to the peace you give, and all that comes with it. **Amen.**

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse and Refrain

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Prayer of Confession

We hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord and make God's paths straight." Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ as we confess our sin together:

God of Grace, we confess that we are not ready for you to come into our world — not quite yet. We cling to the known and familiar, afraid of the transformation your grace will bring. Yet you are always a step ahead of us, a voice crying out in the wilderness, inviting us into bold new ways of being disciples. Humble us, O God, and teach us to do the work of repentance so that, fully reliant on your grace, we may know the richness of restored relationship with you and one another.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Before we repent and change our ways, God's love has already claimed us as God's own. Proclaim with me the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings	<i>I Wonder as I Wander, Out Under the Sky</i>	#14
Chancel Choir Anthem	<i>Peace, Peace – Powell</i>	Directed by Lorilee Brasseur
<u>Scripture</u>	Matthew 3:1-12 This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	
<u>Sermon</u>	<i>Peace by Repentance</i>	Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
<u>Communion Prayer</u> May the Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up our hearts. We lift them to the Lord We give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give praise to the Lord who fills our lives with grace.		
Communion Hymn	<i>O Sing a Song of Bethlehem</i>	#308
Communion	When invited, feel free to come down to participate in communion. Pastor Alan will offer communion to those sitting in the pews.	
Prayer after Communion		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
Singing of the <i>Lord's Prayer</i>		Lorilee Brasseur
Postlude		Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

Advent at the First Presbyterian Church of Everett

We are celebrating and learning about different cultures and how they celebrate Christmas. Today, we share an Oplatek, a Polish Christmas Wafer. On Sunday, December 14th, we will hear about the night of the radishes from Oaxaca, Mexico. December 21st we will explore the fun world of crackers from Great Britain. Then finally, on Christmas Eve, we will search for the pickle ornament.

Priscilla Circle – December 8th

Priscilla Circle meets tomorrow at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter 4 in our study book and having a potluck lunch. All women are welcome.

Men's Breakfast – December 13th

Don't miss the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, December 13th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study. We hope to see you!



This Week...

Adult Sunday School – Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. This is a review & discussion of a 24-lecture Great Courses course on The City of God. Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82666606593?pwd=y2bNwTCfCjQzY0E7Z0BFbXJkDRmfdv.1>

- Meeting ID: 826 6660 6593

Lunch with Alan – Join us for lunch with Pastor Alan tomorrow at 12 pm.

Thursday Bible Study – Thursday Bible Study is December 11th at 4:00 pm on 1 Timothy 5. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81320649537?pwd=343k4LdmdXE0lJ18GD5xg7xc9kzoHG.1>

Meeting ID: 813 2064 9537
Passcode: 509769

Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

- All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

Be a Part of New Lenten Banners!

New Lenten banners will adorn our sanctuary this coming February! To complete these banners, the Women's Association is looking for the whole congregation to be a part of this project by donating:

CLEAN, PURPLE, 100% COTTON OR COTTON BLEND FABRICS

The fabric can be in any purple hue, plain or printed, and will be used to create a mosaic motif to be incorporated into the banners. They can be scrap fabric, full yardage, or an old garment (you will not get back).

Donations of fabric can be dropped off at church anytime between now and January 11, 2026. Donation baskets will be provided in Westminster Hall and in the church office.

Any questions, contact Leslie Sutin in person or at missleslie50@comcast.net

SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets on January 7th and 21st at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

Join the Choir!

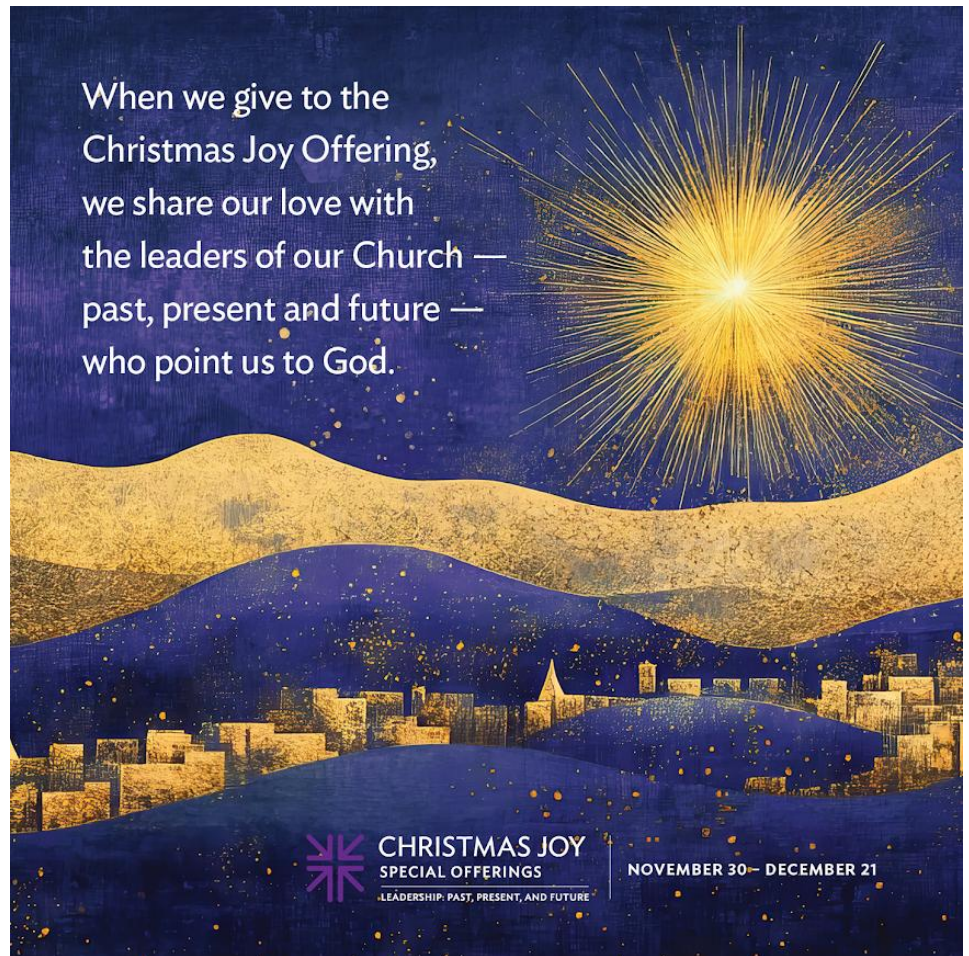
Calling all singers, past and present, to join the choir. Rehearsal is on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. The choir is open to all people who want to grow in their faith and lead our congregation in glorifying God. If you have questions, please talk with Lorilee, our new Director of Music Ministry, for more information.

Youth Sunday School

The First Pres Youth will resume meeting on January 11th.

Hearing Assistance

A limited number of hearing devices are available to amplify the worship service. To use one, please ask an usher.



VOA Food Donations

We gathered 310 pounds of food for the Volunteers of America in November! Great job! Let's keep up the good work by bringing in non-perishable food items for our January food drive.

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.

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, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

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.



Pastor's QR Code

Prayer Requests – December 7, 2025

- Roy Yates' memorial will be here on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 pm. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Marsha Lueth is home and recovering from her recent heal issue. We pray for comfort and healing.
- We pray for John, Jean Rankin's son, who broke his jaw and is awaiting surgery.
- We pray for Jean Kanter who has been in the hospital and is heading for rehab. We pray for comfort and peace.



Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas

Christmas at FPCE is a time of celebrating Jesus' birth, beautiful music, heartfelt messages and festive décor.

For many years, the Women's Association has coordinated the purchase of live poinsettias for the sanctuary. This requires time to purchase, set up, water, and maintain the plants.

Traditionally, the poinsettias are added to the décor the Sunday before Christmas and those individuals that purchase them in Honor or Memory of someone may take them home on Christmas Eve. However, many are just left at church.

This year, the Women's Association will be purchasing artificial poinsettias to have in the sanctuary the entire Advent Season for years to come. We believe this will add to the overall décor.

If you would like to make a donation in Honor or Memory of someone, in any amount of your choosing, the funds this year will go to "The Everett Gospel Mission". Names will be printed in the Christmas Eve Service worship bulletins.

Blessings,

The Women's Association Board

Debbie Roberts

Sonya Beardsley

Leslie Sutin

Judy Hammond

Shirley Newman



Donation for The Everett Gospel Mission

Please make checks payable to: **Women's Association of FPCE.**

Please return this form to the offering box or church office by December 17th. Thank you.

Please print clearly

In Memory of

In Honor of

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS' 7.6.7.6.6.7.6

German carol, 15th century
 Trans. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)
 Alt. *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

*Alte Catholische Geistliche
 Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1599
 Arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung,
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in mind,

Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing, By faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er kind.

It came a flower - et bright, A - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right She bore for us a

win - ter, When half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
 was the

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

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Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1899

English Country Songs, 1893
Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, Of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2. O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, Of sun-ny days of joy,
 3. O sing a song of Gal-i-i-lee, Of lake and woods and hill,
 4. O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, Its glo-ry and dis-may;

And of the news that came to them From an-gels in the air:
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, And of the sin-less Boy:
 Of Him who walked up-on the sea And bade its waves be still:
 Of Him who hung-up-on the tree, And took our sins a-way:

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem Fills all the world to-day;
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth In ev-ery heart may grow;
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-i-lee, Dark seas of trou-ble roll,
 For He who died on Cal-va-ry Is ris-en from the grave,

Of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth The an-gels sing al-way.
 Now spreads the fame of His dear name On all the winds that blow.
 When faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, Falls peace up-on the soul.
 And Christ, our Lord, by heav-en a-dored, Is might-y now to save.