

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
February 25, 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 *Lord of All Hopefulness* – Reuss Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Lisa Comstock

Spotlight on Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast Steve Hammond

Call to Worship Psalm 22:23-31 Lisa Comstock

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

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

Prayer of Confession and the Lord’s Prayer

Lisa Comstock

When we cry to God in prayer and confession, God hears. Let us approach God’s throne of grace with confidence and faith.

Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account. We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of you. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim. We let our pain mask your healing forgiveness. Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves. Forgive our hesitancy of faith. Forgive the ways we fail to serve as a witness. Help us be your candlelight, held high to set the world aglow.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

God does not forsake us. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace.

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!**

Hymn *I’ve Got Peace Like a River* #368

Choir Anthem *The Prophet Must Die* Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Psalm 147:3
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *The Landscape of Grief* Rev. Danae Ashley

Prayers of the People

Hymn *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* #399

Benediction Rev. Danae Ashley

Postlude *Toccata on St. Anne – Swann* Gary Norris, Organist

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Today's Choir Anthem **The Prophet Must Die**

As priests of all the people, we now must take a stand. A rebel walks among us. Unrest is in the land. He comes to stir the people, our power to deny. On this we all agree. The Prophet must die.

His actions in the temple are all the proof we need. He clearly seeks to challenge our right to rule and lead. A stand we must be taking, with force we must reply. On this we all agree. The Prophet must die.

Who grants him right to meddle? Some say it comes from God. But we're the "hands of heaven"; his claim to lead seems odd. A few of us are seeking the man to crucify. On this we all agree; the Prophet must die.

Announcements

Upcoming memorial:
Hugh Minor – March 3rd at 2:00pm

Today we welcome the Reverend Danae Ashley!

We are blessed to have our friend Rev. Ashley lead us in worship. Danae is an Episcopal priest who specializes in counseling and soul care for pastors and congregation members. She is a gifted leader, and we look forward to her message today!

What is *Per Capita*?

Per capita means "for each person" which describes the way our denomination pays for the operating overhead of the church at all levels beyond the congregation. We are part of the Northwest Coast Presbytery and together with the other 54 congregations and 7 worshipping fellowships, through *per capita*, we fund the staff and operational budget to engage, equip and encourage congregations and their leaders.

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett's portion is based on church membership numbers and for 2024, our total *per capita* support is \$9,853.95. That is \$55.05 per member (Presbytery-\$45; Synod-\$.25; PC(USA) General Assembly-\$9.80). We pay the total every year as part of our connectional nature as a church. If you can give above and beyond your pledge or tithe toward *per capita*, we thank you. You can add *per capita* to the memo line of your check or click on the *per capita* tab on our on-line giving portal.

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.

Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast 2024 March 29th

The Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast returns on Good Friday, March 29. This unique Christian-based event has a long tradition in our community, though it was suspended temporarily during the recent pandemic. The prayer breakfast is expected to gather about 600 members of the Snohomish County community for a time of prayer, music, fellowship, and Holy Week observance. Although the event is explicitly Christian in nature, all are welcome in the spirit of Christian love.



The prayer breakfast occurs at 7:00 am on Good Friday, at the Everett Events Center, just down the hill from our church. We have reserved two tables with 10 seats each and First Presbyterian Church of Everett congregants will have priority to reserve these seats, free of charge. We will start signups for seats at our tables on Sunday, February 25, and signups will continue through Holy Week, on a space-available basis. Look for more details in the weekly worship bulletins. You may contact Steve Hammond at 425-879-1397 if you have further questions.

Documentary: Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America – March 10th

On Sunday March 10th, Kory Kanter and Pastor Alan will be showing the documentary Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America. This film follows Daryl Davis, an African American musician, who for two decades has been going out of his way to befriend members of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist groups in the hopes of persuading them to recognize their common humanity. After a chance meeting with a member of the KKK, Davis began to reach out to members of hate groups, and he found that the more willing he was to hear them out, the more open they became to embracing him. More than two dozen white supremacists have since renounced their ideology of hate in part because of Davis's peace offering. We will begin this movie at 11:30am and then have lunch and a discussion afterwards. All are invited to attend.

Men's Breakfast – March 9th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, March 9th 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 – March 11th

Priscilla Circle meets on Monday, March 11th at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. You can bring your lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

Port Gardner Bay Music for St. Patrick's Day Concert – March 3rd

Port Gardner Bay will be performing “Music for St. Patrick’s Day” by The Stumbling Fiddler Band featuring a mix of traditional Celtic and American folk tunes and Irish pub songs, with a Pacific Northwest twist. This concert will be on Sunday, March 3rd at 3:00 pm at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 215 Mukilteo Blvd. Donations at the door are greatly appreciated.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble continues in March. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on March 6th and 20th 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. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

Thursday Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible study schedule is as follows:

February 29	Job 32-37	Who is Elihu?
March 7	Job 38-40:5	God’s 1st Answer
March 14	Job 40:6-41:34	God’s 2nd Answer
March 21	Job 42	Last Words

VOA Food Donations

We donated 305 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett this month! Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, March 4th 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.

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=VGNoZGNrbnhSQ0V5Qm1yT1dB SXZxQT09>
 - 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 February 29th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Job 32-37 – Who Is Elihu?

- Join Zoom using this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588443970?pwd=Z2VjdFFvK2c4dWhSRVdnVTIzTjNqZz09>
- Meeting ID: 895 8844 3970
- **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 February 25, 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.
- Please pray for Judy Pitcher who has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She is in good spirits but going through testing as the doctors determine a plan. We pray for peace and comfort for Judy and her family.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for my daughter, Jan Geibel. She now is in a new trial for the rare cancer gene she has. From Judy Pitcher.
- Jay Kuhnenn will be having back surgery on March 25. Your prayers for a speedy recovery and relief from pain are appreciated.
- Hugh Minor died January 5th. Please keep Jackie and family in your prayers.
- Please pray for Margaret Lillie who is in the hospital with an illness.
- **Update:** Angela's new liver is working well; there are a few issues which need to be resolved so prayers are still needed. Thank you so much. From Annette King & all Angela's family.
- Please keep Danielle, Christopher, and Jackson Roberts in prayer. Danielle's mom, Janette, died on January 29th.
- Mike Clemans had a successful knee replacement. We pray for his continued recovery and rehab.

- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.
- Joseph Williams, brother of Sondra Santos, is undergoing several surgeries after a lithium-ion battery operated foot warmer exploded in his boot, leaving him with third degree burns. Prayers for healing and a speedy recovery.
- Prayers for the Legasse family, friends of Steve & Nancy Torrence, whose grandson, Tyler, recently died.
- Prayers for Tony Tysseling recovering from a stroke.
- 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.
- Joanne, 90-year-old aunt of Martha Clemans, has been placed into nursing home dementia care. Prayers she can adjust and for her daughters and grandchildren.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- **Update:** Our friend, Elizabeth Freitag's mom was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Please continue to pray for her as she is tolerating her cancer treatments. We pray for guidance for the professionals and family on this journey. Mom has a strong faith and is grateful for the prayers. From Vicki Dorway

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Clyde Pitcher
- Family of Eunice Allan
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- 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.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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ST. ANNE CM

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.

I've Got Peace Like a River

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African-American spiritual

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1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1
riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in - a my
foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in - a my
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in - a my

2
soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.
soul. I've got foun-tain in - a my soul.
soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.

399 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - jice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found:
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.