

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

February 4, 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                      *For the Beauty of the Earth* – Bish                      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell                      Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship                      Psalm 147:1-11                      Leslie Sutin

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

**Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.**

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

**Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.**

He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

**He gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.**

His delight is not in the strength of the horse nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,

**But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Hymn                      *For the Beauty of the Earth*                      #473

Prayer of Confession

Leslie Sutin

God knows us each by name and knows our hearts. Let us confess our sins before our God, who desires to save us and set us free.

**Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad headlines. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call.**

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

“The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” (Psalm 103:17)

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymn                      *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*                      FPCE Sings #205

Choir Anthem          *You Sing Over Me*                      Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture              Mark 1:29-39  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                  *Engage in Faithful Life*                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn                      *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*                      #516

Communion

Prayer

Singing of the Lord's Prayer                      Led by Steve Torrence

Benediction                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude          *Toccata on All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* – Fields          Gary Norris, Organist

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## **Today's Choir Anthem** ***You Sing Over Me***

Maker of the morning light, You sing over me! You speak the day and call the night, and You sing over me! Voice that shouts the thunderstorm and tells the blind to see. You whisper love into my heart, then You sing over me!

Sing over me Your songs of joy, Your songs of healing and salvation and You sing over me! Anthems of love crescendo above! I'm the carol of Your heart, I'm the theme of Your song, as I sing to You, You sing over me!

Song of heaven, heart of God, You sing over me! Oceans clap and trees applaud, and You sing over me! Keeper of the universe, You hold eternity, but look down at your child and smile, then You sing over me!

Sing over me Your songs of joy, Your songs of healing and salvation, and You sing over me! Anthems of love crescendo above! I'm the carol of Your heart, I'm the theme of Your song, as I sing to You, You sing over me!

A lullaby of gentleness or chorus shouted bold, the rhythm of Your faithfulness keeps beating in my soul. While symphonies of heaven join the music of the king I listen in amazement: It's over me You sing!

Sing over me Your songs of joy, Your songs of healing and salvation and You sing over me! Anthems of love crescendo above! I'm the carol of Your heart, I'm the theme of Your song. All creation sings Your praise with a melody strong. As I sing to You, Lord, You sing over me. Sing over me. You sing over me! Sing over me, over me!

### **Announcements**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is today immediately after worship in the sanctuary.

Upcoming memorials:

Dierdre Hervey: February 17 at 2:00pm

Hugh Minor: March 3 at 2:00pm

### **Ash Wednesday – February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. As it is also Valentine's Day, we will be having a love-themed dinner at 5:30pm with worship at 7pm. Our Lenten theme is *Soul Check*, and we will be exploring ways to recharge our souls as we journey towards Jesus' resurrection.

## **S.P.A.M. – February 16<sup>th</sup>**

S.P.A.M. has moved to the third Fridays

Please join us on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm for lunch (\$7.50)

Come and hear Dr. James Joki as he shares his NASA Apollo 11 career highlights!

Sign up at the welcome booth by February 11<sup>th</sup>

## **Thursday Bible Study**

Our Thursday Bible study schedule is as follows:

February 8	Job 15-21	Round 2
February 15	Job 22-27	Round 3
February 22	Job 28-31	Job's Last Stand
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

## **Men's Breakfast – February 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 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 – February 12<sup>th</sup>**

Priscilla Circle meets on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. You can bring your lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

## **SCRABBLE**

Scrabble continues in February. We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</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. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

## **VOA Food Donations**

In January we donated 300 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett. Our next drive-through collection is Monday, February 12<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.

## **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** – There is no adult Sunday school today due to the congregational meeting. We will meet next week to watch the last episode of The Chosen.
- **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 8<sup>th</sup> using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Job 15-21 – Round 2
  - 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 4, 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.
- Hugh Minor died January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Jackie and family in your prayers.
- Clyde Pitcher died December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please keep Judy and family in your prayers.
- Please keep Danielle, Christopher, and Jackson Roberts in prayer. Danielle's mom, Janette, died on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike Clemans will be having a complete knee replacement on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for a full recovery.
- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.

- Prayers for Elly's health and for Elly, Randy, and Jodi to be a closer family. From Jodi Doney.
- Please pray for Terry Cook as he seeks a full recovery after heart procedures. From Alan & Vicki Dorway.
- 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.
- Alan & Judy Hutchison's granddaughter, Halie Anderson, was killed in an auto accident. Please keep the Hutchison family in your prayers.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- **Update:** Vicki Dorway's friend's mom was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Please pray for her to tolerate her new cancer treatments and guide the professionals and family on this journey. Mom has a strong faith and is grateful for the prayers.

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Family of Eunice Allan
- Family of Dierdre 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.

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838  
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861  
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,  
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,  
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth-er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

# Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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Fred Pratt Green, 1977

Paris Antiphoner, 1681  
As in La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

1. Lord, we have come at Your own in - vi - ta - tion,  
2. Here, at Your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion,  
3. When, at Your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,

Cho - sen by You, to be count - ed Your friends;  
Give it Your seal of for - give - ness and grace;  
Vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored:

Yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion,  
Teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,  
May we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing

Ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.  
Lord, in Your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.  
All that it means to ac - cept You as Lord.

This tune in a higher key, 147

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