THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

November 7, 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County and the State of Washington, is **requiring masks indoors** for all ages above 5 years old.

We understand this is not where we wanted to be, but our desire as a church is to love God and love our neighbor. Masks are a tangible way we express our concern and compassion for our community. We ask you to join our session in praying for our county as together we navigate this time.

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

<u>Prelude</u> Jesus Th	y Blood and Righteousness – Arr Bish	Gary Norris, Organist
Ringing of the Bell	Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries	
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway	
Call to WorshipPsalm 134Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, Those who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord. May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.		
Hymn	God is Here!	(Hymn text at end of bulletin)
Moment for Mission	Dr. John Wagenveld Founder/President Multiplication Network Ministries	
Hymn	Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice	(Hymn text at end of bulletin)
<u>Scripture</u>	Isaiah 25:6-9	
This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!	1,	

Sermon

A Mountain, Not a Hill

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Chancel Choir

Communion Invitation

Accompanied by Gwen Hildebrand Directed by Steve Torrence

Communion Testimony

Gary Norris

Communion

Today we participate in communion together.

Liturgy

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to you, Lord.

God of overflowing gifts: your Word called forth creation and from dust, shaped us in your image. Your Spirit breathed grace into our empty lungs. You would feed us with peace, but we gnaw on the bread moldy with anxiety; When you would clothe us with glory, we put on the long robes of sin, the hems dragging through dusty death.

Yet, out of the abundance of your love, you sent Jesus to us, so that we might not live in the poverty of our despair and fear. Remembering Jesus' gentleness and generosity, remembering his compassion and clarity, and remembering his love and mercy; we gather around your bountiful Table, where life and love are placed.

You nourish us with your bread filled with gentle grace, so, that fed, we may serve those who hunger for hope in their lives. You restore our flagging spirits from the overflowing cup of joy, so, that refreshed, we may take new life to the poor and hopeless in every place where they are found.

When the foundation of the world is no more, when we enter that haven made by your hands, when we sit with our sisters and brothers at the feast where we are fed from your heart, we will offer and return to you, glad songs of joy and love. We pray in Christ's name, Amen.

Communion Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Hymn text at end of bulletin)

Communion

Our Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink this cup, do it in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion is shared - You are now invited to take a bite of your bread and a sip from your cup and to taste the mystery of God's grace.

<u>Prayer</u>

The Lord's Prayer

Steve Torrence

Benediction

PostludePraise to the Lord – Arr BishGary Norris, OrganistFPCE CCLI – Copyright License C 3104275 & Streaming License B 20865934Portions of our liturgy are from Thom M. Shuman. https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/









^{*}Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used.



Today we are blessed to have Moment for Missions from Dr. John Wagenveld. John is the Executive Director with Multiplication Network Ministries (<u>Home - Multiplication Network Ministries</u>).

Here is a little about John: God began preparing John Wagenveld for international ministry at an early age. John was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. But when John was two, his family moved to Argentina to serve with Christian Reformed World Missions. With Spanish as his heart language, John went on to become fluent in both English and French. John's postgraduate education reflects his dedication to the idea that church planting should be front and center on the missions agenda of churches.

He received a B. A. in Theology from Dordt College and an M. A. in Missions and Church Growth at Calvin Theological Seminary. Most recently he received his Doctorate in Ministry from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. John has authored the book *Iglecrecimiento Integral (Wholistic Church Growth)*, which was published in Spanish.

He led the team of 22 authors who joined together to produce the book *Sembremos Iglesias Saludables (Let's Plant Healthy Churches)*, and then edited the compilation. In 2014, he coauthored the book *Take Your Church's Pulse: Ten Vital Signs of a Healthy Church* and was also an editor and contributor to *Planting Healthy Churches* with eight other authors, published in 2016.

Not only multi-lingual, John is multi-cultural. He has lived half of his life in Latin America and the other half in the United States. He and his wife were missionaries in Puerto Rico from 1994 to 2001.

John lives in Zeeland, MI with his wife and children. John loves the game of soccer and plays whenever he has the opportunity.

Announcements

Tomorrow, Monday November 8th from 11am to 1pm, we are collecting non-perishable food for the Volunteers of America Food Bank. Just drive down the alley where Ken Newman and Pastor Alan will greet you and gratefully accept donations.

Christmas Tree Lighting Event

We have been invited to bless our city with cookies and cocoa on Saturday November 27th at the Christmas tree lighting at the intersection of Hewitt and Colby. There will be a daylong celebration of small business and shop local Saturday combined with special events. We <u>have</u> a table to share cookies and cocoa in the early evening.

We need cookies! Awesome! We can use home baked and store-bought cookies (received confirmation from the city this week). We need at least 1200 cookies to share along with our Christmas wishes with our community.

Update: Bob Barren had an awesome idea regarding left over candy from Halloween. I know, we all like to eat it, but just in case you need to get it out of the house we will use this candy as well on November 27th! All you need to do is drop it off at worship, during our VOA collection on Monday, or another scheduled time before the 22nd. Any candy will be distributed and thank you!

Deacon Thanksgiving Gifts

Our Deacons are awesome! The compassionate and caring spirit of Deacons, past and present, support our congregation. During the months of November and December, our Deacons will be giving money up to four organizations to be determined to help with their Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. You can give to our Deacons by using the green envelopes at the offering table or designate "Deacon's Fund" in the memo line on your check. Thank you!

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan is Tuesday November 9th at 12pm. Our zoom link is: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdz</u> <u>09</u>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
 - Passcode: FPCE21!
- Thursday Bible Study is on November 11th at 4pm. We will be using *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren chapters 12 & 13 2 Kings 2:1-15; Psalm 23; Acts 1:1-11; Isaiah 1:1-2:5; Romans 5: 1-13; Matthew 9: 10-17. Our zoom link is: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdz09
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• Sunday School class today at 11:30am. Today, our Sunday School class back in hybrid mode. Join us in-person or on Zoom. Steve Hammond will lead our beginning at 11:30am. Our Zoom link is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdz

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Prayer Updates November 7, 2021

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community. Recent numbers show a drop to 331 cases per 100,000 people. This is a great downward trend, and we pray our numbers continue to drop.
- Prayers for healing, strength, and peace for LaMara Halstrom diagnosed with carcinoma and Jane McMahon diagnosed with esophageal and liver cancer. Both are "sisters" of Steve and Nancy Torrence.
- Prayers for Arlene Mawudeku. Health issues that have kept Arlene in the hospital for more than 30 days. She had 3 bypass due to blockage in heart. Surgery was success but staples opened up, so she was given a wound vac for further healing and to avoid infection. This is working so far. Arlene hopes to get into a facility soon to start rehab.
- We continue to pray for Gary Norris.
- Prayers for a friend of Ari and Robin Kohler who is very ill with COVID.
- Jan Weakley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Pat Weakley Hein now under Hospice Care for congestive heart and kidney failure. Pat is Dick's little sister.
- Update: We pray for Scott Morrow as he continues chemotherapy. We pray for his doctors, his strength, God's comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. He is home and is undergoing extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Update: We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris. She is home now and doing much better. Mary Lee has been fitted with a prosthetic. Robin and Ari and thankful for your prayers and calls of support.
- We continue to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling's sister. Linda had surgery and is recovering.
- Update: John Ortmeyer, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.

- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when an MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman She is on blood thinners to keep other clots from forming around her lungs. Praise as there is no cancer! Tricia tires easily but should be closer to normal within a year. Please continue to pray for her successful treatment. Friend of Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell Larry continues to amaze with his improved energy level. He and the family need continuing prayers following the death of Larry's wife, Joyce, in August. From Annette King
- Praise Our family appreciates the prayers for our grandson-in-law, Matt, who continues to be alcohol free almost 2 years. He is with an electrician apprentice program now. A special blessing arrived May 14th with the birth of Sarah and Matt's son, Jackson Paul. From Great Grandma Annette King

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - o Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - o Jay Kuhnhenn
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - o Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray
 - Family of Bonnie Brown
 - Family of Celia Gordon
 - Sam and Rose Capetillo
 - Marcia Ricks and family
 - Joan Lyderson and family
 - o Bea Swafford's family
 - Lucille Hofer
 - o Bev Fox's family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Matt McCoy, Grandson of Annette King
- Clyde and Judy 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 Hannah Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Jan Geibel Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- Bob Salinas, brother of Rose and Sam Capetillo
- 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 for Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister and Dale and Janet Good.