

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
November 9, 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>	Psalm 121 Marne Larson

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike us by day nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Hymn	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	#145
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<u>Prayer of Confession</u>	Marne Larson
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Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides among us. Trusting in God's persistent love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

<u>Assurance of Pardon</u>	Marne Larson
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God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.
Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. Amen.

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings *I've Got Peace Like a River* #368

Scripture Luke 20:20-26

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Chancel Choir Anthem *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* – Monsell/Willan
Directed by Lorilee Brasseur

Sermon *Joy* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #422

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude Gary Norris, Organist

Announcements

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day.

Thank You from the CFD Committee

Thanks to our seven wonderful chefs who participated in this year's Chili Cook-Off and all those who sampled and voted for the best. Our winners: Rose Capetillo, Alan Dorway, Rob Sutin. Others with just as amazing chili: Mike Davis, Marne Larson, Scot Roetcisoender, Terry Walker. Thanks again. Looking forward to 2026. And don't forget the sweet and savory bake-off in the Spring.

Food Challenge – Supporting Our Neighbors

We believe everyone should have access to food. Each month we collect non-perishable items for the Volunteers of America Food Bank serving Everett families. With SNAP and other food benefits stopping, our Deacons are challenging us to Support Our Neighbors. The Deacons are giving \$400 to the VOA and the Salvation Army and are asking you to match.

You can help by bringing non-perishable food throughout November or by giving financially. Use the green envelopes in the pews or write *Food Challenge* on your check. Donations will be shared with VOA and the Salvation Army on December 8. Thank you for your compassion and care!

Priscilla Circle – November 10th

Priscilla Circle meets tomorrow, Monday, November 10 at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter 3 in our study book. You may bring a lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

Work Party – November 15th

Join us for our next church work party on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will be working on indoor projects, and we could use your help! There's something for everyone. We'll keep the energy up with coffee and donuts – come for the fellowship, stay for the satisfaction of a job well done!

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 November 13th at 4:00 pm on 1 Timothy 3. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81320649537?pwd=343k4LdmdXE0lJ18GD5xg7xc9kzoHG.1>

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Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

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

The Gathering – November 19th

For our upcoming November Gathering, we're excited to welcome Braver Angels, an organization dedicated to helping people bridge divides and communicate across differences.

In a time when so many things seem to separate us, we can all benefit from learning how to disagree better. During this workshop, we'll learn essential skills for respectful communication and finding common ground – even when we don't see eye to eye.

The session will be led by a two-person Braver Angels team, who will model how people from “blue” and “red” perspectives can disagree and still stay engaged as friends. This is a free workshop, but to help us plan, please register using the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1766792857999?discount=BRAVER&aff=oddtcreator>

Note: There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome booth if you'd like the office to register you.

Stewardship Sunday – November 23rd

On Sunday, November 23rd, we will be consecrating our pledges for the 2026 budget. By knowing our pledges, our Session will be able to set a budget and direction for our congregation in 2026. More information and pledge cards will be coming.

Thanksgiving Day Potluck

If you are hanging out on Thanksgiving and would like to join some church friends for food and fun, then you are in luck! Join Pastor Alan and friends for a Thanksgiving potluck on November 27th. Doors will open at 1:30 pm and food will be served around 2:00 pm. Bring something to share or just come to hang and eat. To help with numbers, please sign up at the Welcome Booth.

Advent 2025

Advent is right around the corner! We have many fun things in the works. Set your calendars for our Advent Potluck on Sunday, November 30th after worship. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth to let us know if you can bring an appetizer/salad, main course, or dessert. Also, we will be having Christmas Eve worship on December 24th at 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm. More details to come.

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 meet after the Passing of the Peace in the youth room on the second floor. They are studying the Apostle's Creed and will meet on November 9, 16, and 23. The nursery is open on the second floor for our youth under 6 years of age.

If you would like to volunteer in the nursery or in youth Sunday School, please let Pastor Alan or Teresa know.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets November 19th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

VOA Food Donations

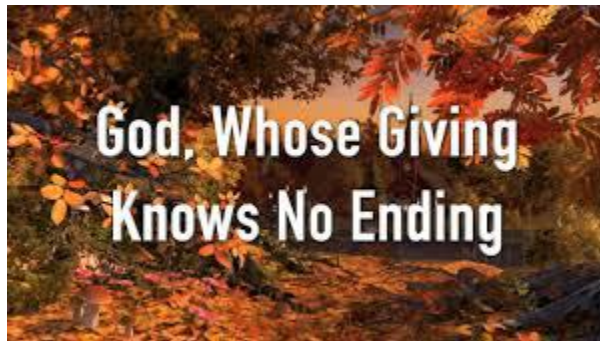
We gathered 310 pounds of food for the Volunteers of America this past week! Great job! Let's keep up the good work by bringing in non-perishable food items throughout the month. On Sunday, December 7th, Ken will be in the alley collecting non-perishable food before worship. Drive down the alley, drop off food, then park and come to worship. We will not be collecting on Monday, December 8th.

Hearing Assistance

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

From The Organ Bench – Gary Norris

This morning, after worship at the Organ Bench, a “Presbyterian Mezuzah” gift awaits any individual or family who might want one, not for your front door but for your kitchen refrigerator door! It is the laminated text of our hymn # 422 with a magnet on the back. Here is what it looks like. It was highlighted in the final paragraph of FROM THE ORGAN BENCH in the November Carillon.



What is a “Mezuzah?” It is a small box that holds inside a scroll containing Deuteronomy 6:4-7 which Jewish brothers and sisters affix to the doorposts of their homes containing 4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise, when you go out and when you come in.”

This hymn # 422 could be our focus the month of November. A Presbyterian Mezuzah.

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.



Pastor's QR Code

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.

Prayer Requests – November 9, 2025

- Roy Yates memorial will be here on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 pm. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- **Update:** Juliana Peths, my daughter, and her family, would like to express their gratitude for your prayers. She is getting better under a new doctor's care and feeling optimistic with her progress. From Rosemary Rheinheimer.
- **Update:** It appears Angela may have turned the corner. She is off the ventilator and 24-hour dialysis and is alert most of the day. The family is so grateful for your concern and continued prayers. From Annette King.
- **Update:** After several unsuccessful attempts at skin grafts, doctors had to stop and allow Lisa's wound to heal from the inside out. Her wound has started to respond to treatment and, while reduced in size, will still take months to close. This is a major turnaround in her condition and very hopeful. From Elizabeth Nelson.
- **Update:** Thank you for your prayers for Alan Villevik's sister, Mary Rogers. She is doing well and is not experiencing any pain since her cancer diagnosis.
- **Update:** Thank you for your prayers for our niece, Mary Margaret Villevik, who has left her abusive relationship. We are in regular contact with her. Please continue to pray for her protection and courage not to go back.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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MARION SM with refrain

Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865

Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant-ing as ye go;
 3. At last the march shall end; The wea - ried ones shall rest;
 4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
 From youth to age, by night and day, In glad-ness and in woe.
 The pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

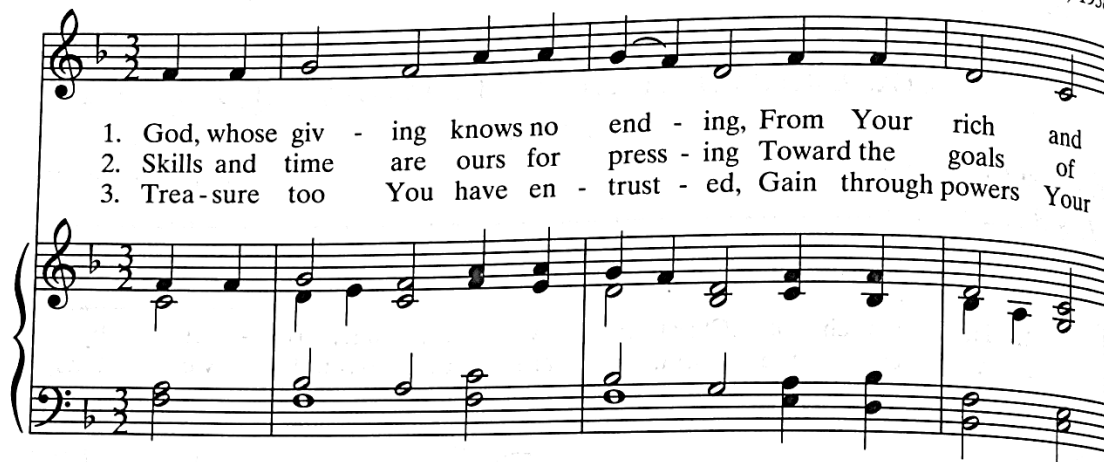
Re - joice! re - joice!

Alternate tune: VINEYARD HAVEN, 146

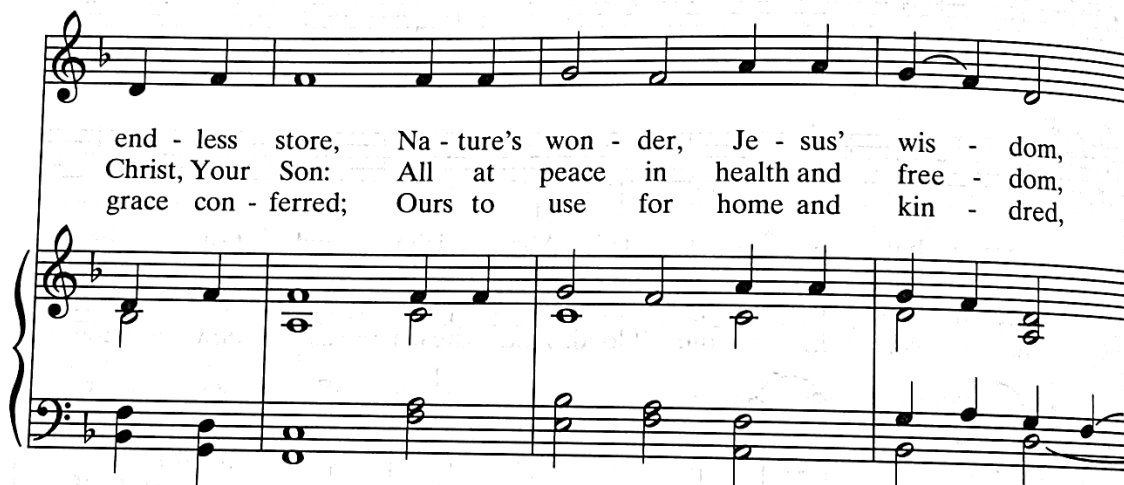
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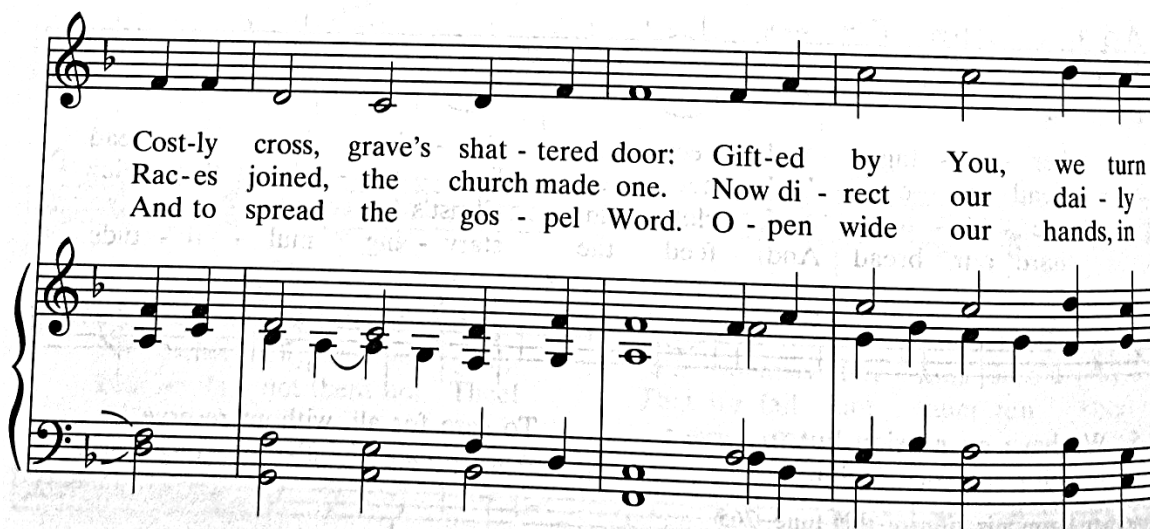
Robert L. Edwards, 1961

The Sacred Harp, 1844
Harm. James H. Wood, 1958


1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From Your rich and
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the goals of
3. Trea - sure too You have en - trust - ed, Gain through powers Your



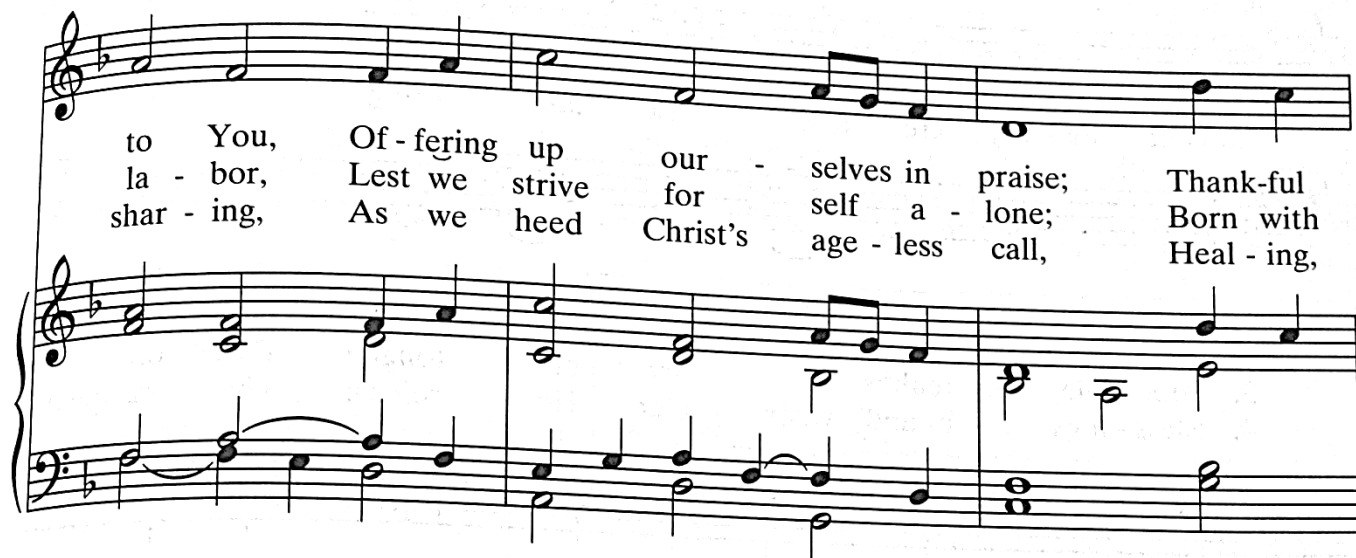
end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, Your Son: All at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred,



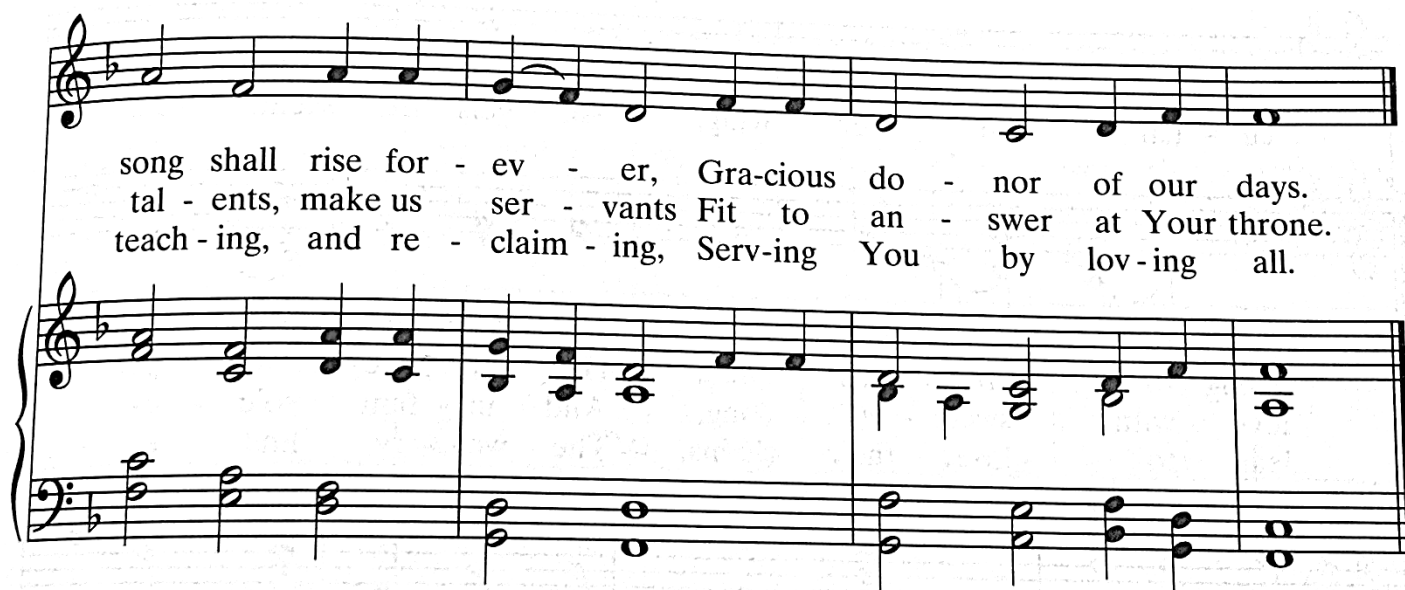
Cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: Gift-ed by You, we turn
Rac-es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
And to spread the gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands, in

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to You, Of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful
la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone; Born with
shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing,



song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra - cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, Serv - ing You by lov - ing all.