

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

November 1, 2020

Prelude – *Sleepers Wake* – Bach Gary Norris, organist

Ringing of the Bell – Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome – Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship – Psalm 34:1-10, 22

One: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

One: Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

All: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

One: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

One: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

One: Fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

All: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Hymn – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #356

1 Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wondering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

3 O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above

Scripture – Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon – *Blessed* Pastor Alan

Communion

Today we participate in communion together. Please take a moment to organize some bread and juice for you and your family. We will follow the liturgy with Pastor Alan. When he breaks the bread, so will you. When the cup is blessed, so will yours. Then we will share in the Lord's Supper together.

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). This is the table Jesus prepared. All are invited. All are welcome. All will find peace and rest.

Thanks be to God.

Before celebrating communion, we prepare our hearts through prayer and song. Let us pray;

Lord, we praise you and thank you for your grace and love. We cannot begin to understand the depth of our separation from you. We are blinded by power, comfort, self-preservation, greed, and security. We fall quickly into patterns of sin where we take advantage of creation, our neighbors, and you. We claim you support our side, our desires, and our hopes over and above anyone else. Our sin is so encompassing, we are not able to recognize it or get above it without your mercy first.

We have rebelled against you. And we continue to rebel. Through love so deep and profound, you move toward us. You call out to us, desire to be in a relationship with us, and we get it for a moment, but forget the next. Jesus came to finally break down all barriers. And still humanity does not pay attention to his teachings, his life, and his expounding of scripture.

Jesus' died for our sin, rose again in victory, and invites us to follow. Only through grace can we begin to see new possibilities. We can imagine hope beyond our own needs. We can see love transform areas of darkness. We can reconcile with others who we have sinned against and who have hurt us. We can live peaceably, gracefully, and lovingly with our neighbors.

Thank you, Lord, for your forgiveness and renewed mercy every day. With humble hearts we come to the table where you have prepared a place for us. This table extends to all people. All are welcome. We know you welcomed your disciples, even the one who was to betray you, and shared this meal. You took bread and wine and through a simple act of blessing, sharing, and remembering, established a new covenant with humanity. We ask you to continue to work in our lives so that one day, we, with the saints who have gone before, will join you as part of the great cloud of witnesses, feasting in at the heavenly banquet.

Speak to our hearts and we sing together;

Hymn – *For the Bread Which You have Broken* #500

1 For the bread, which You have broken;
For the wine, which You have poured;
For the words, which You have spoken—
Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

3 With the saints who now adore You
Seated at the heavenly board,
May the Church still waiting for You
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

2 By this promise that You love us,
By Your gift of peace restored,
By Your call to Heaven above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

4 In Your service, Lord, defend us,
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which You send us
Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

Together with sisters and brothers in Christ around the world, we affirm our faith through the ages by reciting the creed

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 it, do this in remembrance of me.

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

Communion is served and shared

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for meeting us once again through this simple meal. For nourishing our bodies and our souls, and for filling us with hope as we look forward to the eternal banquet. **Amen.**

Singing of the *Lord's Prayer*

Steve Torrence, solo

Benediction

Postlude – *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* – Bach

Gary Norris, organist

Reminders and Announcements

Join us for our learning series on Christianity!

This course is a remarkable class on how Christianity was born, how it grew, developed, and how it remains central to lives around the world. This is a chance to examine the religion that many of us grew up within, and which continues to transform our lives daily.

FPCE Sunday Coffee Time and Bible Study – Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82991650201?pwd=ZDE1YzRZaDhIRWFteDg5ZC9xaUMxQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 9165 0201

Passcode: 049854

1. Virtual Coffee Time at 11:15am today! Use the link above to join for a relaxed time of greeting and talking to each other.
2. Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
3. Lunch with Pastor Alan this week is on Tuesday at 12pm.
4. We are using Zoom for a Thursday Bible Study at 4pm. We are looking at the words of Jesus. This Thursday, November 5th, we will be studying Matthew .
5. All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
6. Monday November 9th Non-Perishable Food Drive for the Volunteers of America Food Bank. Just drive down the alley from 11am to 1pm to support our community.

On November 8th, we are playing Sermon Bingo!

All you need to do use our Bingo sheet and listen to Pastor Alan's sermon. If he says a word on your board, then cross it out. We are looking for a single row to be completed or a full wiped out playing card. If you get one or the other, then mail it into the office for verification and the 1st five turned in correctly, will receive a prize. The first correct wipe out board will also receive a prize. Remember, tune in to our virtual sermon on the 8th, listen, and play along!

Prayer Updates November 1, 2020

- We continue to pray for Jeff Mackey and family as Maurine Murray died on the 27th. A small family graveside is being planned.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel. She finished her chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer and received a clear CT scan and her blood work showed no sign of cancer. Now she will get CT scans every 3 months. Jan is feeling healthy and very thankful! From Judy and Clyde Pitcher
- Pray for Susan Finkbinder, she is a co-worker of my daughter and was taken to the hospital in serious condition - Thank you Judy Hutchison
- Prayers for Marilee Richard's family. Her sister-in-law died after battling cancer.
- Prayers for Clyde and Judy Pitcher. Clyde is home recovering.
- Pray for Pat Stanley and her husband Dennis as Pat is battling cancer and in hospice care. From Bob and Barbara Barren
- Prayers for Mike Gresham, his family is moving to Colorado soon. From Carol and Roy Gresham
- Thank you for your prayers for Paul and Nicole Dorway. Nicole has been diagnosed with cancer. Nicole is recovering well and received good news from the pathology report that she has clean margins and the surgery worked.
- Update on Leslie Sutin's nephew Jason. He is no longer in need of a liver transplant. The new medication is working. Praise God and we continue to pray.
- Pray for Lisa Comstock's Aunt Mary and Uncle Len. Mary had a surgery and was in the hospital for longer than expected. She is now home. However, Len fell and is in the hospital with a broken elbow, cuts and swelling on his face.
- Update: Tim and MaryAnne LeCompte. MaryAnne is slowly recovering from her stroke and is in long term rehab – Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Gregg DeSchepper died. Terrie appreciates continued prayers. – from Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Our daughter Jessica Rozal completed chemo and started radiation treatment on the 23rd. Thank you for your prayers and support – from Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Marilee Richards' friend Kim. Kim has Covid-19 and is ill with underlying health problems.
- Hugh Minor prayers for recovery.
- Update on Gordon Fritz. His surgery went well, prayers for healing. Gordon is Janet Kelly's brother-in-law. We also pray for Janet's sister Olinda and family.

- Update: Bonnie (Miller) Ronan is under home hospice care. Continued prayers for her pain management and comfort. No visitors. From Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell is doing well and has been home for several months now. He takes short walks and is working on a local history book. He appreciates our continued prayers – from Annette King
- Update: Grandson Matt remains alcohol free nine months after his rehab graduation in November. Continued prayers are appreciated. – from Annette King.
- Prayers for Elizabeth Nelson with ongoing health issues.
- Prayers for Maureen, Judy Hammond's mother. We lift up all families who are apart from each other. We pray for health, safety, and comfort.
- Cody Richards as he is being shipped to the Middle East, from grandmother Marilee Richards.
- Celia Gordon asks for prayers as she begins cancer treatment again.
- Jim White, prayers for cancer recovery from Celia Gordon.
- Prayers for Stephanie, daughter of Renee Lambert, for Crohn's related surgery and her hospitalization three times in the last month – from Diane Preston

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhen
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
- Pray for Larry Nalbach, Marilyn's brother, who is dealing with health issues.
- Bev Fox
- 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
- Jay Gano – Jan Weakley
- 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
- Bonnie (Miller) Ronan – Annette King.
- 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.

- Don and Joan Lyderson
- Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister
- Dale and Janet Good