THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin June 16, 2024 – 10am

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!

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

Prelude	This Is My Fathers World - Bish	Gary Norris, Organist
Ringing of the Bell		Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 92:1-4,12-15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

Jamie Hunter

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright;

The Lord is our rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

HymnImmortal, Invisible, God Only Wise#263

Prayer of Confession

God gathers and prepares us to worship. Let us confess the sins that detract and distract us from God's path.

Holy God, you are a blessing to all people, yet we choose sides and pit "us" against "them." You call us to be your body of grace for the world, and we portion it out meagerly for others. You are the giver of all gifts, and we argue over who received the best ones. Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. Hear our hearts as we open our lives to you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. **Amen**.

Passing of the Peace May the peace of Christ, be with you! And also with you! FPCE Sings Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus #183 Celebrating our Graduates and our Teachers **Special Music** Joyful, Joyful Trio - Gary Norris, Ed Pearson, Jefferson Norris 2nd Corinthians 5:6-17 Scripture This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God! Directed by Steve Torrence Choir Anthem *Near the Cross* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway A New Vision of Humanity Sermon

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	Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said	#393
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
Postlude	Trumpet Voluntary - Stanley	Gary Norris, Organist

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Today's Choir Anthem Near the Cross

Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain. Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me. Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever. 'Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting, ever. 'Til I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever. 'Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river. Keep me near the cross.

Announcements

Christian Formation and Discipleship celebrates our graduates and our teachers!

The CFD Committee celebrates and honors those who have graduated and are beginning exciting new chapters in their lives (see insert). We are grateful for the ways they will change our world with their faith, intelligence, and imagination.

The CFD Committee also acknowledges our teachers who nurtured, educated, and provided faith development opportunities for our congregation. These men and women volunteered to teach, work in the nursery, and be a support team for curriculum, emergency contacts, and ready to fill in as needed.

We give thanks for our:

Teachers: Danielle Fowler, Jered Fowler, Doreen Solberg, Dorothy Nerison, Judy Hammond, Susan Lynn, and Marne Larson Nursery Volunteers: Robin Kohler, Debbie Roberts, Emily Alfrejd, Vicki Dorway, Sonya Beardsley, and Teresa Good Adult Sunday School Teachers and Curriculum Advisors: Shirley Solberg, Alan Dorway, and Steve Hammond Emergency contacts: Sam Capetillo and Mike Clemans

VOA Food Donations

This month we donated 305 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America local food bank. Awesome job! Remember, we collect food throughout the month at either door to the sanctuary. We have our larger push on the first Sunday of the month when we celebrate communion. Our next in person collection will be August 5th.

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.

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, then please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.



Summer AquaSox Baseball Game – July 31st

Join Pastor Alan for a fun night of summer baseball! We have group upper reserved tickets for the AquaSox game on Wednesday July 31st at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased over the next few weeks. We have 20 tickets but can get more. Funko Field is a fun stadium, with easy parking, great views, and decently priced food. Plus, Roberto the Magnificent will make a special appearance during the game. Sign up at the welcome booth, talk with Pastor Alan or you may use this link to purchase with a credit card: https://subspla.sh/qccfnjh/

Save the Date – Sunday August 25th is the All-Church Picnic!

Join our congregation as we head back to Legion Park for our classic picnic. There will be hamburgers, salads, desserts, games, and much more fun. More information will be coming!

SCRABBLE

We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on June 19th 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. Hope to see YOU there!

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.

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: <u>www.firstpreschurch.com</u>

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 link:
 - o https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526979826
 - Meeting ID: 895 2697 9826
- Lunch with Alan Join Pastor Alan for lunch in the library at noon on Mondays. We gather to talk and share life together. The north door opens at 11:45am. All you need to do is bring a sack lunch and come on down.
- **Thursday Bible Study** We are studying Revelation on Thursdays. Everyone can join via the zoom link below. This week we are studying Revelation 14-17.
 - Join with this Zoom link:
 - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82539196213?pwd=WGZFS0JheHVjTGRza0Q2Y3k0 <u>R3VqUT09</u>
 - Meeting ID: 825 3919 6213
 - Passcode: 975621
- 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. We 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.
- Feel free to use any of 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 June 16, 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.
- We pray for Merle Kirkley as he recovers from a health issue.
- We pray for Elizabeth Nelson as she recovers from a broken foot.
- We pray for Rev. Bob Nicholson who had a pace-maker put in last week and is recovering.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku who had a stroke and is in the hospital.
- Pray for health and clarity for Chris Mattix, son-in-law of Mike and Martha Clemans, who is having headaches and dizzy spells. No answers yet as the doctors continue to work.
- Please pray for Lisa G, Ari and Robin's ex-sister-in-law, who will be going through upcoming surgeries.
- We pray for Eric Chavis who is recovering from heart surgery. We pray for his health and for Mary Ann during this time.
- Please pray for those affected by the devastating floods in my hometown of Brazil and the larger community. From Rosemary Cassady.
- Judy Pitcher died and her memorial will be Saturday, June 29 at 2pm in the sanctuary. Please keep the extended Pitcher family in your prayers.
- Please pray for our friend's sister and husband who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Pray for strength and healing as he begins radiation treatments. Alan & Vicki Dorway.
- Update: Thank you for the prayers for our friend's mom. She is responding well to her cancer treatments and appreciates your prayers. From Vicki & Alan Dorway
- Richan Jensen, sister of Dariel Norris, is terminally ill with cancer.
- **Update**: We pray for Sophia, Sam & Rose Capetillo's niece, who is in the hospital going through tests. The doctors believe that with some antibiotics she will have the vision in her one eye restored. The family appreciates our prayers.
- **Update**: Thank you for your ongoing prayers. My brother is doing well. He is continuing with treatment and physical therapy. He recently returned to work; thanks be to God. From Sondra Santos.

- Please pray for Genny Heuer's son, James, who had a heart attack and will be put on a pacemaker. From Jimmy Sharp.
- **Update**: Prayers for LeAnne, Mike & Martha Cleman's great granddaughter, who is beginning phase 2 of her chemo treatment for leukemia. Prayers for healing, strength, and wisdom.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, is homeless and needs stability in her life.
- Marilee Richards' grandson, Cody, needs direction and wisdom.
- **Update**: Chris Butterfield is undergoing steroid treatments for his back pain and is seeing some improvement. Please pray for continued relief. From Lisa Comstock and Dottie Villesvik.
- 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.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- **Update**: Good news for Dale Collver, son of Milt and Aurla Magee and friends of Tom and Pat Erickson. Prayers have been answered as Dale's cancer lymph nodes have shrunk! Jesus answers prayer! Please continue to pray for Dale as he continues his next step on this journey with cancer. He will undergo stem cell replacement in Seattle and faces several weeks of challenges. The family appreciates our prayers.

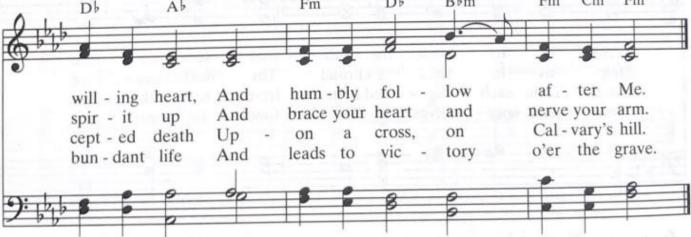
Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Marilyn Carter
- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Dale Collver from Tom & Pat Erickson
- 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.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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