

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

August 25, 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 *I Love You Lord* – Arr Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Ice Breaker Question: What was your favorite camp activity?

Call to Worship Psalm 84 Bob Barren

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed, it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Hymn *How Lovely, Lord* #207

Prayer of Confession

Bob Barren

The Psalmist reminds us: “The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned” (Psalm 34:22). Trusting that God is always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, let us turn to God in prayer, seeking forgiveness and new life.

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we ignore, push, or run by others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. Hear us as we turn our hearts to you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Bob Barren

John’s Gospel tells us: “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:17). Christ forgives us and makes us whole. Christ fills us with life and sets us free for love. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Summer Camp Songs

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

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

Choir Anthem *You Raise Me Up*

Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon *FPCE Summer Camp: Pinecone Service*

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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *Toccata – Dubois*

Gary Norris, Organist

Today's Choir Anthem

You Raise Me Up with Be Still My Soul

Be still my soul! The Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still my soul! The waves and winds still know, His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

When I am down and oh my soul so weary. When troubles come and my heart burdened be; then I am still and wait here in the silence, until You come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on Your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.

There is no life, no life without it's hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly. But when You come, and I am filled with wonder; sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

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Announcements

All-Church Picnic – Today!

Join us at Legion Memorial Park after church at 11:30am for our All-Church Picnic! This is a great time with the members, friends, and family of the First Presbyterian Church of Everett. This event is for everyone!



Interested in membership?

Want to know more about the First Presbyterian Church? Then you are invited to join Pastor Alan and session members in Calvin Lounge on Sunday, September 8th at 11:30 am.

Where are our Name Tags?

Name tags are being refreshed and updated. Look for new ones on September 15th!

Priscilla Circle – September 9th

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, September 9th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter one in our book "Let Justice Roll Down, God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation". A plant exchange will also be held. Bring lunch if you desire. Our hostess will be Margaret Lillie.

Book and Puzzle Sale

Please save your books and puzzles for the upcoming book and puzzle sale sponsored by the Presbyterian Women on October 20 & 27. Collection boxes are in Westminster Hall and in the office.



VOA Food Donations

We donated 392 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America food bank here in Everett! Great job! Our next in-person collection will be on Monday, September 9th.



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.

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.

Nursery Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service beginning this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good.

SCRABBLE

We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on September 4th and 18th 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!

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

This Week...

- **Adult Sunday School** – No class today. See you at the all-church picnic!
- **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 taking the month of August off and will resume with the gospel of Luke on Thursday, September 5th. More information to come.

- **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 August 25, 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 those who have been affected by Hurricane Beryl. We pray for the Capetillo family and many others who have loved ones in the area.
- We pray for Jim and the Kutz family as Judy died this past week. We pray for comfort and peace during this difficult time. Judy's memorial will be September 21st at 1:00 pm in our sanctuary.
- Vicky Ahmann died on July 19th. Please keep her family in your prayers during this time. Vicky's memorial will be September 11th at 1:00 pm in our sanctuary.
- We pray for Jean Kanter who has laryngitis.
- We pray for George, a friend of Marilee Richards, who is struggling with health concerns.
- We pray for those affected by COVID. We pray for comfort and quick healing.
- Monica Clemans had a second knee surgery. Prayers for healing.
- Prayers and safety for Ainslee Mattix, granddaughter of Mike & Martha Clemans, who starts teaching middle school in Texas in September.
- Please pray for Mike Goza who has been diagnosed with cancer. We pray for his strength during his treatment plan. We lift up Carolyn and the family as they walk with Mike during this time.
- We pray for Ben, nephew of John and Lisa Gebert. After Ben's kidney surgery, it was determined he has cancer. Determining the extent of it and a plan. Prayers for the family.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku who had a stroke. She is at home working on a recovery and rehab plan.

- Pray for health and clarity for Chris Mattix, son-in-law of Mike and Martha Clemans, who had surgery and is at home recovering.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- **Update:** Marilee Richards' daughter Karen and her family now have housing but still need prayers for wisdom, stability and guidance.
- Please also pray for Marilee's nephew's family who are facing life-changing challenges. Please pray for wisdom and guidance.
- Marilee Richards' grandson, Cody, needs direction and wisdom.
- 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 Villevik.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- Milt & Aurla Magee want to share more good news about their son, Dale. Dale continues to improve from his cancer. His stem cell replacement has gone well and with the end of his chemo, he continues to improve with no side effects. Dale's stay at the hospital will be another three weeks before he is able to go home. The doctors presented him with a congratulation card as Dale walked a marathon while there. Mitt and Aurla are grateful for their friends, Tom & Pat Erickson, for making sure Dale has been on our prayer chain. God is good!

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
- Jan Geibel
- 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.

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How Lovely, Lord

MERLE'S TUNE 7.6.7.6 D

Arlo D. Duba, 1984

Hal H. Hopson, 1983

1. How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly Is Your a - bid - ing place;
2. In Your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3. A sun and shield for - ev - er Are You, O Lord Most High;

My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, To feast up - on Your grace.
Is bet - ter than a thou - sand If I from You should stray.
You show - er us with bless - ings; No good will You de - ny.

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The spar - row finds a shel - ter, A place to build her nest;
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance And claim You as my Lord
The saints, Your grace re - ceiv - ing, From strength to strength shall go,

And so Your tem - ple calls us With - in its walls to rest.
Than rev - el in the rich - es The ways of sin af - ford.
And from their life shall riv - ers Of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782

Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836)
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love:
 2. Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.
 And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's."