

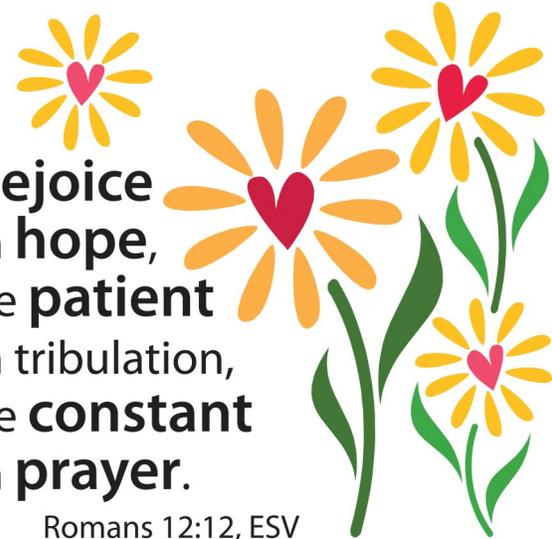
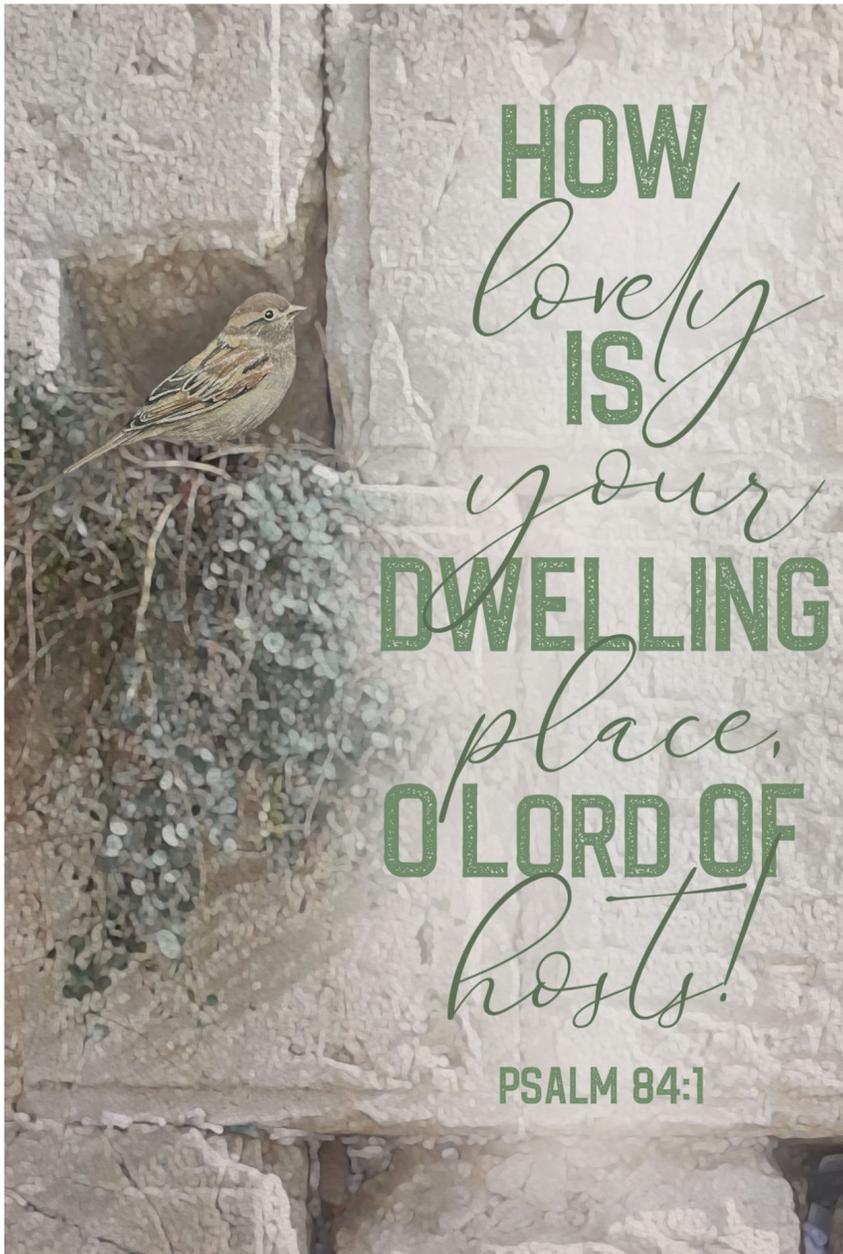
August 2021



First Presbyterian Church of Everett

# The Carillon

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Rejoice  
in hope,  
be patient  
in tribulation,  
be constant  
in prayer.

Romans 12:12, ESV

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**The Carillon**  
**August 2021**

**Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:**

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship  
11:00 am - Fellowship  
12:00 pm - Adult Sunday School

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

The 2021 All Church Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 29 at Legion Memorial Park.  
More to come!





July 15, 2021

To the First Presbyterian Church of Everett,

On Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Everett approved moving to Step 4 of our reopening plan.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, we are excited about and welcome this change for our in-person worship at the First Presbyterian Church of Everett. We are reopening with attention to accessibility, sanitization, and hospitality. Our Facebook Live worship continues every Sunday at 10am.

Session has approved:

1. To drop mask requirements for vaccinated individuals.
2. To keep every other pew separation while allowing for singing.
3. To remove the RSVP process.
4. To welcome vaccinated members to sing in the choir. Those desiring to sing in the choir need to provide verification of vaccination to Steve Torrence before singing.
5. To encourage personal responsibility, flexibility, and graciousness as we keep growing in our value to worship our Lord and love our neighbor.

Those who are vaccinated do not need to wear a mask. Those not vaccinated or desiring extra precautions are asked to wear a mask while in our building.

Beginning Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>, you can expect all doors to our facility to be open by 9:30am. Pews will be marked for seating to allow for space as we sing during worship. There will be an offering box in the sanctuary, but at this time, no formal passing of the peace, collection, or passing of items will be part of our worship.

We encourage maintaining social distance, use of hand sanitizer, and flexibility as some in worship may need to or desire to wear a mask. We are reopening, but are taking time for committees and session to evaluate and develop processes before a full return of activities.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

The 2021 Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Everett

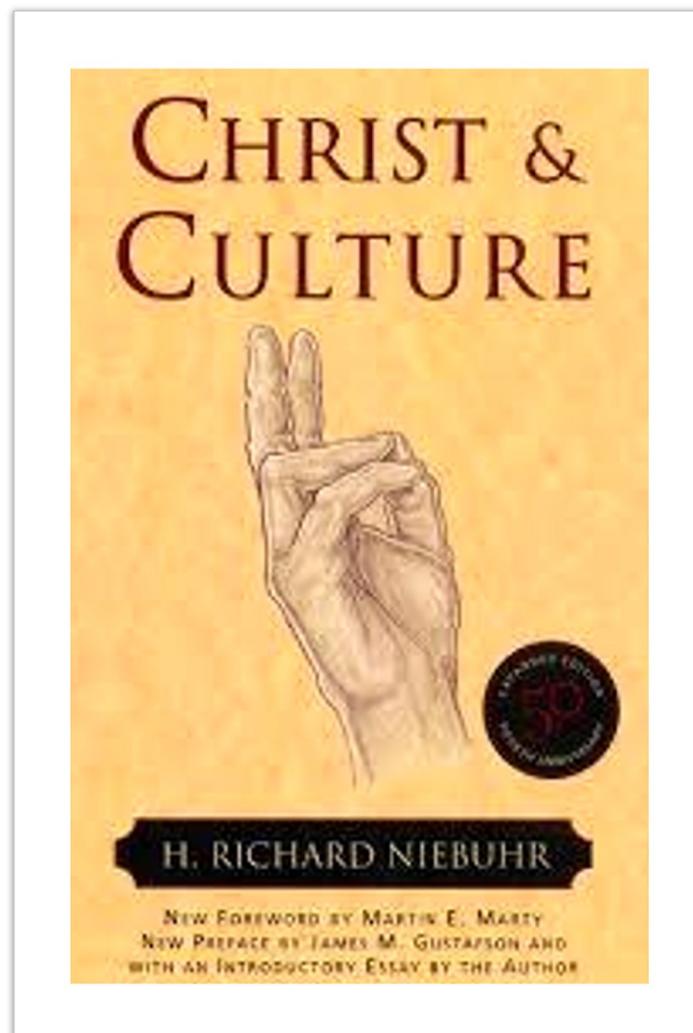
## Summer Preaching Series with Pastor Alan - Christ and Culture 2021

I have started a 2021 summer preaching series on Christ and Culture.

We have gone through poignant and significant life-changing events in 2020. Many Christians are asking, what is God trying to teach us or what was God trying to teach us this past year, with the pandemic, with the racial and political violence and unrest, with the discord around us, the polarization, mask wearing, cancel culture, and staying home? Was last year a gift we have already begun to wish away? Was last year a nightmare we need to forget and move on to 'normal'?

I hope you join me in-person or online to consider God's character, Jesus' call, and the Holy Spirit's engagement with our culture.

There is no specific book, but I am using scripture (see details on the next page) and Christ and Culture by Richard Niebuhr.



## Summer Preaching Series with Pastor Alan - Christ and Culture 2021 (cont'd)

Notes ~ For our context and discussion, I define Culture – a group of people defined by implicit, learned, or socially normed categories determining one from another expressed and passed down through generations in a collective understanding of what’s good, beautiful, and meaningful in symbols, behaviors, beliefs, and values.

### Preaching Series

July 11 – Where is Christ and What is Culture? Amos 7:7-15; Eph. 3:14-21

July 18 – Stay in Your Lane: Swimming Toward Jesus Eph. 4:1-16; Matthew 14:22-32

July 25 – My Opinion Rules, Otherwise it’s Fake News Eph. 5:1-21

August 1 – What We Buy, Talks Mark 12:41-44; Luke 20:20-26

August 8 – Embracing Liberal Over Libel 1 Corinthians 1:10-31

August 15 – End of the Individual 2 Corinthians 5:16-19; Matthew 9:9-17

August 29 – We Reject Our One Body 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

September 5 – Grafted or Ungrateful? Romans 11:17-24; John 15:1-9

### Thursday Bible Studies

July 15 – Ephesians 4:17-32; Ruth 1

July 22 – Ephesians 2

July 29 – Ephesians 5 and 6

August 5 – 1 Corinthians 12-14

August 12 – 2 Corinthians 5; Matthew 9

August 19 – John 15:1-17

Thursday Bible Study will take a break after August 19th to resume after Labor Day on Thursday September 9th.

### Sunday School Class

August 1 – Theme: Culture – Amos 7:7-17;

August 8 – Theme: Christ – John 3

August 15 – Theme: Why does this matter? – TBD

*Sunday School Class will take a break after August 15th to resume on September 12th.*

## Library Update - August 2021

August. Are we now into the “lazy-hazy-crazy” days of summer? If so, does this 1963 Nat King Cole hit offer any tie-in to summer reading or your church library? Surely not in the rest of the hedonistic lyrics, but possibly in those rollicking words themselves. The power of remembered words to awake memories and evoke emotions, ideas, and action: the very essence of reading and libraries.

Our congregation has been treated to guest speakers whose spoken words urged us to new thoughts and action. Now it’s time to augment those spoken words with the written words in our library. The books may sit lonely on the shelves right now but a phone call or an email - along with a bit of patience can place desired titles in your hands.

Start with Chaplain Chris Hoke’s own book, *Wanted: a Spiritual Pursuit through Jail, among Outlaws, and across Borders*. We even have two copies, one on the display shelf in the library and one shelved at 259.5 Hok. Well worth a read or reread. If you missed Chaplain Hoke’s sermon on July 4, a replay is available on Facebook to update his personal story in *Wanted*.

Then there were Rev. Dr. Robert Nicholson’s reminders that we are called to be a healing presence. Here are a few suggestions for what to read on that subject:

*GodSpeech: Putting Divine Disclosures into Human Words* by Ben Campbell Johnson (230.01 Joh).

*A Place for Healing for the Soul: Patmos* by Peter France (248 Fra).

*Out of the Comfort Zone* by George Verwer (266.21 Ver).

For a look ahead, Pastor Alan will be leading us through the very timely classic, *Christ and Culture* by H. Richard Niebuhr. To list even a sample of our books on Christ’s relationship to culture would require much more space than is available. But here’s a start:

*Churches, Culture & Leadership* by Mark Lau Branson & Juan Francisco Martinez (259.889 Bra).

*Reflections: a Journey of Faith, Art, and Culture* by Mukato Fujimura (759.13 Fuj).

*Faith of Fifty Million: Baseball, Religion, and American Culture* (796.357 Fai).

*Resounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music* (Engaging Culture) by Jeremy Begbie (780 Beg).

So, enjoy the “lazy-hazy-crazy” days of summer. Treasure the power of words. I look forward to hearing your reading needs and interests. Check our collection at <https://15781.rmwebopac.com>

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## Fourth Monday Book Group - August 2021

Book Group, at least in terms of attendance and participation, continues to thrive during the strangeness of pandemic restrictions. The miles that have previously separated us and the parking challenges that have confronted us have given way to the ubiquitous Zoom platform.

Of course, Zoom technology by itself would not be sufficient. Credit goes to Pastor Alan Dorway and office coordinator Doreen Solberg for facilitating the process. Thanks also to book group members who have stepped up to suggest titles, lead discussions, and share books.

Some of our last selections have led us into historically and emotionally heavy terrain. But it's summer! Ready for a change? Something a little lighter? Look no further than our August selection: ***The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.**

If you are ever beset by those nagging “woulda-shoulda-coulda” moments, Haig’s creative novel offers a unique remedy. Follow Nora’s travels through the portals of the Midnight Library, a strikingly different institution from those we’ve known.

And what is a library without a librarian? Prepare to meet Mrs Elm [no period after Mrs in the British tradition], a school librarian like no other. Well, she may be somewhat like school librarians you have known. Decide after you read the book. No book set, but worth the effort to find - and maybe share - a copy.

It's enough for me that Barb Yates liked it, but here are some other comments:

"Haig is one of the most inspirational popular writers on mental health of our age and, in his latest novel, he has taken a clever, engaging concept and created a heart-warming story that offers wisdom in the same deceptively simple way as Mitch Albom's best tales." **Independent**

"A brilliant premise and great fun to have so many stories within one book" **Daily Mail**

If you love to read and enjoy sharing thoughts with other readers, Fourth Monday Book Group is for you. All are welcome! Let me know if you have questions or need the Zoom link.

See you on Zoom **August 23** at 10:00 a.m. to discuss:

***The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.**

Shirley Solberg (425) 501-1607 or [shirley.solberg@icloud.com](mailto:shirley.solberg@icloud.com)

**For Zoom meeting details and additional Book Group information, please visit our website at <http://www.firstpreschurch.com/book-group>**

# CARING FOR OUR EARTH (It's easy being green!)

From the Estuary Angels



## *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remove, Refuse, Repair*

### **The Environmental Impact of Added Sugars**

Americans eat more sugar than any other country in the world. At about 152 pounds per year, that's more than twice the average among industrialized nations. And we don't realize it, thanks to processed foods. There's sugar in almost everything we buy; and besides the health impact, the environmental impact of all those sweeteners is huge. **Cane Sugar:** Sugar is the most-grown crop in the world, but a lot of it goes to making biofuels and bioplastics instead of sweetening food. Producing 1 kilogram (2.2 lbs.) of refined sugar requires on average 1,782 liters of water (over 470 gallons). In places where crop residues are still burned, a ton of sugar produces around 241 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent. Sugarcane monocropping requires significant chemical inputs that contribute to water pollution. **Sugar Beets** share many of the same issues as cane sugar, but beets are less water-intensive. But beet processing facilities are found among the nation's top 20 polluters alongside oil refineries, mining companies, and chemical manufacturers. **Corn Syrup:** Nearly a third of America's cropland is devoted to corn, a crop that uses more chemical inputs and results in more erosion and water pollution than any other. About half of it goes to animal feed, so cutting down on meat and dairy helps reduce the environmental impact. In addition, there are at least **61 different names for sugar** listed on food labels. Reading labels for the least amount of added sugar and, whenever possible, eating fresh, whole foods benefits our health and the environment.

Source: *Earth 911*

### **Disposing of Disposable Face Masks**

Although some face masks may seem like they are made of paper, they are commonly made of synthetic fabrics like polypropylene and polyester. They should NOT be put in the paper-recycling bin, on the ground, or flushed down the toilet. Dispose of masks in the trash can with the rest of your solid waste. And when the bag is full, make sure it's tied tightly, so the waste stays contained.

Source: *N.H. Environmental Services*

**Special Days** – Aug. 7 is *Particularly Preposterous Packaging Day*. Aug. 10 is *World Lion Day*. Aug. 12 is *World Elephant Day*. Aug. 14 is *National Garage Sale Day*. Aug. 15 is *National Thrift Shop Day*. Aug. 19 is *Int'l Orangutan Day*. Aug. 25 is *National Park Services Day* and *National Second-hand Day*. Aug. 29 is *Earth Overshoot Day* – the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year.

**Enjoy the Beauty Around Us** – Upcoming days to visit Washington state parks without an entrance fee: Aug. 25 (National Park Service's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday), Sept. 25 (National Public Lands Day), Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), and Nov. 26 (Autumn Day). See [www.discoverpass.wa.gov](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov).

*"The farther one gets into the wilderness, the greater is the attraction of its lonely freedom."*  
- Theodore Roosevelt

Creating spirit of worship - PC(USA) leaders consider different approach to worship services at the 225th General Assembly by Rick Jones | Office of the General Assembly - July 15, 2021

The 225th General Assembly is still a year away, but leaders in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Office of the General Assembly are already looking at how worship will fit into a hybrid gathering. While details are still to be worked out, those participating in recent planning meetings want to look at new ways to incorporate worship into the Assembly.

The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), has been meeting with the Co-Moderators of the 224th General Assembly, Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart and the Rev. Gregory Bentley, along with OGA staff to bring a fresh perspective to worship in this setting.

“What we’re trying to get at is to really have the worship service be the powerhouses of the whole Assembly, to generate spiritual energy that would drive the whole gathering, not just be stand-alone events that we plug in, but to be the mitochondria of the body,” said Bentley. “We want to set a camp meeting-type of revival atmosphere in worship, make it memorable and allow it to be the connective tissue between everything that goes on at General Assembly.”

Nathan Young, who has helped produce Assemblies in the past, including the 224th General Assembly that was held completely online last year, says a hybrid format opens a lot of opportunities for the Church.

“One of the great things that we have in a hybrid environment is we can bring in voices that would traditionally be present physically, so I think lifting that up is a positive,” said Young. “We will have the ability to do any combination of online and in-person worship from the center with the new equipment we’re bringing in. The sky’s the limit.”

“I can’t express enough our desire to have continuity or a flow so that every time we gather, there needs to be this sense that people came together for the great revival,” said Street-Stewart. “We want people to really feel that they were in the presence of the Spirit at this time.”

The group believes a smooth transition between meetings and worship is key to success, creating “a more dance and play” between worship and meeting, providing the Church an opportunity to amplify or lift up opportunities and strengths rather than weaknesses and threats.

Worship at General Assembly has traditionally included an ecumenical service. Dianna Wright, OGA’s director of ecumenical and interreligious relations, believes that service should also follow the overall plan for worship in general.

“We want people to think about the creativity, innovation and energy that they can take back and use in their own spaces, especially since we would have an opportunity to do things online as well as hybrid,” said Wright. “We want them to create ways to energize and stimulate action in their own communities.”



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Questions about  
vaccination,  
testing, exposure,  
prevention, and  
contact tracing?

Monday-Friday  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Snohomish  
County:

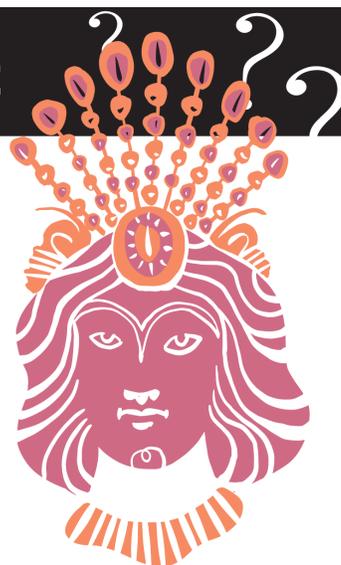
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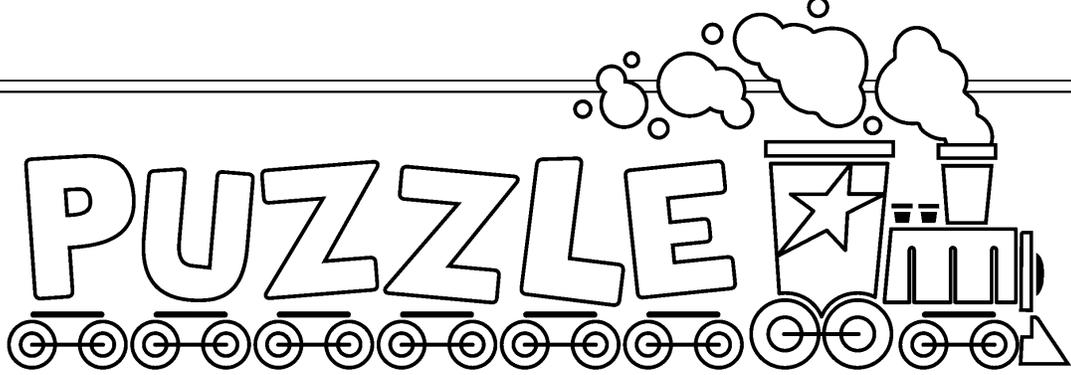
## Bible Quiz

What was the name of the queen who refused to appear before the king of Persia and his guests and, as a result, was deposed?

- A. Esther
- B. Jael
- C. Vashti
- D. Milcah



Answer: C (See Esther 1:12.)



# No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



*Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.*



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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear     | 9. ___ monkey     | A. fry     | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog     | 10. ___ platypus  | B. fawn    | K. foal      |
| 3. ___ owl      | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet     |
| 4. ___ horse    | 12. ___ giraffe   | D. cub     | M. puggle    |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose     | E. kid     | N. joey      |
| 6. ___ deer     | 14. ___ swan      | F. cygnet  | O. polliwog  |
| 7. ___ goat     | 15. ___ dog       | G. infant  | P. puppy     |
| 8. ___ fish     |                   | H. calf    |              |

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 in speec  , in   onduct, in love, in   aith and in   urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

## AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.



Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (if you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in the future celebration

### Anniversaries:

- 8/8 Joshua & Teresa Miniken
- 8/11 Howard Garner & Rosemary Rheinheimer
- 8/11 Clyde & Judy Pitcher
- 8/16 Ed & Doris Pearson
- 8/17 Kurt & Kathy Shubert
- 8/28 Bill & Jean Messner
- 8/31 Adam & Tia Flournoy

### Birthdays:

- 8/9 Ainslee Mattix
- 8/9 John Moir
- 8/9 Kaye Muller
- 8/12 Kenzie Kermoade
- 8/14 Annette King
- 8/15 Katherine Campbell
- 8/16 Jean Rankin
- 8/21 Mary Ann Chavis
- 8/21 June Wennick
- 8/23 Eunice Allan
- 8/23 Marcia Burnham
- 8/23 Patricia Erickson
- 8/23 Chris Mattix
- 8/24 George Tonn
- 8/25 Barbara Johnson
- 8/26 Howard Garner
- 8/30 Randy Roberts

## **E-Newsletter Submission Deadlines**

**\*PLEASE NOTE - During the coronavirus pandemic, distribution of e-newsletters and the Carillon may be interrupted. We thank you for your understanding.\***

If you have information you would like included in upcoming 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletters, please send that information to [sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the following deadlines:

**August 5, 2021 (for 2nd Monday)**

**August 19, 2021 (for 4th Monday)**

If you have information you would like included in upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to [sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday.

Upcoming Deadline:

**August 15, 2021**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE.**

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One of the considerations would be to find someone to serve as a worship coordinator/designer to work with the production team to organize the services.

“This should be someone who can be creative at a 30,000-foot view. We’re creating something new here and don’t want to go back to stale concepts,” said Young.

The 225th General Assembly will also fall during the Juneteenth observance (June 18, 2022), and Nelson believes that that is something that can’t be ignored.

“You can’t deny that folks in the streets are dealing with issues of racial struggle and mistreatment. We have to stop for a minute and deal with some of the hot issues and make people think on another level,” he said. “Everything is changing in society in ways that are uncomfortable for a lot of us, but we have to figure out how to engage it. We have to figure out how to be inclusive, not just in word and liturgy.”

The group hopes to have preachers selected for all services by September.

If you, LORD,  
kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

But with you  
there is

*Forgiveness*

so that  
we can,  
with reverence,  
serve you.

PSALM 130:3-4, NIV



## Lunch with Alan

Prepare a lunch and sign on for a simple and fun opportunity to connect with one another. Lunch with Alan takes place Tuesdays at noon on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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[j/82467645829?pwd=RWVwZnBmeWF4M0xoNGNRL1pOeHFSdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82467645829?pwd=RWVwZnBmeWF4M0xoNGNRL1pOeHFSdz09)

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## Virtual Worship - Sundays at 10am on Facebook

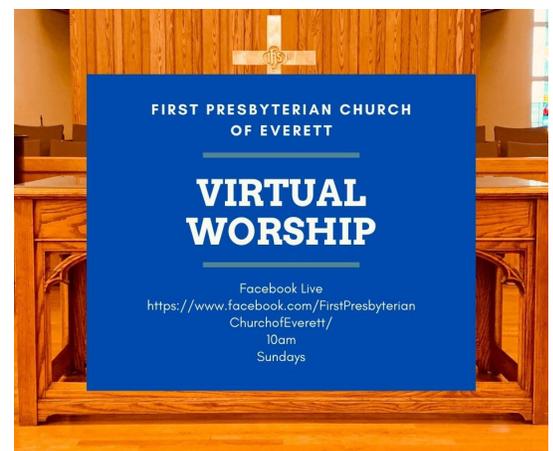
All are invited to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10:00am on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10:00am and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel.

Subscribe today by visiting [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public)

Worship guides are posted on our website, the Saturday before worship.



# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## **Ruling Elders**

<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>
Steve Hammond	Marne Larson	Elizabeth Nelson
Jamie Hunter	Bill Grosse	Debbie Roberts
David Baer- Peckham	John Gebert	Roy Yates

## **Deacons**

<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>
Marilyn Minch	Lisa Comstock	Sonya Beardsley
Doris Pearson	Bob Barren	Amy Farnham
Ed Pearson	Barbara Barren	

