

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin – 10am

November 20, 2022

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

Prelude *The Heavens Are Telling* – Beethoven Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 46 Merle Kirkley

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Hymn *This is My Father's World* #293

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer Merle Kirkley

Lord of All, we confess the barriers we build. We set up false distances to protect ourselves from the pain of this world. We harden our hearts to the suffering and behave in ways far from humane. Soften us, Jesus. Humble us with the compassion you exhibit from the cross. Guide us to live open and wholehearted lives as we attend to the needs of others.

We humble ourselves before you, Christ our King, to pray for our redemption and the world's. May we live and love and forgive as you did. May we resist evil forces that seek to turn us from a humane path. May we embrace your way of peace, transformed for lives of love and grace. Hear us now as we take a moment in silent personal confession.

Take a moment for silent confession

Christ our King calls for our forgiveness and grants us pardon. Let us love and forgive in response to this glorious gift. With boldness and together with all the saints, we pray 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.**

Choir Anthem *And Now Thanksgiving Begins* Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Luke 23:33-43 Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Upsidedown Love* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Praise Song *I Love You, Lord* #627, Glory to God Hymnal
(Words at end of bulletin)

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And 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.

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #403

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *Thanks Be to God* – J.S. Bach Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

Flowers today are from Jan Weakley In memory of Dick Weakley

VOA Food Donations

We donated 488 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank last week. Awesome job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be December 5th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

Everett Holiday Tree Lighting! – November 25

Last year we provided cookies and celebration as the City of Everett lit the downtown for the holiday season. We are going to help again! We will be providing cookies and treats for our community on Friday, November 25th. The holiday tree lighting event will be from 4-7pm that afternoon. Pastor Alan will be parking at the church at 3:30pm and walking over to our 'station' at the former Journey Church. We need volunteers to help serve the cookies and welcome people. You can help for the entire time or for part of the event. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth. It will be cold outside, so check the weather forecast and come prepared. There will be gloves to help pass out the cookies.

And yes, we need COOKIES. Lots of them to share with those attending this event. You can bring cookies (bought or made) to the church and store them in the box freezer in Westminster kitchen. Please label any cookies for this event so they will be used then. Thank you!

Advent Potluck – November 27

Join the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee in celebrating the first Sunday in Advent! On November 27th, we will be having a potluck to kick off our Advent season right after worship. We will be passing out our Advent Devotional, singing Christmas songs led by the Deacons and Ed Pearson, and building community. Sign-ups for bringing a main course, salads, and desserts can be found at the Welcome Center.

More Announcements

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.
- **Sunday School** today is 11:30am to 12:30pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom, led by Steve Hammond. This Adult Sunday School class is based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls and is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology. There is no requirement for preparation for this class, and you can drop in at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

- **Lunch with Alan** has moved to Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Coffee will be provided but bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan – There will be no class on November 24th – Thanksgiving. We will resume class on December 1st at 4pm using the Zoom platform. We will be looking at Chapter 50 of *We Make the Road by Walking*. However, you do not need the book. Our scripture references will be Psalm 90, Luke 20:27-38, Philippians 1:20-30.
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To all worshipping with us:

- Masks are optional in our facility
- The first six rows of the sanctuary are open seating
- The back rows are every other pew for more spacing

Even as we move into this new chapter, we affirm a cautious approach by:

- Having masks and hand sanitizer available for use
- Keeping socially distanced
- Using prefilled communion cups

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a Session member. 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 Updates November 20, 2022

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Please pray for Maggie Lamus as her cancer has returned. She has restarted treatment and we pray for peace, healing, and strength.
- Please pray for Dottie Villesvik, who has tested positive for COVID.
- Quinn Carpenter is having health issues and would appreciate prayers. From Marilyn Minch.
- Please pray for my friend Barbara and her parents. They all have COVID. From Lisa Comstock.
- Marilee Richards son-in-law, Galileo, had knee replacement surgery recently and now has a bad infection in the knee. He underwent emergency surgery. Please pray for healing and protection for his knee.

- Update: My friends Aaron and Alicia no longer have COVID but do struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Update: Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, had a doctor appointment on Tuesday and his bones are continuing to heal. He walks three times a day but isn't allowed to twist or bend. He is off all meds! He's disappointed that he can't begin physical therapy for a least another six weeks. Prayers for patience and continued healing will help greatly. Thank you for your prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Please pray for Don Collins who is having some health issues dealing with his heart. He is one of our regular helpers at Dinner at the Bell every Wednesday. From Dottie Villevik.
- Our son-in-law, Doug Schultz, has a long recovery ahead from a spinal cord injury. Prayers are requested for strength and mobility in his legs. From Annette and Wes King
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Kimberly, who has recently been placed on hospice.
- Update: Jim Iles' cancer treatment was successful. He is now on occasional check-ups. Thank you for your prayers. From Marilyn Minch.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen and for her doctors to find the best treatment. She is having difficulty speaking. Please also pray for her husband, Robert, and son, Steven, as this is difficult for the whole family.
- Update: Please pray for Tracy McLean, Martha Klingler's daughter in Portland who has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. She started chemo on September 8. From Dottie Villevik.
- Janet Good is experiencing an unfortunate progression with Parkinson's disease, resulting in a decline in her health. Please pray for Teresa, and family as they seek strength, wisdom, and peace during this time.
- Rev. Karen Summers appreciates our continued prayers. From Shirley Solberg.
- Update: My friend Ida has died. Please pray for her family. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Lillian who has serious cardiac issues. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Larry O'Donnell still amazes us – PTL! Thank you for your continued prayers for his energy level improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's shortness of breath is still a concern. We appreciate your continued prayers. From Annette King.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Dale Good
- Family of Dean Copeland
- Family of Ethel Geniesse

- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Robert Henry
- Genevieve Heuer – friend of Jimmy Sharp
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Doug Paine – friend of Marilee Richards
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Matt McCoy, Grandson of Annette King
- Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher’s daughter
- 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 for Suzan, Judy Kutz’s sister and Janet Good.

I Love You, Lord

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear."

This simple song of adoration provides a significant blend of individual and communal considerations, for although the text is written in the voice of one person, the music involves multiple voices singing in harmony. The resulting experience seems more shared than solitary.