

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

March 3, 2024 – 10am

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

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!

Prelude *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* Gary Norris, Piano
Ed Pearson, Trombone

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 104:24-35 Shirley Newman

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

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

Prayer of Confession

Shirley Newman

Christ calls us to live lives in harmony with our God and our neighbors. Even our best efforts fall short. Yet our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting that abundant mercy, let us confess our sin together.

Lord of All, we confess that we have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and assault, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community. Realign us with your Spirit and renew our steps with you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, “God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.” The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings *Are You Washed in the Blood?* #128

Choir Anthem *Where There Is Love* Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 22:7-13

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

Sermon *Eating Well* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* #514

Communion

Prayer

Singing of the Lord’s Prayer Led by Steve Torrence

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* – Diane Bish Gary Norris, Organist

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Today's Choir Anthem

Where There Is Love

Where there is love, doors are opened, hope restored, and fears released. Where there is love, the path is clear. O, let the light of love live in me.

Where there is love, hearts are mended, grace bestowed, and souls redeemed. Where there is love, we can begin. Oh, let the light of love live in me.

Oh, let God's love flow through me, like the air I breathe, ev'ry word that I say be a testament of grace. In my song, through my prayer, love will flourish there. Love will heal and restore. Let me shine love's light evermore.

Where there is love, chains are broken, spirits soar, and hearts set free. Where there is love, all things are possible. O, let the light of love live in me.

Let the light of love live in me. Let there be love.

Announcements

What is *Per Capita*?

Per capita means "for each person" which describes the way our denomination pays for the operating overhead of the church at all levels beyond the congregation. We are part of the Northwest Coast Presbytery and together with the other 54 congregations and 7 worshipping fellowships, through *per capita*, we fund the staff and operational budget to engage, equip and encourage congregations and their leaders.

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett's portion is based on church membership numbers and for 2024, our total *per capita* support is \$9,853.95. That is \$55.05 per member (Presbytery-\$45; Synod-\$.25; PC(USA) General Assembly-\$9.80). We pay the total every year as part of our connectional nature as a church. If you can give above and beyond your pledge or tithe toward *per capita*, we thank you. You can add *per capita* to the memo line of your check or click on the *per capita* tab on our on-line giving portal.

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.

Men's Breakfast – March 9th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, March 9th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!

Priscilla Circle – March 11th

Priscilla Circle meets on Monday, March 11th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. Annette King will be our hostess. Our guest leader, Rev. Ed Coon, will be leading us in a story from Luke. We are delighted that he will be joining us and inspiring us in his interpretations. All ladies are welcome, but if not a regular attendee, please call Judy Campbell so we can plan extra refreshments and materials.

Port Gardner Bay Music for St. Patrick's Day Concert – March 3rd

Port Gardner Bay will be performing "Music for St. Patrick's Day" by The Stumbling Fiddler Band featuring a mix of traditional Celtic and American folk tunes and Irish pub songs, with a Pacific Northwest twist. This concert will be on Sunday, March 3rd at 3:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 215 Mukilteo Blvd. Donations at the door are greatly appreciated.

S.P.A.M. – March 15th

Join us for the S.P.A.M. luncheon on March 15th Fellowship punch bowl is at 11:30 am followed by lunch (\$7.50) at noon. Our program is "The Next Chapter of Everett's Carl Gipson Center" by Cory Armstrong-Hoss. Sign up at the Welcome Booth by March 10th.

Documentary: Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America – March 10th

On Sunday March 10th, Kory Kanter and Pastor Alan will be showing the documentary Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America. This film follows Daryl Davis, an African American musician, who for two decades has been going out of his way to befriend members of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist groups in the hopes of persuading them to recognize their common humanity. After a chance meeting with a member of the KKK, Davis began to reach out to members of hate groups, and he found that the more willing he was to hear them out, the more open they became to embracing him. More than two dozen white supremacists have since renounced their ideology of hate in part because of Davis's peace offering. We will begin this movie at 11:30am and then have lunch and a discussion afterwards. All are invited to attend.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble continues in March. We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on March 6th and 20th 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. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

Work Party – Saturday March 23rd

Have you ever struggled with changing a light bulb? Do you have too many keys to your house, but never took the time to figure out where they all go? Well, have we got some fun projects for you here at church! Join the Facilities Committee on Saturday March 23rd at 9am for a work party focusing on getting ready for Easter. Some projects will be changing light bulbs in the sanctuary, tracking down uses for the thousands of keys we randomly have, cleaning windows and pews, and if there are enough people, maybe some light outside work as well. We will meet in the library for assignments and partake in coffee and donuts to get our energy up. Questions, please talk with Steve Ulvestad.

Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast 2024 March 29th

The Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast returns on Good Friday, March 29. This unique Christian-based event has a long tradition in our community, though it was suspended temporarily during the recent pandemic. The prayer breakfast is expected to gather about 600 members of the Snohomish County community for a time of prayer, music, fellowship, and Holy Week observance. Although the event is explicitly Christian in nature, all are welcome in the spirit of Christian love.



The prayer breakfast occurs at 7:00 am on Good Friday, at the Everett Events Center, just down the hill from our church. We have reserved two tables with 10 seats each and First Presbyterian Church of Everett congregants will have priority to reserve these seats, free of charge. We will start signups for seats at our tables on Sunday, February 25, and signups will continue through Holy Week, on a space-available basis. Look for more details in the weekly worship bulletins. You may contact Steve Hammond at 425-879-1397 if you have further questions.

Thursday Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible study schedule is as follows:

March 7	Job 38-40:5	God's 1st Answer
March 14	Job 40:6-41:34	God's 2nd Answer
March 21	Job 42	Last Words

VOA Food Donations

We donated 305 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett in February! Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is tomorrow, March 4th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door. Thank you for your donations.

Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.

This Week...

- **Adult Sunday School** – There is no Adult Sunday School today or March 10th. We will resume on March 17.
- **Lunch with Alan** – is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** – Join Pastor Alan March 7th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Job 38-40:5 – God’s 1st Answer
 - Join Zoom using this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588443970?pwd=Z2VjdFFvK2c4dWhSRVdnVTlzTjNqZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 895 8844 3970
- **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. 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.
- Use 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 March 3, 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.
- Please pray for Judy Pitcher who has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She is in good spirits but going through testing as the doctors determine a plan. We pray for peace and comfort for Judy and her family.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for my daughter, Jan Geibel. She now is in a new trial for the rare cancer gene she has. From Judy Pitcher.
- Please pray for John Keatley (father-in-law to Sonya Beardsley’s daughter Alicia) who may need a quadruple bypass but due to his age doctors are hesitant about doing the procedure. They are waiting for doctors’ decisions. From Sonya Beardsley.

- Jay Kuhnenn will be having back surgery on March 25. Your prayers for a speedy recovery and relief from pain are appreciated.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer who is having memory issues. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Hugh Minor died January 5th. Please keep Jackie and family in your prayers.
- Please pray for Margaret Lillie who is in the hospital with an illness.
- **Update:** Angela's new liver is working well; there are a few issues which need to be resolved so prayers are still needed. Thank you so much. From Annette King & all Angela's family.
- Mike Clemans had a successful knee replacement. We pray for his continued recovery and rehab.
- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.
- Joseph Williams, brother of Sondra Santos, is undergoing several surgeries after a lithium-ion battery operated foot warmer exploded in his boot, leaving him with third degree burns. Prayers for healing and a speedy recovery.
- Prayers for the Legasse family, friends of Steve & Nancy Torrence, whose grandson, Tyler, recently died.
- Prayers for Tony Tysseling recovering from a stroke.
- 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.
- Joanne, 90-year-old aunt of Martha Clemans, has been placed into nursing home dementia care. Prayers she can adjust and for her daughters and grandchildren.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- Please continue to pray for our friend's mom who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer. From Vicki Dorway

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Clyde Pitcher
- Family of Eunice Allan
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- 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.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

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 God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering 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 that grace now, 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.

Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

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LINSTEAD LM with refrain

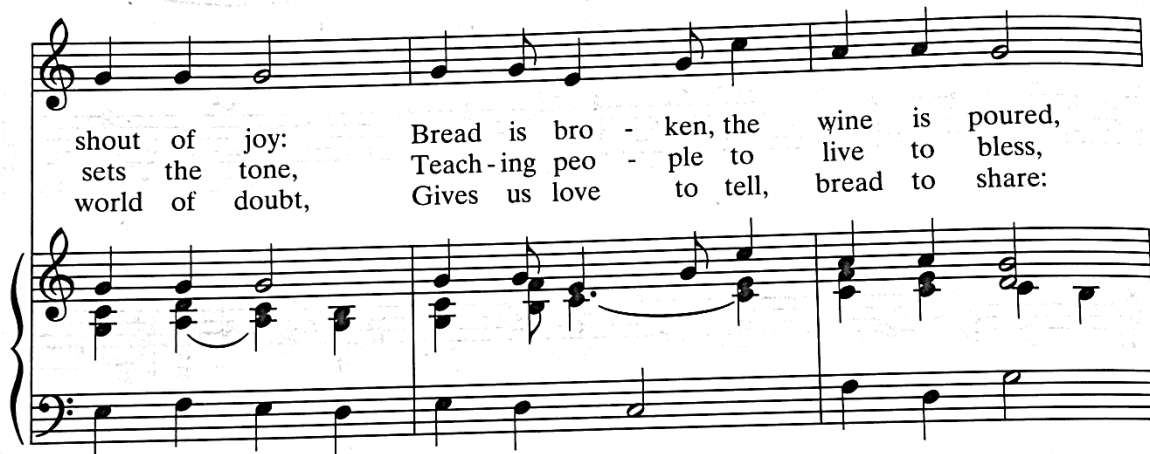
Jamaican folk melody
Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

Fred Kaan, 1975

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1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, Reach-ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, At the ta - ble He
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out Bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: Bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
sets the tone, Teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, Gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Refrain
Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
Love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



*Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used.

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LORD'S SUPPER

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with lyrics underneath. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in treble clef and the bottom staff in bass clef. The music is in a common time signature and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

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