

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am
December 20, 2020

Prelude – *Lo How A Rose Ere Bloometh* – Arr Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell – Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome – Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship – Luke 1:46b-55

One: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

All: For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

One: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

All: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

One: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

All: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

One: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

All: According to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Hymn – *Once in Royal David's City* #49

*All hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One: New life is coming.

All: We can count it in days now.

One: God is breaking through.

All: God's Word will change the world.

One: We will all be changed by God's steadfast love.

All: The covenant has come down through the generations.

One: The love of God is never-ending.

All: We give thanks for God's faithfulness.

One: Today we light the candle of Love.

(Light the fourth candle.)

All: We give thanks for God's steadfast Love.

Dear God, your faithfulness has been great, leading us to this day of anticipation and celebration. May the glorious light of your steadfast love shine brightly in us and through us, that all may give you praise and glory. In the Savior's name we pray. Amen.

Quartet –

Emmanuel

Jean Rankin, Tony Tysseling,
Leslie and Rob Sutin
Directed by Steve Torrence

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Holy Creator, we confess and acknowledge that you created us in your own image and likeness, so that in our whole nature no imperfection could be found. From this dignity and perfection humanity has fallen, both conspiring against your sovereign majesty. We have shown ourselves hostile to you, and have made ourselves servants to sin. And thus everlasting death has power and dominion over us all, unless we are reborn from above. By the power of the Holy Spirit, work this rebirth in us, creating in our hearts the confidence of chosen ones, with assured faith in your promise revealed to us in your Word; by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him.

Scots Confession, 3.02-3.03

As we reflect, let us hear this prayer: Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness. Come, my Life, and revive me from death. Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds. Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of your love. Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there, for you alone are my King and my Lord. *Prayer by Dimitri of Rostov*
(moment for silent confession and reflection)

Believe the good news! 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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music

Light of the World by Lauren Daigle

Lucy Danitschek, solo

Lisa Walchenbach, piano

Cole Walchenbach, box drum

Scripture –

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon –

Impossible Love

Hymn –

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #28

Benediction

Postlude – *Joy to the World – Arr Whitworth* Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

We are going to blow your mind! Last week, we, along with Esther's Place, donated **835 pounds** of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank. Awesome!!!!

We also donated 30 dozen cookies to Millenia Ministries for their outreach with their senior clients. They are putting the cookies in fun Christmas baskets to be delivered this week.

We have done an amazing job this year serving our community in many ways. Thank you.

We will have another canned food drive for the VOA on Monday January 4th from 11am to 1pm. Our deacons will be collecting blankets for people and pets as well during this time. The blankets will be donated to Millenia Ministries and other organizations to care for people needing extra warmth during our cold wet winters.

*Today is our last Sunday School Class in Advent! Pastor Alan will be leading a study on **The Journey** a DVD teaching series from Adam Hamilton beginning at 11:30am. This is a modern look at the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. To join, follow our Zoom link below.*

Advent Coffee and Study Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87538650879?pwd=eVNrbUxxRGRWcWVGa2Z0ZFVFaFc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 875 3865 0879

Passcode: 046421

- We are not having Virtual Coffee Time today. Instead, we are beginning our Sunday School class at 11:30am.
- We will be taking two weeks off for Virtual Coffee and Bible Study. We hope you rejoin us for these activities on Sunday January 10th.
- Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan this week is on Tuesday at 12pm. After this Tuesday the 22nd, Lunch with Pastor Alan will be taking the two weeks off and resuming on Tuesday January 12th.
- Our Thursday Zoom Bible Study will be taking the next two weeks off and resume on Thursday January 7th.
- We want to thank Anna Prewitt, Tony and Lois Tysseling's granddaughter, for blessing us with her talents on clarinet last week during the anthem!

Christmas Eve Livestream Worship at 8pm

Join the First Presbyterian Church of Everett for our Christmas Eve Livestream Worship Service at 8pm. We will be reflecting on our Savior's birth with hymns, scripture, and prayer. Invite your family and friends to join along with us as we approach the manger, worship with the wise visitors, and marvel alongside the shepherds at the birth of Christ.

Prayer Updates December 20, 2020

- Prayers for Jay Kuhnhen's mom who has breast cancer. The cancer has not spread and she had surgery to remove the lump. Surgery went well and she's home resting.
- Bev Fox with COVID.
- We pray with Sam and Rose Capetillo for Carol Bailey, mom died in AZ, co-worder who died, and Rose's sister as her husband died with Alzheimer's.
- Prayers for Kathy Hammond, a cancer survivor twice and again diagnosed with cancer, stage 3 from Jan Weakley, friend.
- Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece Leanne, diagnosed with Berger's Disease. This kidney disease is incurable, but manageable. Treatment disables the immune system, and she has to be isolated till at least next June, due to risk of Covid.
- Tricia Meier Countryman was readmitted to Providence Hospital with pulmonary embolism. She has several blood clots, including her lungs. Please keep her and her doctors in prayer for correct diagnosis & treatment. From Annette King
- Prayers for Sam and Rose Capetillo and their family as their son Kristopher died. We lift them up during this difficult time.
- Roy Gresham received good news as his Lymphoma has not spread, but is localized. He is doing well and anticipates five more rounds of chemotherapy. We are grateful for this news and continue to pray for Carol and Roy.
- Prayers for Benny Romana as she recovers from pancreatic surgery. She is resting at home.

- Marilyn Minch had surgery for her broken wrist and is home healing. Thank you for continued prayers from Shirley Solberg and Marilyn.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel. She finished her chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer and received a clear CT scan and her blood work showed no sign of cancer. Now she will get CT scans every 3 months. Jan is feeling healthy and very thankful! From Judy and Clyde Pitcher
- Pray for Susan Finkbinder, she is a co-worker of my daughter and was taken to the hospital in serious condition - Thank you Judy Hutchison
- Prayers for Marilee Richard's family. Her sister-in-law died after battling cancer.
- Pray for Pat Stanley and her husband Dennis as Pat is battling cancer and in hospice care. From Bob and Barbara Barren
- We continue to pray for Leslie Sutin's nephew, Jason. He is no longer in need of a liver transplant. The new medication is working. Praise God and we continue to pray.
- Pray for Lisa Comstock's Aunt Mary and Uncle Len. Mary had a surgery and was in the hospital for longer than expected. She is now home. However, Len fell and is in the hospital with a broken elbow, cuts and swelling on his face.
- Update: Tim and MaryAnne LeCompte. MaryAnne is slowly recovering from her stroke and is in long term rehab – Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Gregg DeSchepper died. Terrie appreciates continued prayers. – from Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Our daughter Jessica Rozal completed chemo and started radiation. Thank you for your prayers and support – from Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Marilee Richards' friend Kim. Kim has Covid-19 and is ill with underlying health problems.
- Update: Bonnie (Miller) Ronan is under home hospice care. Continued prayers for her pain management and comfort. No visitors. From Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell is doing well and has been home for several months now. He takes short walks and is working on a local history book. He appreciates our continued prayers – from Annette King
- Update: Grandson Matt remains alcohol free nine months after his rehab graduation in November. Continued prayers are appreciated. – from Annette King.
- Prayers for Elizabeth Nelson with ongoing health issues.
- Prayers for Maureen, Judy Hammond's mother. We lift up all families who are apart from each other. We pray for health, safety, and comfort.
- Jim White, prayers for cancer recovery from Celia Gordon.
- Prayers for Stephanie, daughter of Renee Lambert, for Crohn's related surgery and her hospitalization three times in the last month – from Diane Preston

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley

- Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhen
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray
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- Clyde and Judy Pitcher
 - Bev Fox
 - Nicole Dorway – Pastor Alan’s sister-in-law
 - Hugh Minor
 - Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
 - Cindy Rowlands
 - Prayers for Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
 - Jay Gano – Jan Weakley
 - Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher’s daughter
 - Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
 - Bonnie (Miller) Ronan – Annette King.
 - Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
 - 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.

- Don and Joan Lyderson
- Suzan, Judy Kutz’s sister
- Dale and Janet Good

Once in Royal David's City

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IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.7

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.

Henry John Gauntlett, 1849
Harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like
 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re -

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by
 Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help - less,
 deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle

In a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry was that moth - er
 And His cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, op-pressed, and
 Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feels for all our
 Is our Lord in heaven a - bove; And He leads His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 on To the place where He is gone.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.8.5.5

Medieval Latin

Trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.

German folk tune, 14th cent.
Harm. David Hugh Jones, 1

1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
 2. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
 3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now,
 He hath o - pened heav-en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er-more.
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!