THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin November 5, 2023 – 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 Come Sweetest Death, Come Blessed Rest – JS Bach Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Minute for Deacons Sonya Beardsley

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 90:1-4, 14-17 Bob Barren

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

Hymn God of Mercy, God of Grace #203

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you!

And also with you!

Hymn Be Thou My Vision (first verse) #339

Scripture Deuteronomy 34; Matthew 22:34-40

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem If My People Will Pray Directed by Jan Weakley

Sermon Honoring Our Saints Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Communion Hymn Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts #510

Communion Liturgy

May the God of compassion be with you!

And also with you!

Each morning, God feeds us with steadfast love.

Each day, our hearts are filled with God's call to serve.

Children of God, sing your praises to God all our days.

We lift our joy to the One who is the dwelling place of all generations.

Refusing to let chaos become our dwelling place, God of the ages, you called forth creation. Whether in the blink of an eye, or in moments spanning thousands of years, deep valleys of hope were carved, carpeted with grace renewed each morning. You created humankind in your image, knowing us face to face in love.

But we turned our gaze towards that land of temptation, chasing the false dreams offered by death. Caring so deeply for us, you sent prophets to call us home, but their words withered in our hearts. So you sent Jesus to bring the message of good news, and to lead us through grace to eternal life.

Pour out your Spirit of wisdom and mercy on the gifts on this table. As the bread fills us with your love and hope, we would go out to love our neighbors with hearts shaped by your joy. As the cup refreshes our minds and souls, we would show our everlasting love for you, by serving the lost and forgotten with lives molded by your compassion.

Grateful for your presence and provision, we humbly come to your welcoming table, seeking your presence, and open to walking with Jesus closer. **Amen.**

Celebration of Communion

Prayer

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Singing of the Lord's Prayer

Led by the Chancel Choir

Postlude

Toccata in D Minor – JS Bach

Gary Norris, Organist

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Today's Choir Anthem If My People Will Pray

If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray.

If My people which are called by My name shall see My face and turn from their wicked ways,

Then will I hear from heaven, then will I hear from heaven, Then will I hear and will forgive, forgive their sin.

If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray.

I will forgive their sin, I will forgive their sin, I will forgive their sin and heal their land.

If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves, shall humble themselves and pray.

Announcements

Thank you for a great Chili Cook-Off and support for the bake sale last week! We donated \$402 to the Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Foundation. Thank you for those wonderful baked goods and congratulations to our chili winner: Rob Sutin. We were blessed with amazing chili, good fellowship around the tables, and a cheerful spirit together.

Remember, pies ordered from the Everett Cooperative Preschool can be picked up from the box freezer in Westminster kitchen.

Deacons Contribution Drive

During the month of November, the Deacons will be collecting donations for the many activities they provide to our congregation and community throughout the year. Some of these activities include pizza parties, blanket drives, Easter brunch, Souper Sunday, graduating high school senior gifts, and donations to local organizations during the holiday season (food bank, Cocoon House, Millenia Ministries, YWCA gifts for families). They also provide coffee hour every Sunday, are responsible for communion the first



Sunday of each month, and perform outreach to church members through calls, notes, and visits. If you would like to contribute to the Deacons, please use the green envelopes in the pews and note on your check Deacons. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Retiring Library Books

Please check the Chapel to see retiring books. Give one or more a forever home. Leave a donation for library in marked container or regular offering as you are led.

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Airport: First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Seating: Westminster Hall

Flight time: November 10, 2023, 11:30 am Lunch (\$7.50) served on board at noon

Special attraction: "A Lot is Going on at Paine Field"

featuring the Deputy Director

Make your reservation by November 5th.

Sign up at the Welcome Booth

Men's Breakfast - November 11th

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, November 11th 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 there!

Styrofoam Recycling - November 15th

The Students for Environmental Action Club at Everett Community College is hosting a Styrofoam recycling event on Wednesday November 15th from 10am to 2pm in Parking Lot F (at west end of Tower Street) on the EvCC campus. This is a drive-through event; volunteers will help unload your Styrofoam. Styrofoam should be clean, with tape removed. There is no cost for recycling but a donation to the food bank (non-perishable food items or a financial donation) would be much appreciated. The Marysville Food Bank is supplying the truck to take the Styrofoam to Styro Recycle in Kent.

Fall Thursday Bible Study - "Canon" Ball

Join Pastor Alan for our Fall Thursday Bible Study. We will be reading scripture, studying issues on how the Bible came to be, and the struggle over who, what, and when well-meaning Christian's claim 'authority'. We will not solve everything, but we will endeavor to listen, share, and learn together. We gather via the Zoom platform on Thursdays at 4pm. Below is the schedule.

Nov 9 National Canon — *Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22*

Nov 16 The Violence of Canon — Galatians 5:13-26; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

VOA Food Donations

We donated 409 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in October. Great job! Our next drive-through collection is tomorrow November 6th 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. Your donations support those in need here in Everett. 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...

- **Sunday School** today is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Steve Hammond is leading a lecture series "Great Figures of the New Testament".
 - Join Zoom using this new link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85803311791?pwd=RXZmczdqZjNWeWVyT2gvU1Bv NEFIQT09
 - o Meeting ID: 858 0331 1791

- 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 on November 9th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.
 - o Join Zoom using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902
 - o Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - o 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 November 5, 2023

- 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 affected by the shooting in Lewiston, Maine.
- Please pray for a speedy recovery for Pastor Alan after his recent appendectomy.
- **Update:** Amber McGuire, daughter of Phil & Sonya Beardsley, was released from the hospital on Friday and is recovering. She does have a tiny aneurism that will be closely watched. The family is thankful for your continued prayers.
- Please pray for Hugh Minor.
- Please pray for Carol Gresham who is suffering with a compression fracture of a vertebrae.
- Please pray for Jay Kuhnhenn who has been struggling with a couple of cysts on the nerve bundle in his lower back causing sciatica in both of his legs. The first injection has not provided relief. He is now exploring the next steps.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku with on-going health issues.

- **Update:** Sue Hermansen appreciates our prayers and sends a huge thank you to those who have lifted her family in prayer. She is asking for prayers for her vision which has been impacted by her stroke. For the present she is staying with her daughter, Lori. From Lois Tysseling.
- Our friend Karen Jensen asks for our prayers. Her husband recently passed away and she is now living in an adult home struggling with a long history of lupus. From Alan and Dottie Villesvik.
- Our friend Meredith's mother, Beverly, is hospitalized in critical condition. We appreciate your prayers for her and her family. From Ari and Robin Kohler.
- We pray for Gary Norris' health.
- We pray for healing for Elly Koffler and good test results from a heart test. From Jodi Donley.
- **Update:** Marsha Lueth We are grateful to learn she does not have brain cancer. Marsha had a stroke but is thankful for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for Marsha for strength with her on-going health concerns.
- **New Update:** Son-in-law, Doug Schultz, is now committed to his "chemo for life" regimen (Revlimid). He's driving short distances, and we praise God daily for his improvements in his balance and strength. Thank you for your continuous prayers. From Annette King.
- **Update:** Karen, daughter of Marilee Richards, is making progress with her health challenges and the family is grateful for the prayers. Please continue to pray for ongoing improvement.
- **Update:** on prayer request for our granddaughter, Melissa Mobeck. Chris and Melissa both appreciate our prayers and ask for continued prayers for Melissa's healing. From Alan and Dottie Villesvik.
- **Update:** On our friends Mike and Jeannine Schone: Mike continues to feel great and appreciates our prayers. Recent tests showed no cancer but is continuing his treatment as recommended by his doctors. From Alan and Dottie Villesvik
- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Cindy Rowlands
- Family of George Newland
- Family of Wes King
- Family of Peter Boonstra
- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy & Clyde Pitcher
- Arlene Mawudeku for kidney transplant
- Susan Klingler
- Tom & Pat Dotson friends of Bob & Barbara Barren

- Cody, grandson of Marilee Richards
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- 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 Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way from Martha and Mike Clemans
- 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.

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