

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

November 8, 2020

Prelude – *The Church's One Foundation* - Bursarow Gary Norris, Organist

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

Welcome – Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Invocation

from Mary Sanders; United Lutheran Seminary

Merciful God,

we thank you for gathering us, virtually and in person.

Be with those who could not join us today. Hold all in your care.

Help us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Clear out the worries, troubles, and idols of this world so there is only room for you.

Open our ears and minds so we may hear your word and know the truth you offer.

Open our hands and arms so we may offer ourselves and our gifts in service to you and others.

Open our eyes so that we may recognize you in those we see.

Open our mouths so we may sing your praise and speak of your love.

Open our hearts so you may dwell in us always.

We ask all these things in your Son's name.

Amen.

Call to Worship – Psalm 78:1-7

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

All: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

One: Things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

One: He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel,

All: Which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

One: That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

All: So that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

To God be the glory,
great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that
he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath
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done!

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Maxwell Muska, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church Shelbyville, Indiana

It's easy to lose hope, especially when the problems and divisions we face seem insurmountable in our personal lives, the church, our country, and our world. But the psalmist reminds us that our hope is in the Lord. Let us together confess the ways that we harm each other and ourselves when we lose sight of the source of our faith and hope.

Confession (based on Psalm 27)

O God our light and salvation, our strong fortress and hiding place,
We confess our lack of hope and trust in you.

We can feel so small in the midst of our struggles, that our work is insignificant when the problems we face loom so large over us.

As a result, we can become complacent and slow to act for the benefit of those on the margins. Help us to look to you as our source of hope.

Help us to act out our faith and represent your hope and truth in our communities and throughout your world.

Help us to be active participants and partners with you in bringing your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shows us the way

(take time for silent prayer)

Assurance

May we have sure faith that we will experience the Lord's goodness in the land of the living!
Hope in the Lord! Be strong! Let your heart take courage!
Hope in the Lord! Know that we are forgiven and be at peace! **Amen.**

Let us pray together...

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.

Quartet – *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* Jean Rankin, Tony Tysseling,
Leslie and Rob Sutin
Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture – Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon – *Wisdom*

Hymn – *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* #15

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers!
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
And soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch with expectation
At midnight comes the cry.

2. See that your lamps are burning;
Replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation,
The end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting
The gates open wide
Arise, O heirs of glory
The bridegroom is at hand.

3. Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou sun so longed for,
Above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption,
And ever be with thee!

Benediction

Postlude – *Fugue in C Major - Buxtehude* Gary Norris

Reminders and Announcements

Join us for our learning series on Christianity!

This course has been great. We have learned and been challenged studying our own faith. Feel free to join us through the link below at 12pm.

FPCE Sunday Coffee Time and Bible Study – Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82991650201?pwd=ZDE1YzRZaDhIRWFteDg5ZC9xaUMxQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 9165 0201

Passcode: 049854

- Virtual Coffee Time at 11:15am today! Use the link above to join for a relaxed time of greeting and talking to each other.
- Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan this week is on Tuesday at 12pm.
- We are using Zoom for a Thursday Bible Study at 4pm. We are looking at the words of Jesus. This Thursday, October 29th, we will be studying Matthew 20.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Tomorrow, Monday November 9th Non-Perishable Food Drive for the Volunteers of America Food Bank. Just drive down the alley from 11am to 1pm to support our community.

On November 8th, we are playing Sermon Bingo!

All you need to do use your Bingo sheet and listen to Pastor Alan's sermon. If he says a word on your board, then cross it out. We are looking for a single row to be completed or a full wiped out playing card. If you get one or the other, then mail it into the office for verification and the 1st five turned in correctly, will receive a prize. The first correct wipe out board will also receive a prize.

Prayer Updates November 7, 2020

- Prayers for Lin Davis as he had a heart procedure this past week. He is home recovering.
- We continue to pray for Jeff Mackey and family as Maurine Murray died on the 27th. A small family graveside is being planned.
- 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.

- Prayers for Clyde and Judy Pitcher. Clyde is home recovering.
- Pray for Pat Stanley and her husband Dennis as Pat is battling cancer and in hospice care. From Bob and Barbara Barren
- Prayers for Mike Gresham, his family is moving to Colorado soon. From Carol and Roy Gresham
- Thank you for your prayers for Paul and Nicole Dorway.
- Update on 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 treatment on the 23rd. 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.
- Hugh Minor prayers for recovery.
- 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.
- Cody Richards as he is being shipped to the Middle East, from grandmother Marilee Richards.
- Celia Gordon asks for prayers as she begins cancer treatment again.
- 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 Kuhnhenh
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
- Pray for Larry Nalbach, Marilyn's brother, who is dealing with health issues.
 - Bev Fox
 - 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