



# The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

**Worship Bulletin** – September 6, 2026 – 10:00 am

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**Welcome to Worship Today!** Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.

**Hearing Devices** are available to amplify the worship service. Please see ushers.

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*For our liturgy, **BOLD** text invites you to join in the reading*

Prelude

Praise Team

Ringin' of the Bell

Leslie Sutin

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:10-18

Mike Clemans

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

**I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.**

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

**I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.**

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

**I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word.

**Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.**

Hymn

*Open My Eyes That I May See – #324*

Praise Team

## Prayer of Confession

As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess, together.

**Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust. Open our hearts to your touch this morning.**

*Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.*

## Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live. By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## Special Music     *Come, People of the Risen King* (Getty/Townend)

Lorilee Brasseur, vocals & piano

Pastor Alan Dorway, vocals & guitar

Peggy Ulvestad, guitar

Andy Lazzarini, percussion

## Passing of the Peace

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

Out in the highways and byways of life,  
Many are weary and sad;  
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
Making the sorrowing glad.

*Refrain:*

Make me a blessing,  
Make me a blessing – Out of my life  
May Jesus shine; Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,  
Make me a blessing to someone today.

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love,  
Tell of His power to forgive;  
Others will trust Him if only you prove  
True, every moment you live.

*[Refrain]*

Give as 'twas given to you in your need,  
Love as the Master loved you;  
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,  
Unto your mission be true.

*[Refrain]*

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-6

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

Sermon

*Joy for the Year*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn

*I Come with Joy – #507*

Organ

### Communion Prayer

May the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up our hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord**

We give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give praise to our merciful and gracious Lord.**

*Pastor Alan will continue to pray.*

### Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

**This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.**

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

### Communion

*When invited feel free to come down to participate in communion.*

*Pastor Alan will offer communion to those sitting in the pews.*

### Prayer after Communion

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Singing of the *Lord's Prayer*

Lorilee Brasseur

Postlude

*Crusader Hymn*  
(Frederick Swann)

Gary Norris, Organist

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## Today

**Adult Sunday School** – Adult Sunday School will resume September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship Next Sunday** will be at 10:00 am (also available online on our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel)

## Upcoming

**Church Office Closed** – tomorrow, Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**Lunch with Pastor Alan** – no lunch tomorrow (Labor Day).

**Men's Breakfast – Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 am in Stocker Hall. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study.

**Priscilla Circle – Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. Priscilla Circle returns this fall, and all women are warmly invited to join us! This year, our study book is “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other”. This study explores Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, looking at early church divisions, community conflicts, and how the message of Christ's resurrection calls modern believers into loving unity. You can bring your lunch if you desire. We hope you'll join us!

**The Gathering – Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 pm in Westminster Hall. Join us for our monthly dinner and program Wednesday dinner called The Gathering. More information will be coming soon!

**Scrabble – September 16<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

**Women's Association Fall Gathering 'So Many Hats' – Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Calvin Lounge/Westminster Hall. Lunch provided. Sign-up sheet available soon or call/email the church office.

## **Announcements**

The praise team this morning is comprised of Lorilee Brasseur, Peggy Ulvestad, Andy Lazzarini, and Alan Dorway.

### **Update from Aladdin & Malia Elroumy**

Aladdin & Malia welcomed a healthy 6.8 lb, 18-inch baby girl, Ottilie Marie on August 31<sup>st</sup>. From Malia: Ottilie has adjusted so incredibly well to her new world, loves to sleep with her hands by her face, only cries when she needs something, is incredibly calm, and tracks everything we do with her sweet eyes. We are so grateful for First Presbyterian and all the prayers, blessings, and love we have received. Thank you to the entire First Presbyterian family for everything you did for us during our short, but no less memorable, time in Everett.

## **Conversation on the Holy Land**

You are invited to join us at Snohomish FPC to hear “*A Palestinian Christian’s Message of Hope*” – this will be time to learn, pray, and be in fellowship on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Alex Awad who recently spoke at PCUSA’s “Christianity without Christian Zionism: Proclaiming the Gospel, Pursuing Justice, Rekindling Hope” conference. Our intent is that participants will leave with clear ideas about how they can join in God’s work for justice and peace for all His precious children of the Holy Land. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Heidi at [hhsaikaly@comcast.net](mailto:hhsaikaly@comcast.net).

## **CPR Training**

The Everett Cooperative Preschool is organizing a CPR training on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm in Westminster. We have been invited to attend. The Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee will subsidize the cost. If you would like certification on CPR and first aid for adults and children good for two years, then please let Pastor Alan know.

## **Join the Choir!**

Calling all singers! Choir rehearsals are on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. Whether you’re a seasoned singer or just love to sing, you’re invited to help lead worship through music. Talk with Lorilee for more information.

## **Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun**

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at:

[www.firstpreschurch.com](http://www.firstpreschurch.com).



## **Please Pray for...**

**Jean** and **Kory**, pray for God's healing, protection, and peace.

**Update: Victor**, a local landscaper and friend of Chris Hoke of Underground Ministries appreciates continued prayers for healing of his oversized and weakening heart, healing in Yesica (wife) and the boy's hearts, during a family's re-knitting. Yesica's father has also just been taken by ICE so pray for a path to his release. From Dottie Villevik.