THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin September 1, 2024 – 10am

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!

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

Prelude Ora Labora "Come, Labor On" – Austin Lovelace

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Spotlight from Presbyterian Women

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway Leslie Sutin

Ice Breaker Question: What is something you are looking forward to in the fall?

Call to Worship

Psalm 16:5-11

Merle Kirkley

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to darkness or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Hymn

Come, Labor On

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Prayer of Confession

Merle Kirkley

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; God's grace never changes. Therefore, we come together to confess our sin, trusting that in Christ, we have already been forgiven.

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by those in need on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. Give us tender hearts to receive your forgiveness and resolve to live mercifully toward others. Hear us as we turn to you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

<u>Assurance of Pardon</u> Merle Kirkley

Today, receive the Bread of Life; hear the words of eternal hope; trust in the One who hears your prayers, and showers grace and forgiveness upon you.

Today, we are set free to serve God's people, and to sing God's praises. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Summer Camp Songs

Scripture Exodus 33:7-23

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

FPCE Sings Living for Jesus #154

Sermon FPCE Summer Camp: Last Day of Camp Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Choir Anthem In Remembrance Directed by Steve Torrence

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

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Singing of the Lord's Prayer Led by Steve Torrence

Postlude Nautical Serenade – Noel Goemanne Gary Norris, Organist

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Today's Choir Anthem

In Remembrance

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart. Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me. Do this in remembrance of me. Do this in remembrance of me.

Announcements

The church office will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

Interested in membership?

Want to know more about the First Presbyterian Church? Then you are invited to join Pastor Alan and session members in Calvin Lounge on Sunday, September 8th at 11:30 am.

Where are our Name Tags?

Name tags are being refreshed and updated. Look for new ones on September 15th!

Priscilla Circle – September 9th

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, September 9th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter one in our book "Let Justice Roll Down, God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation". A plant exchange will also be held. Bring lunch if you desire.

Men's Breakfast - September 14th

Men's Breakfast resumes on Saturday, September 14th at 8:30 am in Stocker Hall. Pastor Alan will be teaching on John 7.

SPAM - October 4th

Attention SPAM attendees! Our first luncheon this fall will be on Friday, October 4th at noon in Westminster Hall. Punch bowl is at 11:30am. Our program is Climbing Mt. Baker with Steve Hammond. Cost for lunch is \$7.50. Please note that the date has been changed from the third Friday of the month to the first Friday of the month.

Church Photo Directory

The Deacons would like to put together a new photo directory of FPCE members/friends. Rather than having photos taken by a professional photographer, we thought that it would be more interesting to have members/friends submit their own photos. These photos could be informal and bring out the personalities of members/friends. For example, a photo might include a pet, a child or grandchild, a favorite vacation spot, or a favorite hobby. We would like to produce the directory sometime this fall. Whatever photo you decide on, be sure that your face fills enough of the frame so that you are recognizable. And be sure that the



image resolution is as high as possible, since we may need to crop or enlarge your photo to fit the space available. Here are a few ways you can create a photo for the directory:

- You can have someone take a digital photo of you, using a camera or smartphone, and you can submit the photo via email or thumb drive.
- You can submit a photo print, which we can scan and return to you.
- You can have a volunteer take a photo of you at church or in your home (if you have trouble getting to church).

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Davis. Please submit your photos to Doreen in the church office. doreen@firstpreschurch.com

Book and Puzzle Sale

Please save your books and puzzles for the upcoming book and puzzle sale sponsored by the Presbyterian Women on October 20 & 27. Collection boxes are in Westminster Hall and in the office.



VOA Food Donations

We donated 392 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America food bank here in Everett! Great job! Our next in-person collection will be on Monday, September 9th.



Pastor's QR Code

Calling New Members

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR code or talk with Pastor Alan.

Lay Leadership

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

Nursery Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service beginning this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good.

SCRABBLE

We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on September 4th and 18th 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. Hope to see YOU there!

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

This Week...

- Adult Sunday School There is no class today.
- Lunch with Alan No lunch with Alan tomorrow in observance of Labor Day. We will resume September 9.
- **Thursday Bible Study** Join Pastor Alan on Thursdays this fall as we study the Sermons and Parables of Jesus! We will begin on Thursday September 5th at 4pm via the Zoom link below. This week we will be studying Mark 1:14-20 and Matthew 4:12-17.

- Join with this Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86445072985?pwd=Vy084nCRzrMvRdau63rbgsKkYY efMg.1
- o Meeting ID: 864 4507 2985

o Passcode: 151013

- **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. We 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.
- Feel free to use any of 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 September 1, 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.
- We pray for those who have been affected by Hurricane Beryl. We pray for the Capetillo family and many others who have loved ones in the area.
- Judy Kutz died August 12^{th.} We pray for comfort and peace for Jim and the Kutz family during this difficult time. Judy's memorial will be September 21st at 1:00 pm in our sanctuary.
- Vicky Ahmann died on July 19th. Please keep her family in your prayers during this time. Vicky's memorial will be September 11th at 1:00 pm in our sanctuary.
- We pray for Martha Clemans as she finally knows the cause of her pain, a broken hip. We pray for the treatment she will be receiving and a quick road to healing.
- Please pray for my friend Tammie's dad who has recently been moved from his home to a retirement center. He is having a hard time adjusting. Please pray for peace and happiness, new friendships, activities of interest, and acceptance of the center's rules. From Annette King.
- Please include Harry Barren in your prayers. He will undergo back surgery September 6th to, hopefully, solve a long standing, very painful problem. We ask for your prayers for success and swift recovery. From Bob and Barbara Barren.

- We pray for Doreen Harris, Robin Kohler's mother, who has COVID. We pray for healing.
- Thank you for my brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Ellyn. I love them very much, am grateful we are family, and pray they can find a home. From Jodi D.
- We pray for Jean Kanter who has laryngitis.
- We pray for George, a friend of Marilee Richards, who is struggling with health concerns.
- We pray for those affected by COVID. We pray for comfort and quick healing.
- Monica Clemans had a second knee surgery. Prayers for healing.
- Prayers and safety for Ainslee Mattix, granddaughter of Mike & Martha Clemans, who starts teaching middle school in Texas in September.
- Please pray for Mike Goza who has been diagnosed with cancer. We pray for his strength during his treatment plan. We lift up Carolyn and the family as they walk with Mike during this time.
- We pray for Ben, nephew of John and Lisa Gebert. After Ben's kidney surgery, it was determined he has cancer. Determining the extent of it and a plan. Prayers for the family.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku who had a stroke. She is at home working on a recovery and rehab plan.
- Pray for health and clarity for Chris Mattix, son-in-law of Mike and Martha Clemans, who had surgery and is at home recovering.
- Please pray for Lisa G, Ari and Robin's ex-sister-in-law, who will be going through upcoming surgeries.
- We pray for Eric Chavis who is recovering from heart surgery. We pray for his health and for Mary Ann during this time.
- Please pray for our friend's sister and husband who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Pray for strength and healing as he begins radiation treatments. Alan & Vicki Dorway.
- Thank you for the prayers for our friend's mom. She is responding well to her cancer treatments and appreciates your prayers. From Vicki & Alan Dorway
- Richan Jensen, sister of Dariel Norris, is terminally ill with cancer.
- Prayers for LeAnne, Mike & Martha Cleman's great granddaughter, who is beginning phase 2 of her chemo treatment for leukemia. Prayers for healing, strength, and wisdom.
- **Update:** Marilee Richards' daughter Karen and her family now have housing but still need prayers for wisdom, stability and guidance.
- Please also pray for Marilee's nephew's family who are facing life-changing challenges. Please pray for wisdom and guidance.
- Marilee Richards' grandson, Cody, needs direction and wisdom.
- Chris Butterfield is undergoing steroid treatments for his back pain and is seeing some improvement. Please pray for continued relief. From Lisa Comstock and Dottie Villesvik.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- Milt & Aurla Magee want to share more good news about their son, Dale. Dale continues to improve from his cancer. His stem cell replacement has gone well and with the end of his chemo, he continues to improve with no side effects. Dale's stay at the hospital will be another three weeks before he is able to go home. The doctors presented him with a

congratulation card as Dale walked a marathon while there. Mitt and Aurla are grateful for their friends, Tom & Pat Erickson, for making sure Dale has been on our prayer chain. God is good!

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Marilyn Carter
- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper

- Jan Geibel
- 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.

ORA LABORA 4.10.10.10.4 Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; rev. 1863; alt. Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918 1. Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call-ing the har-vest plain 3. Come, la-bor on. A - way with gloom-y an - gels can - not share; 4. Come, la-bor on. doubts and faith-less fear! No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky, a - round us waves the gold-en grain? And While all To young and old the gos - pel glad-ness bear. to each ser - vant Re - deem the time; its No arm so weak but may do ser-vice here; Though fee - ble a - gents, long shad-ows o'er our path-way lie, Till the And glad sound comes a does the Mas-ter say, "Go work to day." hours too swift-ly fly. The night draws nigh. may we all ful-fill God's righ teous will. with the set-ting sun, "Well done, well done!" 0

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