

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin  
October 8, 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                      *Amazing Grace* – Arr Swann                      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell    Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Upcoming Organ Concert    Elizabeth Nelson

Call to Worship                      Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12    Leslie Sutin

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, we cried to you for help, and you have healed us.**

Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**Our souls praise you and are not silent. O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

Hymn                      *Come Sing to God*    #181

God knows us and loves us. God meets us where we are, and God invites us into this prayer.

**Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you.**

**Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards following you closer.**

*Take a Moment for Silent Confession and Prayer*

Friends, we have not already obtained the prize or reached the goal — but Christ has! And in Christ you are a new creation, you are made whole, and you are called beloved. **Thanks be to God!**

Now with believers around the world, we join in the Lord’s Prayer, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

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

Praise Hymn                      *I’ve Got Peace Like a River*                      #368 (see screens)

Choir Anthem                      *Be Thou My Vision*                      Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture                      James 5:13-20

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

Sermon                      *Wary of Healing*                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayer

Hymn                      *There is a Balm in Gilead*                      #394

Benediction                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude                      *Toccata on Saint Anne – Swann*                      Gary Norris, Organist

## Today's Choir Anthem

### *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my vision, and Thou my true Word. I ever with thee and Thou with me Lord. Thou my great Father and I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and Thou only. Thou first in my heart. Lord God and High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven my victory won. May I reach Heaven's joys O bright Heaven's Son! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all; Ruler of all.

Be thou my vision High King of Heaven. O Lord of my heart, my Treasure Thou are. Be Thou my vision. Be Thou my vision. Be Thou my vision O Ruler of all.

# Simple Joys

Yes, it is time to begin thinking about Advent. I have been praying and kicking around ideas for this year's Advent devotional and have decided upon the theme: Simple Joys. We may automatically think of the opening line 'tis a gift to be simple' from the hymn/tune of the Shaker Hymn "Simple Gifts". In our blue hymnal, we know the tune when we sing "Lord of the Dance". However, our theme is not limited to music. I have been struck by the need for simplicity or awareness in my life. I tend to move quickly whether walking or in my mind. Yet, the psalmist tells us to 'be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10) and part of Advent is 'treasuring all these words and pondering them in our heart' (slight paraphrase as Mary did this in Luke 1:29 and 2:19).

Our world, our lives, and our hearts/minds race or can be filled up quickly to the point we are not excited about Advent or the coming Christ-child. Instead, we can get anxious, overwhelmed, and find the 'season' tedious and frustrating. The good news to break the rush during Advent is to slow down in humble waiting. God invites us to pause, breathe, and take a moment to see miracles of hope, joy, peace, and love around us. I can think of many times when I actually stopped and found joy in watching children get excited about giving gifts to others, experienced joy in the company of another just sharing a coffee together and was startled by the joy of a gift given to me that I did not expect and realized was extremely thoughtful. We are going to say yes to joy this Advent season.

To do this, one of the meaningful parts we've celebrated Advent recently is by creating a devotional that YOU write. Your thoughts are profound and meaningful to me and the rest of the congregation. I invite you to write a story or create a poem about how joy brought you closer to Jesus in Advent.

Think about a favorite memory of Christmas that gave or gives you joy? Is there a tradition you love? Was there a surprise invitation leading to wonder and awe you can think about? What joy touched your heart and showed you the Christ-child again? What brings you joy just thinking about Christmas? Be creative and I'd totally be stoked if you shared those stories with us.

So... begin. I know Advent seems so far away, but it will be here sooner than we realize. The deadline for submitting a story (it can be long or short, don't worry, it will be great!) is Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please submit a story via email ([dorway@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:dorway@firstpreschurch.com)) or bring a completed copy to me (Pastor Alan) before the deadline. Thank you!

## Announcements

### **Souper Sunday – Today!**

Join us right after worship. The Deacons will be serving up food and fellowship. All are welcome.



### **Note from Annette King:**

Wes King will be interned with Military Honors at 1pm on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Tahoma National Military Cemetery near Kent, WA (2+ hour drive, outside service). If you plan to attend, please let Annette know as she will need to brief you on arrival time and protocol procedures.

We will host a Celebration of Life for Wes King on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm here at the First Presbyterian Church of Everett. This will be a wonderful celebration as it will be Wes' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Additional information will be coming.

### **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.

### **Priscilla Circle – October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Priscilla Circle meets tomorrow, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. Sonya Beardsley will lead our discussion and Margaret Lillie will serve as hostess. You may bring your lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

### **S.P.A.M. Gathering – October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Our Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry resumes this fall on October 13<sup>th</sup> with an exciting and informational program: "**Search And Rescue, not just on a mountain side, but in your own backyard!**" Alli Paul from Oak Harbor, and her dog Stella, will share how dogs play a vital part in rescuing people. We will begin at 11:30 with a Fellowship Punch Bowl followed by a luncheon at noon (\$7.50) and program. Please sign up at the Welcome Booth before October 8th.

### **Men's Breakfast – October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Presbyterian Women Pumpkin Patch Fall Luncheon – October 28<sup>th</sup>

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a fall luncheon at 11:30 am on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in Westminster Hall. Wear your favorite fall apparel. We will be doing a craft project. RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Welcome Booth sign-up sheet or to the church office.



## Port Gardner Bay Music Society Concert – October 29<sup>th</sup>

Port Gardner Bay Music Society announces their first 2023/2024 concert here at First Presbyterian Church on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The concert features Spooky Organ Music for Halloween with five local organists performing on our Balcom and Vaughan Organ: Kim Croft, John Jorgensen, Karin Larsen, Gary Norris, David Spring. Suggested donation at the door: General \$20, Senior (65+) & Military \$15, Student (12+) \$5. Donate as you wish. More information at [portgardnermusic.org](http://portgardnermusic.org)

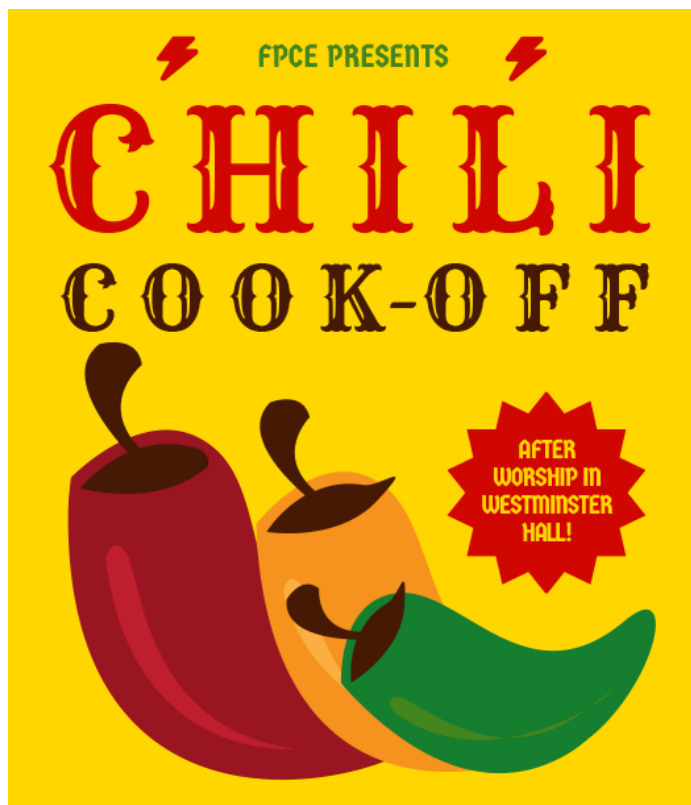
## Chili Cook-Off Returns – October 29<sup>th</sup>

Our Chili Cook-Off is back on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>! We will be having our famous and award-winning chili cooks bringing their amazing creations for tasting right after worship. Our trophy has been polished and bragging rights are on the line.

If chili is not your expertise, come to satisfy your sweet tooth. We'll also be having a bake sale to benefit Parkinson's and Alzheimer's research during the cook-off. If you would like to donate a dessert, make sure your item is on a plate you do not want back, it is completely wrapped, and marked with a description of your treat.

There is a sign-up sheet for chili entries and baked good donations at the Welcome Booth. This will be a great event with free chili and desserts to purchase!

Questions? Contact Teresa Good or Marne Larson.





## **Presbyterian Women – Kitchen Towel Drive**

The Presbyterian Women are hosting a kitchen towel drive to replace aging towels in the Westminster and Calvin kitchens. If you would like to contribute, you may drop off a new kitchen/tea towel or a new dishcloth over the next few Sundays in the Westminster kitchen. Thank you for your donation!

## **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.

- October 12- Jesus drops the mic  
Galatians 3:21-29; Matthew 5:17-20
- October 19 - Reformed and Reforming  
2 Timothy 3:10-4:8; Acts 15:22-35
- October 26 - No Bible Study
- November 2 - Conflict of Story  
Deuteronomy 4:1-8; Luke 8:26-39
- November 9 - National Canon  
Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
- November 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 this past week. Great job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **SCRABBLE**

Scrabble is on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on October 18<sup>th</sup> 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. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!



## 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** – there will be no Sunday School today due to Souper Sunday.
- **Lunch with Alan** – there will be no Lunch with Alan on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will resume on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Thursday Bible Study** –
  - Join Pastor Alan on October 12<sup>th</sup> using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Galatians 3:21-29; Matthew 5:17-20.
  - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
  - 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 October 8, 2023

- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Cindy Rowlands died September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her husband, Dennis, and her family in your prayers during this time.
- George Newland died September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep his family in your prayers during this time.
- **Awesome new update:** Linda Senter's great-niece's surgery to receive her husband's kidney was a success! Both Leanne and Spencer are doing wonderfully. The family deeply appreciates all your loving concern and prayers. Thank you!  
From Linda Senter.
- 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.
- **Update:** Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette King. Praises to God! The reoccurrence of tumor has been diagnosed as benign! Besides the improvement in his balance and muscle tone as he is again working with a physical therapist, he has started the ‘chemo for life’ which will help the blood cells continue to do the good job they were intended for. He still has a long road ahead to regain good overall health and once again get his driver’s license. Doug & all the family are very grateful for your years of prayers. Please keep on praying! From Annette King.
- **Update:** Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel. She has been on a trial for a new drug through Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. It looks very promising. Jan appreciates your thoughts and prayers. From Judy & Clyde Pitcher.
- **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.
- Prayer request for our granddaughter, Melissa Mobeck. (She was our son’s stepdaughter, but she has always been a part of our family). She has struggled with addiction and trauma issues over her life but is clean and healthy. She is married to Chris Butterfield, and they have two precious children: Tina 2 years old and little Amy 3 months old. They are active in a little church. Alan and I communicate with them daily by text or video chat so would also appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we continue to love and support them. From Alan and Dottie Villevik.
- **Update:** On our friends Mike and Jeannine Schone. Mike was diagnosed with brain cancer and is involved in special cancer research with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Society and is in the third phase of one in which he may be getting the trial medicine or a placebo. He reports that he is feeling great and is hopeful that he may be getting the real stuff. Doctors seem pleased with his progress. They appreciate our prayers and believe his situation is due to the many prayers that have been offered on his behalf. From Alan and Dottie Villevik
- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.

## **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Family of Wes King
- Family of Peter Boonstra
- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Susan Klingler
- Tom & Pat Dotson – friends of Bob & Barbara Barren
- Cody, grandson of Marilee Richards
- Art & Sue Hermansen
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahan – 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.

## Come Sing to God

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Fred R. Anderson, 1986

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints, Sing prais - es to God's name.  
2. In my suc - cess I felt se - cure. How good You've been to me.  
3. What good is gained by my dis - grace, What prof - it in de - feat?  
4. You change my grief to joy-filled dance, My sor - rows You de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent, God's love will nev - er wane.  
I said that this is my own work, As - crib - ing all to me.  
My grave can - not con - fess Your name, Nor praise for You re - peat.  
In faith - ful - ness You hear my cry And fill my life with joy.

Though tears may tar - ry for the night With sighs of deep - est pain,  
But when You turned a - side Your face, My life was filled with fears.  
Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; Be mer - ci - ful to me.  
And so to You my heart shall sing, My voice Your good - ness raise.

Yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, A peace that is not vain.  
I begged for help, to You I cried With loud and bit - ter tears.  
Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest And from death set me free.  
You are my God, for - ev - er - more, My life shall sing Your praise.

# I've Got Peace Like a River

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African-American spiritual

7.7.11

African-American spiritual

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a  
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in - a my  
foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in - a my  
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in - a my

soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.  
soul. I've got foun-tain in - a my soul.  
soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the third and fourth lines of lyrics. The third system covers the fifth and sixth lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

# There Is a Balm in Gilead

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BALM IN GILEAD 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual

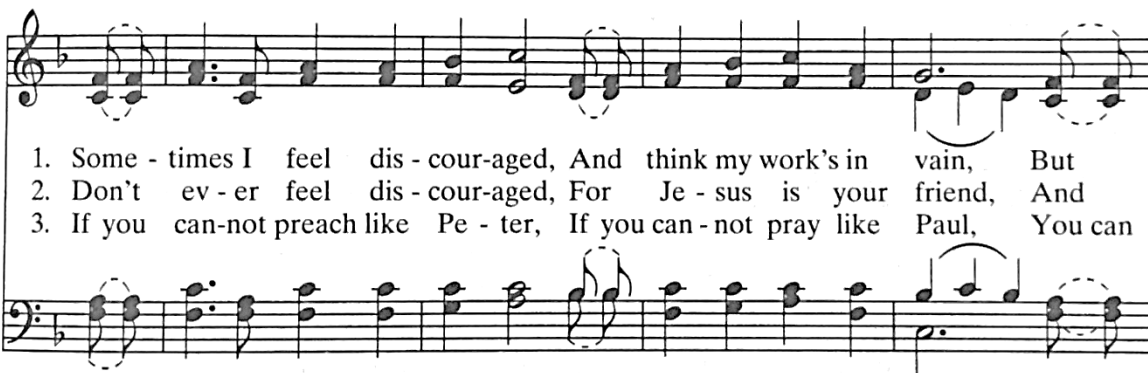
African-American spiritual  
Arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989; alt.



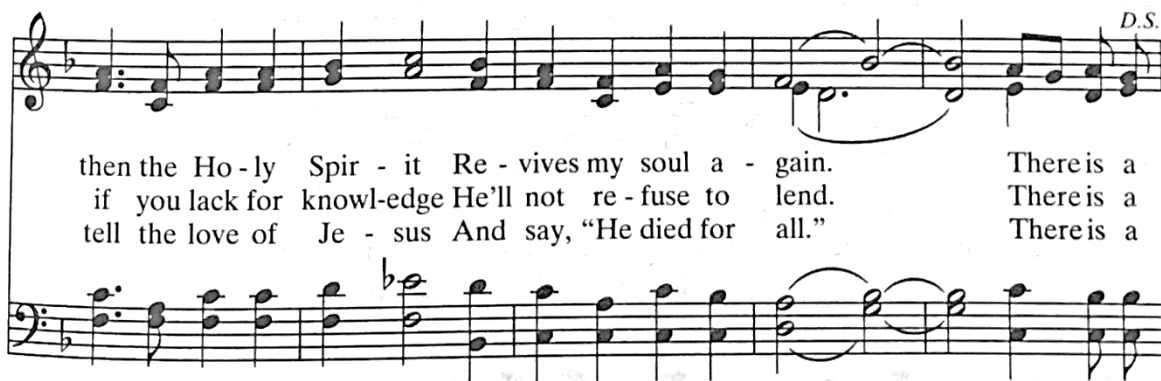
There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole.



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But  
2. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, For Je - sus is your friend, And  
3. If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul, You can



then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. There is a  
if you lack for knowl-edge He'll not re - fuse to lend. There is a  
tell the love of Je - sus And say, "He died for all." There is a