

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

## *Christmas Eve Service*

December 24, 2021 at 7pm

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County and the State of Washington, is **requiring masks indoors** for all ages above 5 years old.

We understand this is not where we wanted to be, but our desire as a church is to love God and love our neighbor. Masks are a tangible way we express our concern and compassion for our community. We ask you to join our session in praying for our county as together we navigate this time.

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

**Prelude**                      *Christmas Fantasy* – Bish                      Gary Norris, Organist

**Introit**                      *Carol of the Bells*                      Chancel Bells

**Welcome**                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

**Hymn**                      *O Come All Ye Faithful*                      #41

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and  
triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
All glory in the highest  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

**For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

**The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

**The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.**

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

**And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**Hymn**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

#48

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore for us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Darcie Cooper

On the eve of our Christmas celebration, Jesus' birthday, we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. First, we light the candle for HOPE because Jesus is our hope. Second, we light the candle for PEACE because Jesus is our hope and peace. Third, we light the candle for JOY because Jesus brings joy. Fourth, we light the candle for LOVE because Jesus is love. Finally, we light the center candle. This is the CHRIST candle. Jesus is born. Jesus has come. Jesus is our salvation.

Every year we light our candles.

**We watch the flames flicker with wonder.**

God's light is here.

**This light is life for all people.**

The darkness will never overcome it.

(Light the Christ candle.)

**The Word is with us. Thanks be to God.**

Let us pray:

**Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the light of that special star over two thousand years ago that guided humble shepherds and learned wise ones to the holy child. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we also may follow you to the new life in him. In celebration of the birthday of our King and our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

#5

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing is His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, Yet born of Mary, As of old earth He stood,  
Lord of Lords, In human vesture, In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful. His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads it's vanguard on the way,  
As Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim, With sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Most High!

**Chancel Choir**

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

Directed by Steve Torrence

**Scripture**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Steve Hammond

**Hymn***What Child is This?*

#53

1 What Child is this, who laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. [Chorus]

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, one and all, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. [Chorus]

**Christmas Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

**Hymn***Away in a Manger*

#25

Away in a manger, No crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my side, until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray

Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And fit us to heaven to live with Thee there

**Scripture**

Matthew 1:18-25

Howard Garner

**Solo***Birthday for a King*

Steve Torrence

**Scripture**

Luke 2:1-20

Dorothy Nerison

**Hymn***Angels We Have Heard on High*

#23

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains  
Gloria In Excelsis Deo  
Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria In Excelsis Deo  
Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King  
Gloria In Excelsis Deo  
Gloria In Excelsis Deo

**Message***Sing Like You Are in the Choir***Chancel Choir***Love Came Gently*

Directed by Steve Torrence

**Passing the Peace of the Christ Candle**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:1-5*

**Hymn with Chancel Handbells***Silent Night*

#60 (verses 1-3)

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

**Benediction****Hymn***Joy to the World*

#40

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!  
Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks,  
hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

**Postlude***Sing We Now of Christmas* – Arr. Young

Gary Norris, Organist

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## Poinsettias in our Sanctuary

Given by...

In Memory and In Honor of...

Dorothy Nerison

In Memory of Ken Nerison and David Mackenzie

Jean and Kory Kantor

In Memory of our sons and brothers Vic and Ben Kantor and Deloris Bryan

Roberts Family

In Memory of Mom and Dad (Grandma and Grandpa), Mom and Dad Roberts (Grandma and Grandpa

Marsha Lueth

In Memory of Carol Beyer and Molly Jean Montgomery

Jan Weakley

In Memory of Dick Weakley

Joan Lyderson

In Memory of my husband Don Lyderson

Clyde and Judy Pitcher

In Memory of Park and Maurine McLean, Ted and Etta Pitcher

Bob and Barbara Barren

In Memory of Our Parents

Alan and Dottie Villevik

In Memory of our son John R. Villevik  
In Honor of Our Family, Our Staff and all those who helped us to move into our Hybrid Worship and Our Church Family

Marilee Richards

In Memory of my parents Norma and Wilbur Sea, sister Linda Sea and sister-in-law Patti Sea

Amy and Doug Farnham

In Honor of Our Children and Grandchild Logan

Shirley and George Lockeman

In Memory of our Parents

Nadine Smith

In Honor of My Family – Anita, Ken, Taylor, Hayley and Spencer

*The First Presbyterian  
Church of Everett  
wishes you  
and yours a very  
Merry Christmas!*

