

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

December 18, 2022

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

Prelude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* – Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle Psalm 89:1-2

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

We declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Today we light four candles on our Advent wreath.

Previously, we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ.

Light the Hope candle

We lit the candle of Peace, remembering our true peace which comes in Jesus.

Light the Peace candle

We lit the candle of Joy, remembering our joy is found in the mercy of God.

Light the Joy candle

Today, we light the fourth candle as a sign of God's love come into our world.

Light the Love candle

The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child (Isaiah 7:14).

She shall bear a son, and name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the love of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.



Dale J. Good Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life for Dale J. Good will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 11am. Dale's favorite color was red. The family asks that you wear something red. If you do not have red, another color would be appreciated.

On behalf of Dale Good's family, thank you for the cards, texts, emails, and support during these difficult times. Janet, Teresa, Brian, Richard, Dwight, Daniel and his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

VOA Food Donations

We donated over 2 tons of food to the VOA this year! Awesome job!! Thank you for your generosity. Food donations go to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be January 9th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, January 9th, at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing Chapter 5 in our study book. Barbara Barren will serve as hostess. All women are welcome.



More Announcements

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.
- **Sunday School** today is 11:30am to 12:30pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom, led by Steve Hammond. This Adult Sunday School class is based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls and is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology. There is no requirement for preparation for this class, and you can drop in at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights. Note: There will be no class on December 25 or January 1 due to the holidays. We will resume class on January 8, 2023.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Lunch with Alan** is Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided. Our last lunch this year will be December 19. Due to the holidays, there will be no lunch on December 26 or January 2. Lunch will resume January 9.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan is on break. Study will resume on January 12, 2023 using the Zoom platform.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

To all worshipping with us:

- Masks are optional in our facility
- The first six rows of the sanctuary are open seating
- The back rows are every other pew for more spacing

Even as we move into this new chapter, we affirm a cautious approach by:

- Having masks and hand sanitizer available for use
- Keeping socially distanced
- Using prefilled communion cups

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a Session member. 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 Updates December 18, 2022

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Please pray for my sister, Pamala Talley who has been diagnosed with NPH (Hydrocephalus) and is awaiting surgery to correct the problem. We appreciate your support. From Bob & Barbara Barren.
- Please pray for Maggie Lamus as her cancer has returned. She has restarted treatment and we pray for peace, healing, and strength.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer's extended family: Bobby and John Heuer, both have cancer and cousin, Paul. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Please pray for Bruce Russell. He has a narrowing in his esophagus and has difficulty eating and swallowing. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Arlene Mawudeku who has stage 4 kidney failure and needs a kidney transplant.
- Quinn Carpenter is having health issues and would appreciate prayers. From Marilyn Minch.
- Please pray for my friend Barbara and her parents. They all have COVID. From Lisa Comstock.
- Marilee Richards son-in-law, Galileo, had knee replacement surgery recently and now has a bad infection in the knee. He underwent emergency surgery. Please pray for healing and protection for his knee.
- Update: My friends Aaron and Alicia no longer have COVID but do struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.

- Update: Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, had a doctor appointment on Tuesday and his bones are continuing to heal. He walks three times a day but isn't allowed to twist or bend. He is off all meds! He's disappointed that he can't begin physical therapy for a least another six weeks. Prayers for patience and continued healing will help greatly. Thank you for your prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Update: Tracy McLean (Martha Klingler's daughter) had a lung scan recently that showed a 35-50% reduction of all tumors and no new tumors. She is scheduled for another scan on November 30. They are thankful for our prayers. From Dottie Villevik.
- Our son-in-law, Doug Schultz, has a long recovery ahead from a spinal cord injury. Prayers are requested for strength and mobility in his legs. From Annette and Wes King
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Kimberly, who has recently been placed on hospice.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen and for her doctors to find the best treatment. She is having difficulty speaking. Please also pray for her husband, Robert, and son, Steven, as this is difficult for the whole family.
- Janet Good is experiencing an unfortunate progression with Parkinson's disease, resulting in a decline in her health. Please pray for Teresa, and family as they seek strength, wisdom, and peace during this time.
- Rev. Karen Summers appreciates our continued prayers. From Shirley Solberg.
- Update: My friend Ida has died. Please pray for her family. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Lillian who has serious cardiac issues. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Larry O'Donnell still amazes us – PTL! Thank you for your continued prayers for his energy level improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's shortness of breath is still a concern. We appreciate your continued prayers. From Annette King.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Dale Good
- Family of Dean Copeland
- Family of Ethel Geniesse
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Robert Henry

- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- Doug Paine – friend of Marilee Richards
- 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 and Judy Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher’s daughter
- 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 for Suzan, Judy Kutz’s sister and Janet Good.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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CAROL CMD

Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849

Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, Whose forms are bend-ing low,
 4. For lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph-et bards fore - told,

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:
 Who toil a - long the climb-ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all - gra - cious King":
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ering wing,
 Look now! for glad and gold-en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:
 When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still-ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless-ed an - gels sing.
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing.
 And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Away in a Manger

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Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, c. 1885
 Stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892

Attr. James R. Murray, 1887
 Harm. John Weaver, 1986

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for His bed, The lit - tle Lord
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -

Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.