



First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

MATTHEW 16:26, NIV



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The Carillon
September 2023

Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

Off the Wall by Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

As I planned for a Thursday bible study in August on Luke 14:15-24, I was reading from Luke Timothy Johnson's commentary, when I stumbled on this thought: what is required of discipleship is bearing one's own cross and following the path of the prophetic Messiah. He goes on to note "the call of God issued by the prophet must relativize all other claims on life."

In my life, I have found it easy to say Jesus has claim on my life without picking up my cross and following him. I have also found it easy to pick up my cross and forge on ahead on routes I think or believe Jesus would have me go down without checking with him first. To stabilize this tendency and prevent ourselves from getting bored or overwhelmed in our journey, the conclusion we arrived at in study was the need for being persistent and humble in prayer.

This is difficult when there are so many things to pray for and situations that change all the time. Yet, one thing that has given direction to me and us over the summer has been the reading list. I have appreciated using the psalms and verses to guide my focus as I start my day and then reflecting on where I saw, noticed, or experienced God in my prayers at night. While I have not worked on a reading list for the fall, I hope we continue to open God's word to the psalms and other sections of scripture to guide our discipleship.

Instead, I have wondered about my prayer life as the summer draws to a close. Have or do I pray in a persistent and humble manner (Luke 14:15-24)? Am I like the woman who comes to the unjust judge just seeking an opportunity to have my case presented? Am I humble enough like the tax collector to come into Jesus' presence with my heart open?

I'd like to believe so, but there are days when I have my doubts.

This fall, I hope to lead us deeper in our collective prayer life. I have some ideas, but the Spirit is working them out. To help, we will be having specific topics to pray for over a week. We will come back to worship and reflect or share how those prayers affected us and we will continue to pray.

September is a special month. We have great events like Summer Aire and the All-Church Retreat at Warm Beach. Plus, the Everett Cooperative Preschool begins their fall program, and their students, teachers, and administrators return to the classroom. I hope you join us in worship as we sing and glorify God together. There we will take time to pray, to listen, and to respond to how Jesus is calling us to follow and deepen our walk with him.

Peace, *Alan*

Johnson, Luke Timothy. Sacra Pagina The Gospel of Luke. Liturgical Press, 1991. Pg 232.

Summer Aire 2023

The FPCE Summer Aire singers are back at it again this year with music that is interesting and a little “strange”. Take a journey of musical surprises that provide lots of humor during the 2023 Summer Aire concert: “PDQ Bach and Stranger!”

Under the direction of Steve Torrence, the Summer Aire choir will sing music of PDQ Bach (Peter Schickele). Pieces will include the cantata, “The Seasonings”, and the songs “My Bonny Lass She Smelleth”, and “Who is Silvia?” Plus, they will perform a selection of other “unusual” music, including songs from “Sweeney Todd”, an anti-smoking piece from 1699, a comedic opera work, and more.

The concert will include audience participation including singing, appropriate booing of an umpire, and ending with the traditional eating of ice cream sundaes.

All this is for a recommended donation of \$5.00 per person for a good concert with lots of fun, fellowship, and ice cream.

Save the date for Summer Aire 2023 — September 10th at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Tell a friend!



Priscilla Circle will have their first meeting this fall on Monday, September 11th, at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. Sonya Beardsley will lead our discussion from our study book on Luke. Judy Campbell will serve as hostess. You may bring your lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.



Priscilla Circle
WOMEN'S GROUP AT FPCE

World Communion Sunday: “You are with me” - Sept 3 - Oct 1

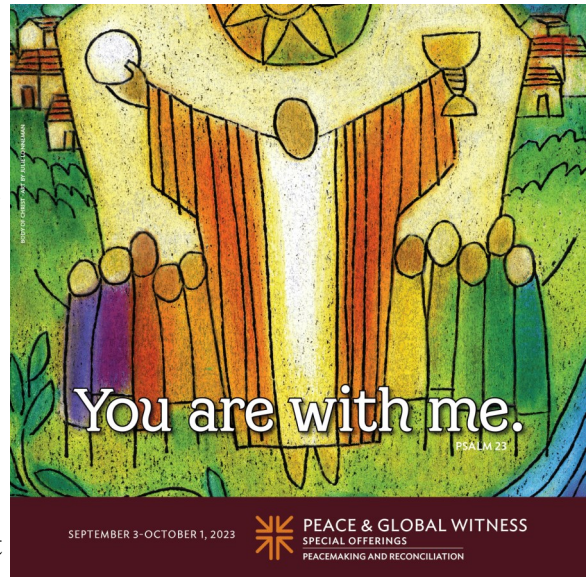
The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four special annual offerings of the PCUSA. Through participation in this offering our church is extending Christ’s peace throughout our community and our world. We celebrate that we are connected, loved, and not alone. We worship together and are fed from scripture and Christ’s table of peace. The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports ministries that work for reconciliation and facilitate healing.

25% of the offering stays local, 25% regional, and 50% supports the work for peace being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Offerings may be collected at church through October 1st or mailed to the church office. Envelopes will be available at church. Please note Peace & Global Witness Offering on your check.

Through our gifts we draw closer to God’s peace, trusting in the God of Peace at all times & in all ways.

Thank you from your Mission Committee



Indonesian Partners of Frontier Fellowship by Katherine Campbell

In June, I was privileged to visit Indonesia with Frontier Fellowship who invite believing communities to engage with people groups where the good news of Jesus and His kingdom is not yet known. Indonesia is the fourth most populous country in the world and is more than 80% Muslim believers.

Indopartners is helping make the Gospel known in the local Bahasa language through the creation of digital materials that help point curious individuals to Jesus. Through web tools and social media platforms, Indopartners invites questions and refers serious seekers to field workers for follow up. Some of their videos (translated into English) are available on YouTube.

Light of the Islands is one of the primary indigenous church planting networks sharing the good news of God’s kingdom with Indonesians who have not yet heard it. Through village libraries and reading posts, and initiating relationships in places like village squares, opportunities to share faith are cultivated. Careful mentorship and local connection are used to establish locally led house churches.

Your Mission Committee is providing some support for Light of the Islands.

For any questions, please contact Katherine at ionewa@yahoo.com.

Library Update - September 2023

Books come and go in every living library. As summer fades to fall, our library changes as well.

One new acquisition, highly recommended by Steve Hammond who has been generously leading both our Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee and the current adult Sunday School class, deserves special mention.

To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa by Jim Towey serves both as biography of the famed saint and as appreciation of her spiritual impact on the author. The subtitle aptly describes memories of Towey's role as personal friend and trusted advisor during the closing twelve years of Mother Teresa's unique life.

Replete with anecdotes and quotations from Mother Teresa, the book recounts her cheerfulness in all situations, her unflinching, even mischievous, sense of humor, and her breathtaking resilience through illness, hardship, and tragedy. Her often dramatic meetings with many of the world's leaders are depicted in smoothly readable text and clear photographs.

However, as books are added one by one to our shelves, we must make room for them. Clearly not all donated books, much as they are appreciated, can be added to our shelves. Some duplicate current holdings. Others do not fit our church's needs, are in poor physical condition, or contain outdated information or language. Other books, long on our shelves, are for some of the same reasons no longer helpful in our mission and have been weeded.

So it is that we have a small but growing assortment of books that need to be lovingly dismissed from the premises. Those that simply do not fit our needs must find other homes, often with the help of Half Price Books. Any cash received for them, of course, goes to the church library fund.

In consultation with the CFD Committee, we have chosen to make these items available first to members and friends of our congregation. Watch for a book retirement event this fall, probably in October. To facilitate your opportunity to say farewell or give some of our retiring books a forever home, we plan to display them in the chapel after worship for several Sundays.

A book sale then? Not exactly, but monetary contributions to the library fund are always welcome. Watch for further announcements.

Please note: the books on our own "Burgundy Bookmobile" are still part of the active collection, available for ordinary checkout. I plan to be on hand for the "retirement event" to answer any questions.

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Fourth Monday Book Group - September 2023

Book Group continues on Zoom. We convene virtually at 10:00 on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. Our discussions help us understand both the featured book and our fellow readers in new ways.

August 28 *Lessons in Chemistry* Bonnie Garmus Leader: TBA

A witty, light-hearted novel that explores women's worth and work through the adventures of Elizabeth Zott, a memorable heroine. Her career as a 1960s research chemist "takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show." Recently and deservedly on best-seller lists this novel is worth the effort to locate a copy.

September 25 *The Healing of Natalie Curtis* Jane Kirkpatrick Leader: Dottie Villevik

Historical fiction about a very real woman who traveled with her brother from New York to the Southwest in the early twentieth century in search of healing. A gifted pianist, she is intrigued by the music of the Indigenous people and infuriated by laws that prohibit them from practicing their own culture. Her story touches ecology, education, music, friendships, advocacy, and women's place in society.

October 23 *Dear Committee Members* Julie Schumacher Leader: TBA

For the first time in many months, **we have a set of 10 copies** from the Everett Public Library. They're not just promised: they are already on site - plenty early!

Schumacher lays out this novel, first book in a just-completed trilogy, in a scant 180 pages of most unusual letters of reference. Jason T. Fitger, English professor in a small, undistinguished midwest college sends these missives to a variety of prospective employers and department heads alternatively extolling a student supplicant and expressing his own pain as the English department is passed over for amenities other departments enjoy. NPR's Maureen Corrigan writes: "*Dear Committee Members* deftly mixes comedy with social criticism and righteous outrage."

STILL TO COME: a **book set** for *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. We are next in line so will read it when it becomes available.

No book set for memorable novel *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni slated for **January** (but we need to be flexible and do the murder mystery when our turn comes).

To take part in book group discussions, log in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. If you are already on our email list, watch for the link. To be added to the list please contact me by phone or email.

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Remembrance

A tear rolls down my cheek
memory brings a flower
painted on the wall.

An iris, purple, it's edge
stroked with steady, purposeful lines.
Skill and vision formed this image.

Love and compassion
understood the color and space
of this flower.

It showed the hand of a life well lived.
An eye attuned
a mind alert and able.

The misty tear fell
from my chin to the ground.
Memory lifted to heaven.

Be at Peace Maggie.

- Bob Barren

Things

**We spend our lives associating.
We find joy in being together.
Our lives become defined by that which we have.**

**Life is rich in value.
Entwined, full and filling.
Objects accrue, collect,
they assume meaning.**

**The objects are more than physical.
They are tokens which we associate
with the events and company
they come to represent.**

**We see these objects in the thoughts,
joys, and the sorrows of events.
We see that which we have done,
and, that which we cherish.**

**We see these things as the time we have invested.
Items become idols of our experience.
Objects give voice to the past.
It is not the things but the memories they bring.
Memories are eternal.**

-Bob Barren



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SCRABBLE WEDNESDAYS

*Newbies, the average “word-joe”,
experts, mentors and YOU are
invited to play!*

**SEPTEMBER 6 & 20
OCTOBER 4 & 18**

**1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall
North door will be open 12:50 to 1 p.m.**

JOIN US!

For more info contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling





Your Senior Ministry Team (SMT) announces that S.P.A.M. (Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry) gatherings will be on the second Friday of October, November and December.

SAVE THE DATE: On October 13th, we will have a program by Alli Paul and her dog Stella: “Search and Rescue, not just on a mountain side, but in your own back yard!”.

Alli and Stella are with the Search and Rescue Team and Alli will share how dogs play a vital part in rescuing people.

Join us:

11:30am: Fellowship Punch Bowl

12:00pm: Luncheon \$7.50

12:30pm: Program

A sign-up sheet will be available in September. The sign-up deadline is October 8th.

RSVP to: janweakley@gmail.com

The SMT would also like to take this opportunity to thank both Judy Pitcher and Shirley Morrow for their faithful service to the team. Both have resigned after many years of service. Judy and Shirley were part of the originating Senior Ministry Team that began S.P.A.M. in 2011.

Thank you, Judy and Shirley, for your dedicated service in this mission for our seniors.



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

If you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

- 9/1 Christopher & Danielle Roberts
- 9/13 Jeff & Doreen Solberg
- 9/19 Randy & Debbie Roberts
- 9/27 Clayton & Kami Erickson

Birthdays:

- 9/2 Rob Sutin
- 9/6 Janet Kelly
- 9/7 Marilyn Larsen
- 9/10 Mary Davis
- 9/11 Marilyn Minch
- 9/13 Marne Larson
- 9/14 Mary Lou Finley
- 9/14 Michael Goza
- 9/17 Beverly Brandt
- 9/19 Christopher Roberts
- 9/20 Sharon Danitschek
- 9/20 Steve Torrence
- 9/21 Alan Dorway
- 9/22 Kami Erickson
- 9/23 Carol Gresham
- 9/24 Jeffrey Smith
- 9/29 Danielle Fowler

Special Dates in September:

- Labor Day, *September 4, 2023*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 10, 2023*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2023*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sep. 15–Oct. 15, 2023*
- First day of autumn, *September 23, 2023*



Newsletter Deadline

E-Newsletter If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to:
sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadline:

September 7, 2023

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

September 10, 2023

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.
ON DUE DATE.**



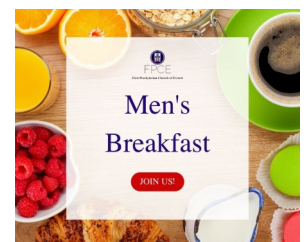
Thanks for your donations to the Volunteers of America Food Bank. Your donations support those in need here in Everett.

Our next drive-through collection is Monday, September 11th 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.

Men's Breakfast – September 9th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, September 9th from 8:30 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!



Climbing Closer to God

**2023 FPCE
ALL-CHURCH
RETREAT**



September 16, 2023

Where:

Warm Beach Conference Center
20800 Marine Dr.
Stanwood, WA 98292

Cost:

Adults (18 and over) \$20
Kids (8 - 17) \$5
Younger than 8 Free

Time: 9am - 4:45pm with optional BBQ Dinner at 5pm



SAVE THESE DATES

Deacons' Soup'er Sunday



Sunday, October 8th

CFD Reformation Sunday Celebration



Sunday, October 29th

Advent Potluck & Sing-along



Sunday, December 3rd

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

| Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Elizabeth Nelson | Steve Hammond | Marne Larson |
| Debbie Roberts | Jamie Hunter | Steve Ulvestad |
| Roy Yates | Jan Weakley | John Gebert |

Deacons

| Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sonya Beardsley | Susan Davis | Lisa Comstock |
| Amy Farnham | Ed Pearson | Bob Barren |
| Mike Davis | Doris Pearson | Joan Lyderson |

