#### THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin February 19, 2023 – 10am

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

Prelude Largo – Handel

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 99

Bob Barren

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

#### Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

#### Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

#### They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

## O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain,

#### For the Lord our God is holy!

Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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#### Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

**Bob Barren** 

Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last world. God's love, compassion and justice will be established on the earth. So let us confess before God and one another.

Merciful God, even when we see you transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. We hear your words to follow, and we stop short. We harbor anger and resentment in our hearts toward others. We do not offer mercy or kindness to those who need it. Forgive us Lord. Help us to listen to your voice. Calm our minds as we open our lives to your presence. Empower us to be transformed by the Holy Spirit. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Jesus.

Take a Moment for Silent Person Confession

Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the transfiguration story, and they heard a voice say that Jesus is the beloved of God, so too we are God's beloved people. Be forgiven and restored to our right standing as God's beloved.

#### Amen.

Together, with sisters and brothers in Christ, we pray together, 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.

Hymn Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #591

Scripture Matthew 17:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem Wondrous Love Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon Get Up Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Page 14 in Hymnal

Hymn Lord, I Want to Be a Christian #372

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude Allegro Commodo – Handel Gary Norris, Organist

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#### **Announcements**

There will be no Lunch with Pastor Alan tomorrow, February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day. The church office will also be closed. Lunch with Pastor Alan will resume on Monday, February 27.

#### Ash Wednesday Worship – February 22nd

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22. We will have a simple supper at 6:00pm followed by worship and the imposition of ashes at 7:00pm. You are invited to come, join in conversation around a meal, and then begin a season of reflection through worship that evening.

#### **Deep Questions for Lent**

We officially begin Lent in February. Lent asks us to reflect on the things in our lives that either take us away from or have been a barrier from God. Lent naturally brings to our minds the questions we have about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, faith, theology, and life. For instance, what have you wanted to ask a pastor, Sunday school teacher, mentor, or someone you perceive who has their faith journey under control? What nagging question about Lent, Easter, or other part of the Christian life do you have?

Rather than avoid these questions, I invite you to write them down and either email them to me (dorway@firstpreschurch.com) or add them to the offering box. Part of our Lenten practice will be to wrestle with these questions in Sunday School and in worship. You can begin to submit questions from now through Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VOA Food Donations**

We donated 233 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this past week. Awesome job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

#### Save the Date – May 6<sup>th</sup> Presbyterian Women Women's Retreat

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a women's retreat here

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on Saturday, May 6th. More details will be coming soon.

#### **More Announcements**

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
  - o 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. Pastor Alan will be leading a Lenten study in a new Sunday School series.
  - o Join Zoom using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902
  - o 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. **Note:** There will be no lunch on February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Thursday Bible Study with Pastor Alan is February 23rd using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Daniel chapters 11 and 12.
  - o Join Zoom using this link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902</a>
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#### 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

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.



### Announcing our next season concert

# Presidents' Day Concert

Sunday, Feb. 19 - 3 PM

First Presbyterian Church - Everett 2936 Rockefeller Avenue



### Featuring the Puget Soundwaves Brass Ensemble

Join us for a program of patriotic music honoring our country's presidents. This outstanding young brass ensemble will lead us in singing our national anthem and play a medley of service songs as we recognize those who have served in our armed forces. In addition, they will perform a wide variety of traditional American songs and folk melodies that will help recall our thankfulness for this great country we live in.

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Tickets will be available at the door: \$20 - General \$15 - Senior/Military \$5 - Students Children under 12 - Free

This concert is sponsored partially by a grant from the Everett Cultural Arts

Commission.

#### Prayer Updates February 19, 2023

- 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.
- Jean Rankin fell and broke her arm. Prayers for healing.
- Carol Venables fell and fractured two vertebrae in her neck. She had surgery on Wednesday. From Jay Kuhnhenn.
- Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King, pray that the Revlimid chemotherapy continues to work. Also, for healing from the prostate procedure so he can return to physical therapy. From Annette & Wes King.
- Rev. Dr. Ed Coon recently had a pacemaker installed. He is doing well and appreciates all the prayers. Prayers for continued healing. From Dottie Villesvik
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Jay Kuhnhenn's mom, Thelma, after her cancer surgery.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.
- We pray for Teresa Good and family after the death of Dale and Janet Good.
- Alzheimer's prayer: Sue and Art Hermansen. Art is now in a memory care situation. Prayers for both as they journey through this. From Lois Tysseling.
- Bruce Russell, friend of Lisa Comstock, under hospice care. We pray for both Lisa and Bruce.
- 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.
- Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, is in physical therapy a few times a week. The main focus is the alignment of his torso, which will be ongoing for several months. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

#### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Arlene Mawudeku for kidney transplant
- Maggie Lamus
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Ashley Tomlin
- Larry O'Donnell

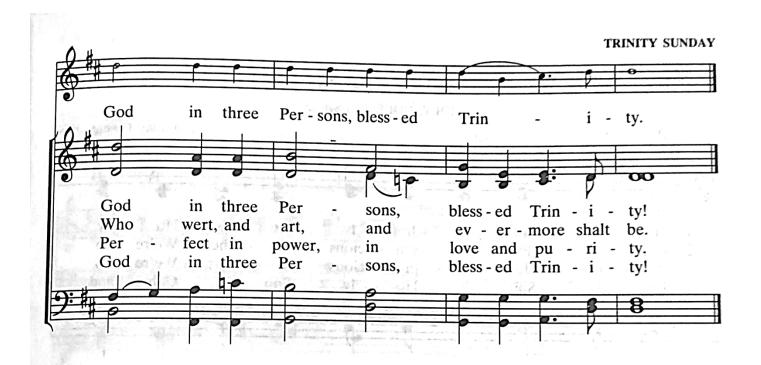
- Florence Day
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Wes King
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Jan Geibel Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- 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.

## Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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