

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for October 3, 2021, at 10am

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 *Pie Jesu* – Gabriel Faure Kim Croft, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 27:1-6, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

1. God of grace and God of glory,
 on thy people pour thy power;
 crown the ancient church's story;
 bring its bud to glorious flower.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 for the facing of this hour,
 for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
 scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us,
 free our hearts to love and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 for the living of these days,
 for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
 bend our pride to thy control;
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
 lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;
 gird our lives that they may be
 armoured with all Christlike graces,
 pledged to set all captives free.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 that we fail not them nor thee,
 that we fail not them nor thee!

Scripture

Colossians 3:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

O for a world where everyone
 respects each other's ways,
 where love is lived and all is done
 with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
 and misery relieved,
 where truth is spoken, children spared,
 equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
 and struggle with each choice
 that opens us to unity
 and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
 the foolish ones are wise.
 Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,
 who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
 God's glorious reign of peace,
 where time and tears will be no more,
 and all but love will cease.

Communion

Today we participate in communion together. Please take a moment to organize some bread and juice for you and your family. We will follow the liturgy with Pastor Alan. When he breaks the bread, so will you. When the cup is blessed, so will yours. Then we will share in the Lord's Supper together.

We have traveled through many waters to reach this place, **but share one baptism;**
We arrive from different backgrounds and traditions, **yet share one faith;**
We are, each of us, unique and precious to God, and **are members of one Body;**
We have different dreams and doubts, **yet our hearts beat with one hope;**
We are graced with different gifts, **so we may offer them in service to one Lord.**

Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

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1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in Him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

We tremble in these moments of uncertainty, of days which seem endless, wondering if there is any word for us. Remind us that you spoke into the trembling emptiness of chaos, and your goodness and wonder began all those days and nights when hope raced across the sky, when grace bubbled up from springs, when peace wandered the meadows.

All these gifts were, and still are, crafted for those made in your mage, even when we grumble in wildernesses or live in the exile of fear and worry, or seek to have our way, not yours.

In every moment when your people were alone, afraid, felt abandoned by all, you sent prophets to remind us of your promises and point us to all the ways you continue to love.

Even in these months of isolation, even in these days which seem the same, even in these moments we are alone, you are with us, in the life, the promises made known in the Child you sent to point us to the way home to you.

Though others mock us for such trust, we continue to believe that we know your holiness in the hope you share, God of our hearts, and we realize how blessed we are by the grace we have received in your Child, Jesus. In these times when we wonder if anyone really cares about us, he is the One who is your love poured out for us, each of us.

In these days when bitter voices would seek to seduce us with anger, he is the gentle voice which calls us to trust in your heart broken for us.

In the moments when people seem not to care for the most vulnerable, for those most at risk from this virus, he is the living demonstration that death has no ultimate power but that your resurrecting love is the final word spoken about us.

Together, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Setting aside all he valued,
Christ became our treasure,
so we might know how precious we are to God.
Setting aside his own life, Christ rescued us from all foolishness
so we might know the One who loves us.
Setting aside our doubts and fears, we yearn for the promise of the return
of the grace, love, and hope of Christ.**

Around this table that becomes a sacred place we pray, Redeemer of all creation, that you would pour out your Spirit on each and every place, and on each and every person. May these gifts remind us that we are called to share your grace, to listen to the lonely, to welcome the heartbroken, to embrace the vulnerable.

And when this pandemic comes to an end and we can gather once again freely with our sisters and brothers around your table, we will know here in your presence; all hurtful words silenced, all is pain left behind, hope and grace are our closest friends, and we will join our hearts and voices with the body of Christ around the world to forever sing of your glory. **Amen.**

Communion

Our Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink this cup, do it in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion is shared - You are now invited to take a bite of your bread and a sip from your cup and to taste the mystery of God's grace.

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style – Gordon Young

Kim Croft, Organist

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Portions of our Communion Liturgy are from Thom M. Shuman.

Announcements

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan is Tuesday October 5th at 12pm. We have a new zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdz09>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
 - Passcode: FPCE21!

- Thursday Bible Study continues October 7th at 4pm. We will be using *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren chapters 3 and 4. The scriptures are Chapter 3 & 4 – Psalm 145:1-16; Proverbs 8:1-36; John 1:1-17; Genesis 3:1-13; Psalm 32; Philippians 2:3-11. To join use the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTd09>

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- FPCE Sunday School begins at 11:30am. We have a new zoom link:

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- Our next non-perishable food collection for the Volunteers of America food bank is on Monday October 11th from 11am to 1pm in the alley.

Priscilla Circle meets Monday October 11th at 11:30am

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, October 11, at 11:30 in Calvin Lounge. We have selected "What My Grandmothers Taught Me" as our study book. It highlights some of the women who preceded Jesus. Sonya Beardsley will lead the first lesson and Lois Tysseling will serve as hostess. Dues are due for those who haven't paid and those who need a study book, which is \$10, please see Sonya. All women are welcome. You may bring a sack lunch if you desire. Covid protocol is required, including the wearing of masks.



Today is World Communion and Souper Sunday!



Everett City Council Candidates' Forum Monday, October 4, 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett,
2936 Rockefeller, 98201
(parking in lot and on streets)
Also live-streamed at www.facebook.com/everettfaithinaction

7 PM – 8:30 PM (doors open at 6:30)

Masks are required

**An opportunity for the Everett community
to hear from candidates running to represent the
City Council's 5 new geographical districts.**

Email everettfaithinaction@gmail.com with questions.
Sponsored by Everett Faith in Action (EFIA)



Prayer Updates October 3, 2021

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate this COVID surge in our community.
- We pray for Lisa Comstock who has been battling illness. We pray for healing and God's presence.
- We pray for Gary Norris to continue to heal and get stronger as he begins to ween off oxygen.
- Sam and Rose Capetillo ask for prayers for Margaret, niece, who has COVID in Texas. She was not able to get into the hospital, so is home on a breathing machine. Update: Margaret is off the machine and doing better!

- Prayers for Christy, daughter-in-law, who also has COVID and is home resting. Update: Christy is better and has returned to work!
- Prayers for a friend of Ari and Robin Kohler who is very ill with COVID.
- Prayers for Ari and Robin Kohler's niece's grandfather who is in critical condition with COVID.
- Marilyn Nalbach asks for prayers for her friend, Nicole, who had her second heart surgery. Prayers for healing.
- Prayers for our brothers and sisters at Central Lutheran Church in Everett. Their pastor, Jeremy Fuerst, died in a tragic climbing accident.
- Jan Weakley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Pat Weakley Hein now under Hospice Care for congestive heart and kidney failure. Pat is Dick's little sister.
- We pray for Maggie Lamus as her sister, Barbara Werner, died following complications from a stroke and dementia.
- We pray for Pat Erickson as she seeks a solution to a physical problem that limits her mobility. Note: Prayer is working as Pat is feeling better!
- Update: We pray for Scott Morrow as he continues chemotherapy. We pray for his doctors, his strength, God's comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. He is home and is undergoing extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Update: We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris. Mary Lee needed another surgery and needs prayer as she heals.
- Sondra Santos asks for prayers for her uncle, Jimmy Sico, who was recently diagnosed with Glioblastoma. He has begun radiation treatment.
- Update: We continue to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling's sister. Linda had surgery and is recovering.
- We pray for Lucille Hofer as her daughter, Shirley Klien, died unexpectedly.
- Update: John Ortmeyer, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when an MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – She is on blood thinners to keep other clots from forming around her lungs. Praise as there is no cancer! Tricia tires easily but should be closer to normal within a year. Please continue to pray for her successful treatment.

Friend of Annette King

- Update: Larry O'Donnell – Larry continues to amaze with his improved energy level. He and the family need continuing prayers following the death of Larry's wife, Joyce, in August. From Annette King
- Praise – Our family appreciates the prayers for our grandson-in-law, Matt, who continues to be alcohol free almost 2 years. He is with an electrician apprentice program now. A special blessing arrived May 11th with the birth of Sarah and Matt's son, Jackson Paul. From Great Grandma Annette King

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhen
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray
 - Family of Bonnie Brown
 - Family of Celia Gordon
 - Sam and Rose Capetillo
 - Marcia Ricks and family
 - Joan Lyderson and family
 - Bea Swafford's family
 - Lucille Hofer
 - Bev Fox's family
- Larry O'Donnell
- 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 Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling

- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- 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 Dale and Janet Good.