



# The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

**Worship Bulletin** – July 5, 2026 – 10:00 am

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**Welcome to Worship Today!** Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.

**Hearing Devices** are available to amplify the worship service. Please see ushers.

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*For our liturgy, **BOLD** text invites you to join in the reading*

<u>Prelude</u>	<i>Communion Improvisation</i> (Fedak)	Gary Norris, Organist
<u>Ringing of the Bell</u>		Leslie Sutin
<u>Welcome</u>		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 2	Shirley Newman

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

**Against the Lord and his anointed, saying, “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us.”**

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”**

I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.**

You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

**Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Serve the Lord with fear; with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

Hymn

*O God of Every Nation – #289*

Prayer of Confession

The apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians, “For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” With full assurance of God’s grace and mercy in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

**Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are, so that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust.**

*Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.*

Assurance of Pardon

The apostle Paul also wrote to the Galatians, “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Special Music

*Goodness of God*  
(Johnson/Fielding/Cash/Rouse)

Leslie Sutin, solo  
Lorilee Brasseur,  
accompanist

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

FPC Singers     *Let There Be Peace on Earth – #60*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, family all are we.  
Let me walk with my neighbor, in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment, and live each moment, in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Scripture

Psalm 84

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Outdoor Joy*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn

*How Lovely, Lord – #207*

Communion Prayer

May the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up our hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**  
We give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give praise to our merciful and gracious Lord.**

*Pastor Alan will continue to pray.*

## Words of Institution

The 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 it, do this 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

*When invited, feel free to come down to participate in communion.  
Our Deacons will offer communion to those sitting in the pews.*

## Prayer after Communion

### Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

### Singing of the Lord's Prayer

Lorilee Brasseur

### Postlude

*Finlandia*  
(Sibelius)

Gary Norris, Organist

## Today

**Adult Sunday School: Music 101** – Join Elizabeth Nelson in Calvin Lounge 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for this five-week summer class, **Understanding the Basics of Music**, as we explore the building blocks of music together – including musical notation, rhythm, scales, time signatures, dynamics, sight reading, and more. No advanced musical background is required.

**Worship Next Sunday** will be at 10:00 am (also available online on our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel).

## Upcoming

**Lunch with Pastor Alan** – tomorrow (Monday) at noon in the library.

**Wednesday Summer of Joy Zoom Check In** – July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, we are taking time to gather via Zoom to talk about our joy readings, reflect on the sermon, talk about what is bringing you joy, and to pray.

Join Zoom with Meeting ID: 840 1349 4173 or [click here](#).

**Scrabble** – July 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

**The Gathering** – July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Westminster Hall. We continue our third Wednesday gathering for food and community. We will be watching the movie *Inside Out*.

## Announcements

Gary Norris will be participating in the national convention of the American Guild of Organists starting this Tuesday.

## **Top 20 Summer Challenge**

With the limited parking downtown on Sundays with the market and other exciting events, let's fill our parking spaces first. We have 20 spaces and, on some Sundays, they are not totally filled. Our challenge is to first park in our spaces, to make sure they are used for members and friends to worship on Sundays, and to free up parking at the top of the hill for visitors.

### **From Gary Norris:**

With the unfolding of many 4th of July celebrations: bands, banners, fireworks, speeches, can there be a quiet place, a source of inner renewal, a regain of perspective in our troubled times of testing?

One path leads to the hymn "This is My Song" #340 in Presbyterian Hymnal GLORY TO GOD set to the

lovely tone poem by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) *Finlandia*, Op. 26 with lyrics by an elementary school teacher and a Methodist woman seminary professor. It is a prayer set to music. Do these words resonate with you?

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.*

*This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

Listen as Viking Chorus, St Olaf's choir, Northfield, Minnesota, sings all verses with words: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCmdhQLtwag>



## **Lay Leadership**

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR Code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.



Pastor's QR Code

## **Calling New Members**

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR Code or talk with Pastor Alan.

## **Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun**

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at: [www.firstpreschurch.com](http://www.firstpreschurch.com).



## Please Pray for...

**Victor**, a local landscaper and friend of Chris Hoke of Underground Ministries, who has been held by ICE in the Tacoma Detention Center for the past year. Pray that he will be released soon and for his wife and two children under four. From Dottie Villevik.