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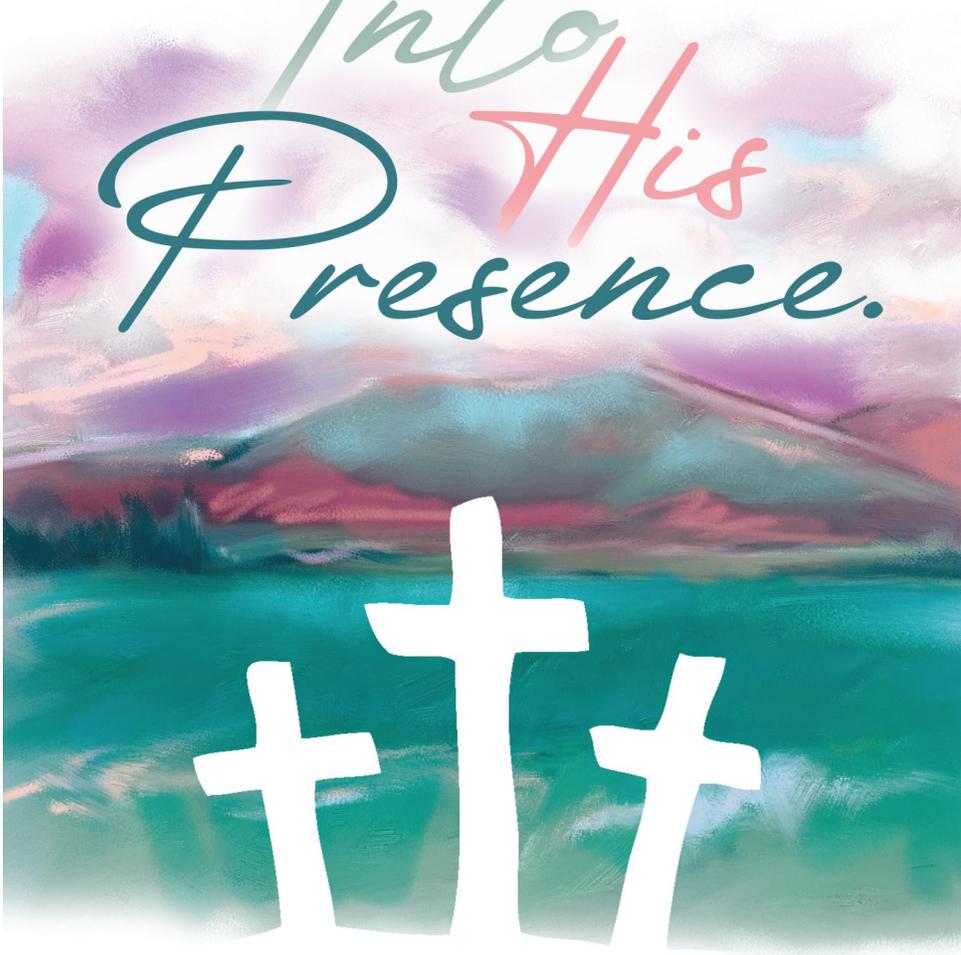
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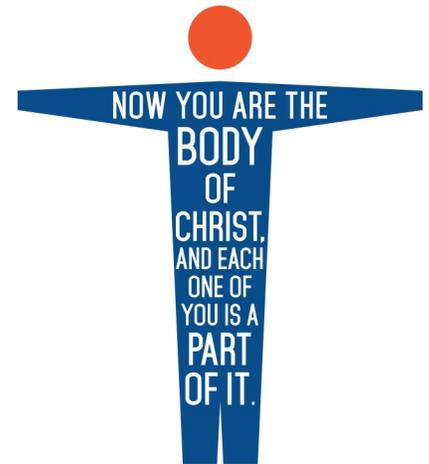
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He who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus and
bring us with you

*Into His
Presence.*



2 Corinthians 4:14, ESV



1 CORINTHIANS 12:27, NIV

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**The Carillon
June 2021**

Sunday Virtual Worship Schedule:

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship

11:00 am - Fellowship

12:00 pm -Adult Sunday School

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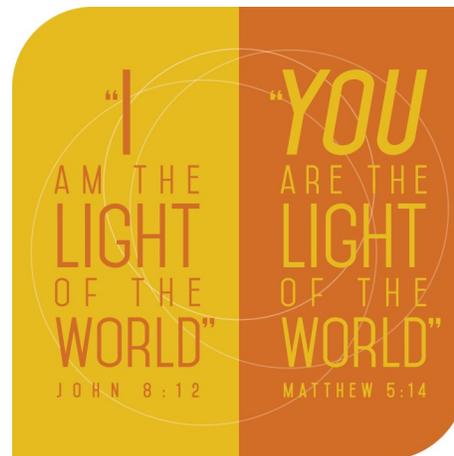
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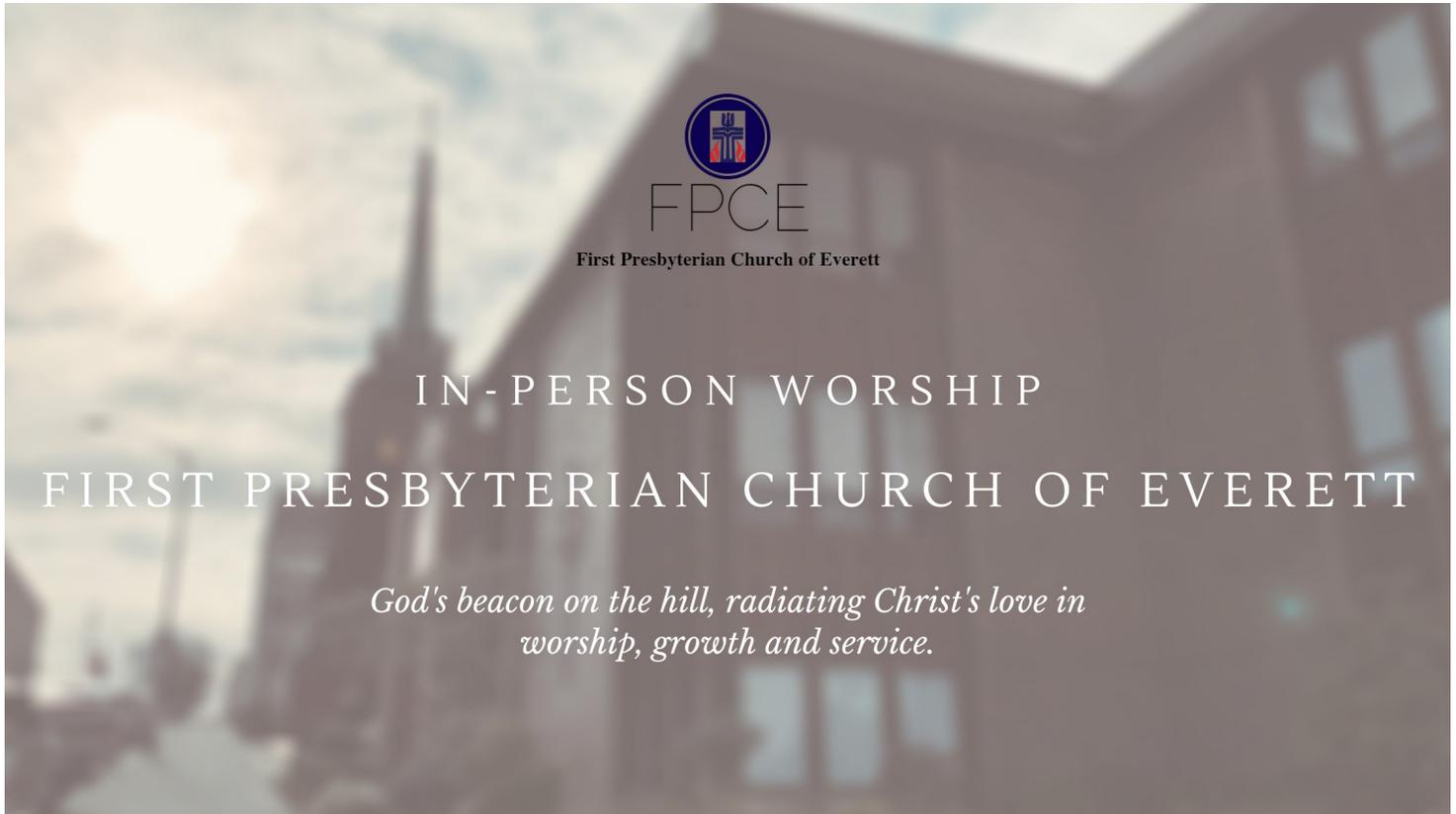
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In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem “The Hill We Climb” at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: “For there is always light, / if only we’re brave enough to see it. / If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

How often we long for light! In recent years we’ve agonized amid pandemic, angry politics and new awareness of racism. Some have suffered deep sorrow. But Jesus says, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12) and invites us to turn to him. God is always bringing light into darkness, through helpers, healers, peacemakers, friends. Sometimes bravery is required to turn our focus from the negative to the positive — to see the light of God.

Jesus also says, “*You* are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14, emphasis added) and calls us to brighten the gloom. That requires bravery, as Gorman notes, but as Christians we’re urged to look for light not just to make our own lives better but to shine into others’ lives too. The Holy Spirit gives us the needed courage — to both *see* and *be* light.



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett remains on Step 2 of the Reopening Plan - resuming in-person worship for up to 30 people. There is an online RSVP/registration process for us to monitor numbers and keep a record for contact tracing purposes. All attendees are asked to sign a Covenant of Care form. In addition, there will be no congregational singing of hymns, there will be no touching during the passing of the peace, and all those in attendance must wear a mask or facial covering.

Details regarding registration and complete details regarding reopening can be found on our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/fpce-reopen>.



SAVE THE DATE:

The 2021 All Church Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 29 at Legion Memorial Park. More to come!



Father's Day - June 20, 2021

Happy Father's Day to all of our FPCE Dads!



Class of 2021

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Are you or someone you know graduating this year? Tell us about it! We would like to honor all graduates on June 13, 2021 – Graduation Sunday.

Please complete this form to provide graduate information and return it to the church office by June 6, 2021.

Join us as we honor our graduates on June 13, 2021 at 10:00am, during worship.

NAME: _____

GRADUATION DATE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

HONORS/DEGREE: _____

FUTURE PLANS: _____

Church Library Resources for June Celebrations

In our year of celebration, June has much to offer: Graduations. Flag Day. Fathers' Day...

This annual day to appreciate fathers, like many holidays - secular or sacred - presents certain challenges in church life. Celebrating fathers, a challenge? Yes. Not everyone has a "Father Knows Best" past or present home life. Then there are recent losses, tragic losses, or just sad losses to acknowledge. Perhaps even more challenging is the temptation to sentimentalize or trivialize the relationship.

In the church there is the additional need and joy of celebrating the Trinity. Our traditional liturgy has familiar phrases such as "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" and of course "Our Father which art in heaven..." These terms call forth the challenges already mentioned in addition to concerns regarding exclusive portrayal of a male deity.

So where does a church library fit in these challenges? Books allow us to see beyond individual concerns and dive into a broader perspective. Still closed for general browsing, our collection is available upon request. A sample of possibilities about fatherhood follows.

Personal Narratives

Beautiful Boy: a Father's Journey through His Son's Addiction	362.29 She
Dreams from My Father: a Story of Race and Inheritance	973.045 Oba
Big Russ & Me: Father and Son, Lessons of Life	921 Rus
Facts of Life and Other Lessons My Father Taught Me	277.3 The

The Trinity

The Trinity (Foundations of Christian Faith)	231.044 Bat
Exploring Reality: the Intertwining of Science and Religion	261.5 Pol
Explaining the Trinity to Muslims: a Personal Reflection on the Biblical Teaching in the Light of the Theological criteria of Islam	231,044 Mad

For Young People

Enemy Pie [a father creatively helps his son with a friendship]	E Fic Mun
Father for Jason: Story of God's Love for a Child without a Father	E Fic Lea
Mockingbird (mok'ing-bûrd) [A father copes with son's Asperger's...]	J Fic Ers

As each of us celebrates Father's Day, may we be sensitive to the challenges the day may bring to those around us and alert to ways of relating with empathy. Reading and sharing books like those listed above offer resources for this effort.

Your requests and suggestions are always welcome! Happy Fathers' Day! Happy reading!
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Fourth Monday Book Group - June 2021

For now, Fourth Monday Book Group, open to all readers, continues to meet virtually by way of Zoom, the all-too-familiar pandemic platform. Much as we may miss meeting face to face, there is a silver lining. No need to get up early, dress up, or drive and find parking. A special treat has been welcoming friends and family who live beyond easy driving range.



Our selection for the **June 28** gathering is Kristin Hannah's *The Four Winds*. No book set so we are on our own - with the help of libraries of course - to procure a copy.

Four Winds is historical fiction celebrating the resilience and resourcefulness of women and the power of their fierce love of family through the desperate dust bowl days of our country. The compelling story brings to life the circumstances that drove families apart or cemented them together. Hannah shows the heroic roles of women in these times. Although today's challenges are different the theme of *The Four Winds* remains timely.

For July we're looking at a plan offering several choices. As a few longtime members may recall, the very first book our group read was Marilynne Robinson's *Gilead*. Everyone, maybe about six of us then, liked the book and felt that it deserved more than a one-time discussion. The prolific author apparently agreed; the original title has now become first in a series of four books.

Each book explores long standing tensions and affection among the memorable souls of Iowa's small town, Gilead. Aging Reverend John Ames III, diagnosed with a serious heart condition, knows he will not live to share the lives and times of his father and grandfather with his young son. *Gilead* is his extended letter for the boy to read as an adult to fill this void. The narrative is deeply theological and biblical, bringing Robinson's rich imagination to the prodigal son parable. Oprah has chosen Robinson's series for her book club and we might well do the same.

Gilead (2004) has been joined by *Home* (2008), *Lila* (2014), and now *Jack* (2020). Each title has been widely lauded. Creative retellings and expansions of the original story from different points of view, these books fulfill the craving of Robinson's readers for more about the beloved, complex denizens of Iowa's Gilead.

The proposed July plan is for each of us to read one or more of the series and come to the meeting ready to discuss them.

Again, no book set, but copies, especially of the earlier titles, should not be too difficult to find. Our church library has one or two copies of each.

See you via Zoom on **June 28** for *The Four Winds*.

Questions? Shirley Solberg (425-501-1607 / shirley.solberg@icloud.com)

For Zoom meeting details and additional Book Group information, please visit our website at <http://www.firstpreschurch.com/book-group>

Shining light in the darkness

[New worshiping community leader for those with mental health variances discovers the community as 'God in the flesh' by Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service](#)

LOUISVILLE — From February through April, the [Rev. Thirza Sayers](#) was in bed, in another space of darkness.

The leader of [Light for the Darkness](#), a new worshiping community that serves as a mental health ministry in the [Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy](#) and pastor at [Hillside Presbyterian Church](#) in House Springs, Missouri, has lived with treatment-resistant major depressive disorder and generalized anxiety disorder for 30 years. Then came post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This combination, treated with 20 [Electroconvulsive Therapy \(ECT\)](#) sessions, sidelined her from 2013 to 2017, when she took mental health disability leave.

When Sayers reemerged, the founder of what was then Caritas, the Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner, invited her to start leading groups for people with mental health variances. Then in 2019, Wagner received a call to pastor [First Presbyterian Church of Concord](#), in California.

“She told me, ‘Either you’re in charge or it’s finished,’” Sayers said.

She rebirthed it and named it according to the mission they were going to follow found in John 1:5: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

Light in the darkness is what Sayers experienced this year in her illness, she said. Her psychiatrist took her off the four medications she was on in case she was reacting to one of them. Physically limited, she was unable to do her yoga or bike, which were crucial elements to maintaining her mood.

“So often I felt God was absent in the darkness of 2013 to 2017,” she said. “But God was with me this time. I had learned where to look for God. And I stayed connected and asked for help from friends, family and community, which was essential in not letting the darkness overwhelm.”

They responded to her cries for help by walking her dog. Sending cards. Cleaning her house. Bringing meals. Chauffeuring her to doctors — and praying.

“It was as if God was in the flesh,” Sayers said. “They were doing these things as Christ’s body.”

For Sayers, this is what Light for the Darkness is about. Helping each other with “glimpses of light.” Reminding each other that God is in fact present, where hope lives and grace abounds.

Because the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy was spotlighting its NWCs, presbytery leaders asked Sayers to produce a brief video about Light for the Darkness. Coincidentally, Sayers needed a video that she could use to introduce the group via social media to people looking for spiritual mental health recovery.



Pet therapy has been an important piece of the Light for the Darkness ministry. The Rev. Thirza Sayers' dog assists in community groups and brings a certain ease to the atmosphere. (Photo by Neil E. Das)

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So, members in the Light for the Darkness community offered their voices, including Pat, who's been diagnosed with schizophrenia. Watch the video [here](#).

“Pat and some others thought his part might have been an estranging, but I thought it was important too that we have good representation of the spectrum,” Sayers said. “Pat actually helps destigmatizes it and creates more awareness.”

For Pentecost Sunday, Light for the Darkness also has a video called “The Coming of the Holy Spirit.” Watch it [here](#).

Last year, as the pandemic was raging, creating a video was a way for Sayers to bring a glimpse of light into the darkness in another way, sharing the creativity of her gifted friends, some of whom were struggling to find work. They included the videographer, the composer, the fire artist, the visual prayer artist and the narrator.

Starting on Memorial Day, Sayers will take a six-week break from Light for in the Darkness and Hillside. Both her [1001 new worshipping community coach](#) and her advisory board insisted on it.

During this “Sabbath time,” Sayers will determine what comes next. She's hoping to start a community group for low-income mothers as she continues to be proactive in reaching out to people who are seeking help for mental health variances.

In 2012, the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) declared a commitment to this churchwide movement that would result in the creation of [1001 worshipping communities](#) over 10 years. At a grassroots level, nearly 600 diverse new worshipping communities have formed across the nation.



Adult Sunday School 2021

Steve Hammond continues to lead the adult Sunday school series: “Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation”, by Professor Phillip Carey. “This course explores Luther's theology, the circumstances surrounding his conclusion that the papacy was "antichrist," and major issues and events in the Reformation as it unfolded in Luther's life after he posted his famous 95 Theses on the door of the church of Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517.” If you'd like more information about this course, you can visit <https://www.thegreatcourses.com/courses/luther-gospel-law-and-reformation>.

Adult Sunday school continues on the Zoom platform. Please note the following updated Zoom meeting information for Fellowship and Sunday school:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdD09>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,4319124902#,,,,*8604204# US (Tacoma)

Questions about
vaccination,
testing, exposure,
prevention, and
contact tracing?

Monday-Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Call the
**COVID Call
Center for
Snohomish
County:**

425-339-5278



Special dates:

Flag Day, June 14, 2021

Juneteenth, June 19, 2021

Father's Day, June 20, 2021

First day of summer, June 20, 2021

FPCE Welcomes Pastor Bob Nicholson



Sunday, June 27, our friend, Pastor Bob Nicholson, returns to lead worship and preach. For those who know him, Bob is a *plain spoken, easy going, down to earth messenger with a sense of humor* that according to one church member, “brightens your outlook on life,” and “strengthens your faith.” Bob will tackle the Gospel text, Mark 5:21-43, focused on the **healing, life restoring ministry of Jesus especially caring for children.** **“Help me, my little**

daughter is dying!” Cried out a distraught father to Jesus.

He will quickly *draw us into God’s call to be engaged, where we are today in our community and world.* This call comes in the midst of *health challenges, pandemic tragedies, broken relationships, and a sense of isolation.* Will you hear that divine call to be “a *healing person and presence?*”



In preparation for worship, please offer this prayer:

*O God, in these pandemic times, when our spirits are weary, our hopes have dimmed, our energies depleted, come to us in fresh and moving ways to **awaken us** to your love and wisdom, your power and the possibilities you offer us. Where we have fallen, lift us. Where we have failed, forgive us. Where we have gone astray, redirect us. What we know not, teach us. What we can become, empower us. Where we need to go, send us. In all our days and in all your ways, **awaken us** to be “the people of promise” and that “healing presence” this world so desperately **needs right now.** Amen”*

Bob has firsthand experiences in the church’s healing and health ministries. **LOCALLY:** Through his congregation, the first clinic for working Black and Hispanic poor in Lubbock, TX was launched, and during the same pastorate he was a founder of the Chaplaincy program at the Texas Tech School of Medicine’s Teaching hospital.

WORLDWIDE: he will document the urgent need to understand and support our church’s medical mission: *Jesus in present and working still in healing settings today through our mission coworkers in hospitals and clinics especially in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and Asia.*

Bob has prepared a **written take home assignment for you,** work steps, as you follow up worship in your prayers, study, and action. “When the worship is over, the service begins!”



JUNE CELEBRATIONS!



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



Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (if you are a **member** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in the future celebration listings):

Anniversaries:

- 6/4 James & Mary Lou Finley
- 6/6 Brian & Anna Cochran
- 6/9 Alan & Judy Hutchison
- 6/11 Sig & Sondra Santos
- 6/18 Dale & Janet Good
- 6/28 Ari & Robin Kohler
- 6/30 Michael & Martha Clemans

Birthdays:

- 6/2 Jody Heath
- 6/3 Greg Faith
- 6/5 Ed Coon
- 6/8 Adam Flournoy
- 6/10 Tony Scoringe
- 6/12 James Finley
- 6/13 Ari Kohler
- 6/25 Linda Senter
- 6/25 Doreen Solberg
- 6/28 Jackie Minor
- 6/30 Florence Day
- 6/30 Marsha Lueth

Juneteenth

Starting in 2022, Juneteenth will be a legal state paid holiday here in the state of Washington.

Governor Jay Inslee signed [House Bill 1016](#) into law on May 13, 2021. According to the Seattle Times, the bill, sponsored by Rep. Melanie Morgan, D-Parkland, passed the Washington State House in February and then the Senate in April.

Juneteenth — also known as Emancipation Day and Freedom Day — marks the day when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, in 1865 and informed the last enslaved African Americans there that they were free.

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th.

E-Newsletter Submission Deadlines

PLEASE NOTE - During the coronavirus pandemic, distribution of e-newsletters and the Carillon may be interrupted. We thank you for your understanding.

If you have information you would like included in upcoming 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletters, please send that information to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadlines:

June 10, 2021 (for 2nd Monday)

June 24, 2021 (for 4th Monday)

If you have information you would like included in 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.

Upcoming Deadline:

June 13, 2021

ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE.



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



- You can hold but not touch this. _____
- Before using this, you must break it. _____
- This falls without getting hurt. _____
- This gets bigger the more you take away. _____
- This has an eye but cannot see. _____

“In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the _____.
It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.
It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit
to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.”

PSALM 19:4 - 6, NIV

Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun



CARING FOR OUR EARTH (It's easy being green!)

From the Estuary Angels



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remove, Refuse, Repair

The Fierce Urgency of Now – 52 Ways to Care for Creation. Here are four for June:

* ***Start a garden – indoors and out.*** Plant a garden in your own backyard, or share the work in a community garden. Gardening is good for creation and saves you money. If no space outside, grow some veggies or herbs inside. Indoor plants produce oxygen and improve your air quality.

* ***Fend off “energy vampires.”*** Turn off and unplug items when they’re not in use. The socket draws electricity even when items are turned off. Some items that are often plugged in when not in use are blow-dryers, phone chargers, electric kettles, and coffee pots. Other items that are often left in the “on” position when not in use are TVs and computers.

* ***Take a reusable container to the restaurant for leftovers.*** One-time-use plastic and Styrofoam containers are easily replaceable with a reusable container. You can leave one by the door or in your car so you always remember it.

* ***Read a book about creation care.*** Recommended titles by the Creation Justice community:

1. *50 Ways to Help Save the Earth: How You and Your Congregation Can Make a Difference* by Rev. Rebecca Barnes of Presbyterian Church (USA).
2. *Creation as Sacrament: Reflections on Ecology and Spirituality* by Fr. John Chryssavgis of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.
3. *Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis* by Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas of the Episcopal Church and Rev. Dr. Leah Schade of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
4. *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change* by Rev. Jim Antal of the United Church of Christ.

Source: *Creation Justice Ministries – Justice for God’s planet and God’s people*

Special Days

June 1 is ***World Reef Awareness Day***. June 5 is ***National Prairie Day*** and ***National Trails Day*** and ***World Environment Day***. June 6 is ***Animal Rights Day***. June 8 is ***World Oceans Day***. June 15 is ***Global Wind Day***. June 17 is ***Dump the (Gas) Pump Day*** and ***World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought***. June 20 is ***American Eagle Day***. June 22 is ***World Rainforest Day***.

Enjoy the Beauty Around Us

Experience Washington’s Ultimate Road Trip – the Cascade Loop – recently named a National Scenic Byway. Go to cascadeloop.com for a downloadable map, video, beautiful photos, and ideas for things to do along the way. The Cascade Loop is divided into nine distinct regions to help you plan your road trip, based on the different landscapes you’ll pass through, their unique attributes, and the activities you can do as you go. The Whidbey Scenic Isle Way is the west end of the loop and is a great day trip on its own.

“A weed is but an unloved flower.” - Ella Wheeler Wilcox



Lunch with Alan

Prepare a lunch and sign on for a simple and fun opportunity to connect with one another. Lunch with Alan takes place Tuesdays at noon on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/82467645829?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82467645829?)

[pwd=RWVwZnBmeWF4M0xoNG
NRL1pOeHFSdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82467645829?pwd=RWVwZnBmeWF4M0xoNGNRL1pOeHFSdz09)

Meeting ID: 824 6764 5829

Passcode: 483855

Virtual Worship - Sundays at 10am on Facebook

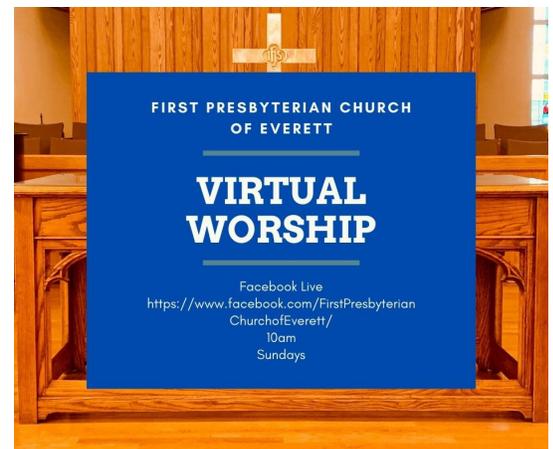
All are invited to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10:00am on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10:00am and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <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, the Saturday before worship.



Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Steve Hammond	Marne Larson	Elizabeth Nelson
Jamie Hunter	Bill Grosse	Debbie Roberts
David Baer- Peckham	John Gebert	Roy Yates

Deacons

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Marilyn Minch	Lisa Comstock	Sonya Beardsley
Doris Pearson	Bob Barren	Amy Farnham
Ed Pearson	Barbara Barren	

