

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

September 28, 2025 – 10:00 am

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.

Nursery Care

Supervised care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our nursery room on the 2nd floor. Please pick up by 11:05 am or 10 minutes after service.

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

Prelude	<i>Prelude on Aberystwyth</i> – Sam Batt Owens	Gary Norris, Organist
Ringling of the Bell		Leslie Sutin
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

Who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #281

Prayer of Confession

Perhaps we fear that if we admit the flaws of our lives, we will find ourselves too far away, unreachable by God's grace. But no chasm is too wide for God. In the act of confession, we begin the work of reconciliation, reaching out so God can take our hand once again. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we let in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our resources and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayers as we turn to you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy to us. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Alleluia. Amen.**

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings *Something Beautiful* #90

Pop-Up Anthem *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Directed by Ed Pearson

Scripture Luke 16:19-31

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

Sermon *Reversal* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 *Live Into Hope* #332

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *Toccata on Amazing Grace* – J. Christopher Pardini Gary Norris, Organist

Announcements

We celebrate the birth of Charles Dean Whelan! His parents are Michelle & William, he joins brothers James & Brady, and is grateful for his grandparents, Mike & Susan Davis.

Hearing Assistance

A limited number of hearing devices are available to amplify the worship service. To use one, please ask a greeter or Pastor Alan.

Welcome Lorilee!

Today we welcome our new Director of Music Ministry, Lorilee Brasseur! Lorilee has worked in churches for the past 20 years, including North Creek Presbyterian Church, leading worship, directing choirs, organizing programs, and sharing her musical gifts. Lorilee comes highly recommended and is described as an authentic, warm, and joyful presence. Our search team, Personnel Committee, and Session are excited for her to join our staff. Her first official day is this Wednesday, October 1st, and she will officially lead in worship on October 19th. Stay tuned for choir rehearsal days and times. Let's join together in welcoming Lorilee to our amazing church!

Advent Devotional Theme Writers Needed

Our theme this year for our FPCE Advent devotional is **Presence**.

Our annual devotional consists of daily writings throughout the season of Advent from our members. This is a time to be reflective as we share thoughts on our theme of Presence. We give and receive presents at Christmas, but where is Jesus' presence for you? Is it in the carols sung, the candles lit, the traditions, the time with family and friends, or do you find the essence, spirit, feeling of Christmas somewhere else? Our theme lends us to think about other questions like what relationship is meaningful to you at Christmas? What gift of presence was important to you at Christmas? Why? During Advent/Christmas, where is Jesus' presence seen, found, experienced for you? What gift was more than what was in the box?

All are invited to be creative and take a moment to write thoughts down to be added to the 2025 devotional. Submissions are due on or before October 31st and devotional copies will be able to be picked up on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Alan.

This Week...

Adult Sunday School – Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. This is a review & discussion of a 24-lecture Great Courses course on The City of God. Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82666606593?pwd=y2bNwTCfCjQzY0E7Z0BFBxJkDRmfdv.1>

- Meeting ID: 826 6660 6593

Lunch with Alan – Join us for lunch with Pastor Alan tomorrow at 12 pm.

Thursday Bible Study – Thursday Bible Study is October 2nd at 4:00 pm on 2 Timothy 1. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81320649537?pwd=343k4LdmdXE0lJ18GD5xg7xc9kzoHG.1>

Meeting ID: 813 2064 9537

Passcode: 509769

Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

- All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world. 25% is retained by congregations to support local peacemaking efforts. 25% is retained by the mid-councils to support peacemaking efforts at the regional level. The remaining 50% supports peacemaking, reconciliation and global witness. Please give generously; when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. For questions or more information, speak with Kari Nupen or any member of the Mission Committee.



2025 A Season of Peace Devotional

Every fall, the Peace & Global Witness Offering extends an invitation to join people of faith from around the country and the world for A Season of Peace, a month-long pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families and individuals. This season is a time of growth, encouragement, challenge, inspiration and education that invites you to consider your own relationship to peacemaking and justice. Although it did start a couple weeks ago, if you are interested in jumping in, the devotional can be downloaded from the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering website or reach out to Kari Nupen for assistance.

SPAM – October 3rd

You are invited to a birthday party on Friday, October 3rd. That's right, SPAM is celebrating its birthday—it was started by Jan & Dick Weakley 14 years ago.

Lunch is potluck; you are asked to bring a main dish or a salad. Birthday cake will be provided for dessert. Fellowship around the punch bowl begins at 11:30 am. Lunch will begin at noon.

Come enjoy the fun and celebration! Please sign up at the Welcome Booth.

Men's Breakfast – October 11th

Don't miss the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 11th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study. We hope to see you!

Souper Sunday – October 12th

Once again, the Deacons will be serving up food and fellowship in Westminster Hall right after service. Be sure and mark your calendar and come one, come all.

Priscilla Circle – October 13th

Priscilla Circle meets on Monday, October 13th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter two in our study book. All women are welcome. A brown bag lunch is optional.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets October 1st and 15th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

Book & Puzzle Sale Update

The book and puzzle sale scheduled for October has been converted to surprise “pop-up” sales during coffee hour. Books that have been donated will be held for these pop-up sales that will start soon. The Women’s Association thanks you for your past and continued donations.

Puzzle Place During Coffee Hour

There are many ways to engage in fellowship during coffee hour; here’s one more: Why not enjoy a jigsaw puzzle with friends? Look for the puzzle table in Westminster during coffee hour. A new fall puzzle is now available. Have fun!

Nursery Volunteers & Youth Sunday School

The Christian Formation & Discipleship Committee is looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service and to help lead youth Sunday school for this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good or Pastor Alan.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 379 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America this month. Great job! Our next in-person collection is on October 6th from 10am to 12pm.

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.

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FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett warmly invites you to a special worship service of prayer and acknowledgment on:

Sunday, October 26th at 10:00 AM
2936 Rockefeller Ave. Everett 98201



EvCP Pie Sale

Just in time for the holidays!



Sunday, Sept. 28
10:45 AM–11:15 AM

Sunday, Oct. 12
10:45 AM–11:15 AM



Pies delivered November 17th.

All proceeds support Everett
Cooperative Preschool.

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.

Prayer Requests September 28, 2025

- Alan Villesvik is home resting after being hospitalized for a heart attack. Please pray for his energy and strength to return quickly. Lisa and I also request prayers as we continue to care for him. From Dottie Villesvik.
- Please pray for healing and peace for Roy Yates as he recovers and rehabs from a fall.
- Please pray for my friend's daughter, Angela. Angela had an emergency liver transplant last year and recently had a complication on September 3. This resulted in an aneurysm that necessitated emergency surgery. So far, her kidneys are still functioning, and she has been taken off the ventilator. The repair is not long term sustainable, and she is back on a liver transplant list. She is currently on the transplant floor and has taken short walks and

is exercising to strengthen her body. Her family appreciates your prayers. From Annette King.

- Please pray for my sister-in-law, Sherry Johnson, who just found out she has to have dialysis every day for the rest of her life. Also, prayers for my brother, Bob, as he has to learn how to use the machines. From Pat Erickson.
- We pray for Rosemary Rheinheimer's daughter, Juliana, who has been diagnosed with Hashimoto disease. Rosemary is visiting Juliana in Brazil and they appreciate our prayers.
- **Update:** Margaret's daughter, Rita: her cancer has spread, and her doctors have said there is nothing they can do. She is home without any treatment options. Please surround Rita, Margaret, and their family with prayer as this is devastating news. From Lisa Villevik.
- **Update:** We are guardedly excited. Mike's great granddaughter, LeAnne, is being allowed to return to her traditional high school setting. She is continuing to receive treatments for her leukemia, but while not yet in remission (the cancer is still there), her chemotherapy is not at the bombardment stage any longer and her doctors say that many kids at this stage can tolerate a return to moderate social gatherings. Her cancer counts and vital sign markers are looking much more favorable. She has gained weight and her hair is growing out fast. Her final chemo treatments are scheduled for late summer 2026. While these are all "good" things, please continue to keep LeAnne in your prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please keep Adison & Ainslee, grandchildren of Mike & Martha Clemans, in your prayers. Adison is in Ohio to attend college and play baseball. Ainslee is in Austin to teach 7th grade math. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Lisa, daughter of a friend of Elizabeth Nelson, has a spider bite wound that is not healing and now threatens to require a foot or partial foot amputation. Please pray for a turnaround in her symptoms. From Elizabeth Nelson.
- Ari & Robin Kohler's sister-in-law fell and injured her knee and leg. Please pray for healing.
- Jay Kuhnenn and his mother continue to have back issues. **Update:** Jay's fusion on his back is now scheduled for November. His mother received an injection and has had some relief. Marcia's dementia continues to progress. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- **Update:** Sandy was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation along with her battles with spinal stenosis and neuropathy. Please keep praying for less pain, more comfort, mobility and good test results. She is very grateful for your continued prayers. Thank you from Annette King.
- Alan Villevik's sister, Mary Rogers, was diagnosed with an aggressive type of cancer. She chose not to proceed with surgery or chemotherapy. Please pray for comfort and freedom from any pain and for our nephew, Bob Rogers, who is caring for her. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.
- Please pray for Mary Margaret Villevik who is living in an abusive relationship in Europe and desires to leave but needs the strength and courage to leave safely. We appreciate prayers on her behalf. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.

- Our friend has been diagnosed with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). She needs a liver transplant. Please pray for a donor and as she waits, pray for strength and healing. From Alan & Vicki.
- We pray for Jean Kanter for healing, strength, peace, and happiness. Thank you.
- We pray for Carol Gresham.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, has very painful involuntary muscle contractions due to an illness. Prayers for pain relief and healing are appreciated. From Lisa Villesvik.
- The father of a friend of Ari & Robin Kohler was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. Prayers for his healing and for his daughter Meredith are appreciated. From Ari Kohler.
- Please pray for Ari Kohler's sister, Lolita, as she deals with health issues.
- Please pray for my daughter and son-in-law, Joanna & Jason and their 2½ year old daughter, Violet. Violet has been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Prayers for their ability to manage Violet's high blood glucose levels, a new baby, and Joanna's continuing recovery from a C-section. From Diane Preston.
- **Update:** Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Alan Villesvik. The two issues that are a challenge to him currently are his eyesight and his hearing loss. He wants to remain positive through all of this. From Dottie Villesvik.
- **Update:** Jade, our grandson, is still doing outpatient dialysis. He is being tested by UW for kidney transplant. He is still able to work for which we are all thankful. Please continue all prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Our nephew, Ben, is in dire need of a new kidney. Please pray for a donor and visit and share this website with all: <https://www.kidneyforben.com/>. From John & Lisa Gebert.
- Please pray for Robin & Ari Kohler's niece, Lola, as she deals with health issues.
- We pray for Marsha Lueth who has health issues that are preventing her from doing the things she would like to. She is comfortable, but we pray for healing and peace from the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray for my father-in-law, Richard Alfrejd, who continues to battle stage four cancer. From Emily Alfrejd.
- Monica's husband, Robby, is still struggling with the effects of his stroke. Prayers are appreciated. From Mike and Martha Clemans
- Aaron, a friend of Lisa Villesvik, has been very ill and has gone through dozens of tests. The cause of his illness has not been identified, and he is very discouraged. Please pray he will be restored to health and hope.

Continued Prayers

- Family of Tracy Klingler
- Family of Marilyn Larsen
- Family of Barbara Yates
- Family of Mary Grosse
- Family of Michael Goza
- Family of Bev Brandt

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William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

Live Into Hope

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Jane Parker Huber, 1976

Thomas Williams, 1789
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
 2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
 3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
 4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear — A vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

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