THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin July 20, 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

Nursery care is on summer hiatus and will resume on September 14th.

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

Prelude Thanks Be to God – Bach Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Leslie Sutin

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 15 Darcie Cooper

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart; Who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

In whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

Who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #376

<u>Prayer of Confession</u> Darcie Cooper

Those who speak the truth from their heart abide in God's presence. Let us speak the truth now as we confess our sin together:

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine the ways we participate and benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important. We confess our distraction, even when we embrace it because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ. Hear our prayers...

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

<u>Assurance of Pardon</u> Darcie Cooper

This good news is true and eternal, we are God's beloved children, holy and blameless, reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Let us live this good news: we are forgiven, Amen!

Praise Song Shout to the North Alan Dorway

Peggy Ulvestad

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings Make Me a Blessing #155

Scripture Joshua 2

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

Praise Song You Are My Hiding Place Alan Dorway

Peggy Ulvestad

Sermon Challenge to Our Sight Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Anthem In the Garden Ed Pearson, Trombone

Elizabeth Nelson, Piano

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 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #298

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing – Willan Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

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.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 215 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America this month. Great job! Our next in-person collection is August 4th from 10am to 12pm.

The Gathering - Chill Vibes, Good Food

Join us Wednesday, July 30th at 5:30 pm in Westminster Hall for the Gathering. This is a chill time when we get together as a community to eat, share, and have fun. Upcoming dates for The Gathering are: August 20 (AquaSox game), and August 27. All are welcome!

AquaSox Game - August 20th

On Wednesday, August 20th, we are going to an AquaSox game! If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome booth. Tickets are \$12 and the game starts at 7:05 pm. More information to come.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets August 6th & August 20th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

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.

This Week...

Adult Sunday School – Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. We will be watching The Chosen Season 3. Join Zoom using this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8952 6979826

Meeting ID: 895 2697 9826

Lunch with Alan – Lunch with Alan is on summer break. Lunch will resume on September 8.

Thursday Bible Study – Thursday Bible Study is July 24th at 4:00 pm on Acts 7.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8601 4705926?pwd=n6i55oXfRmZBhu b3gbKPaf4JZARsW5.1

Meeting ID: 860 1470 5926

Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

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

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.

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.



Pastor's QR Code

Prayer Requests July 20, 2025

- Bev Brandt died June 20th. Please pray for her family during this time. Her memorial will be here on September 27th at 2:00 pm.
- We pray for Stephen Moore as he recovers from knee surgery.
- We pray for Rose Capetillo's cousin and wife. They live in Texas where their house is a block from the rising river.
- Please continue to pray for Bill Grosse and the extended family. Mary's memorial will be here on August 2nd at 2:00 pm.
- Jay Kuhnhenn and his mother continue to have back issues. Jay will have a fusion on his back at the end of this month; his mother received an injection and has had some relief. Marcia's dementia continues to progress. Please pray for comfort for all.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Ron. Ron was a friend of Ray Smith who died unexpectedly. Ron was a teacher of English and a missionary in Vietnam. We pray for comfort and peace during this difficult time.
- We pray for Sondra Santos who is still recovering from a salmonella infection.
- **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 Villesvik'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 Villesvik.
- Please pray for Mary Margaret Villesvik 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 Villesvik.
- 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 who fell and broke her hip. She is slowly recovering.
- 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.
- **Update:** Bob Elder, friend of the Beardsleys, is healing from his motorcycle accident but it will be a few months before he will regain full use of his shoulder, arm and leg. Thanks so much for your continued prayers. From Sonya Beardsley.
- 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 doing outpatient dialysis three times per week. Sight problems from diabetes continue. He has cleared the first hurdle for a kidney transplant. Please continue all prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Update: LeAnne, Mike's great granddaughter, is home from a two-week hospital stay. After so much chemo she had a reaction that caused a lot of pain and resulted in seizures. After treatment, the pain is finally manageable, and the seizures seem to have declined. The doctors remain highly optimistic. This will be a very long battle with last "scheduled" chemo treatments sometime toward the end of 2026. Please keep LeAnne in all your 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.
- Margaret Lillie's daughter, Rita Cornelius, has started chemotherapy, and testing shows that her cancer has not spread. Thank God for this good news! Please continue prayers. From Lisa Villesvik.
- Mike Goza is on hospice. Please pray for him, Carolyn and their family during this time.
- 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.
- Please pray for wisdom for Lisa Villesvik's doctor in treating the condition in her mouth. They have not yet found a med that helps.

Continued Prayers

- Family of Tracy Klingler
- Family of Marilyn Larsen
- Family of Barbara Yates

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