

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
November 19, 2023 – 10am

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

Prelude *We Gather Together* – Holler Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Zephaniah 3:14-20 Mike Clemans

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

He will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival."

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time, I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised.

Among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #263

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer Mike Clemans

We know that our sins are too heavy for us to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. But we also know that you can lift that weight from us and transform our lives. Together, we lift our prayer of confession to you:

Today's Choir Anthem
For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth. For the beauty of the skies. For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies, over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour. Of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above. For all gentle thoughts and mild, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given. Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, flow'rs of earth and bud of heav'n: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn, our joyful hymn of praise. Our hymn of praise.

Announcements

**Flowers this morning are from Jan Weakley
in memory of Dick Weakley**

Deacons Contribution Drive

During the month of November, the Deacons will be collecting donations for the many activities they provide to our congregation and community throughout the year. Some of these activities include pizza parties, blanket drives, Easter brunch, Souper Sunday, graduating high school senior gifts, and donations to local organizations during the holiday season (food bank, Cocoon House, Millenia Ministries, YWCA gifts for families). They also provide coffee hour every Sunday, are responsible for communion the first Sunday of each month, and perform outreach to church members through calls, notes, and visits. If you would like to contribute to the Deacons, please use the green envelopes in the pews and note on your check Deacons. Thank you for your support and generosity.





Advent Potluck! – December 3rd

Join the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee and the Deacons as they host an Advent Potluck after worship on Sunday December 3rd. We will be kicking off Advent with festive music, Advent wreaths, and the good food you bring to share! We are asking you to bring a salad/veggie, main dish, or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth for you to let us know you're coming and what kind of dish you will be sharing.

Santa is Coming to Light the Downtown! – November 24th

We are excited to again support our community by sharing cookies, cocoa, and good cheer on Friday November 24th as Santa comes to turn on the Christmas lights downtown. This year we will be serving in front of the Everett Historic Theatre. We will gather on the 24th at 3pm here at the church and serve until 8pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth to sign up to help in one of two shifts. Yet, we need cookies and fast! Homemade, store bought, or other fun candy to share, we can use. Please talk with Pastor Alan if you have cookies you are able to drop of this week. Thank you!



VOA Food Donations

We donated 410 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this month. Great job! Our next drive-through collection is December 4th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door. Your donations support those in need here in Everett. Thank you for your donations.

Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.

Port Gardner Bay
Music Society
Presents

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

FEATURING
**PUGET SOUNDWAVES
BRASS ENSEMBLE**

SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 2023 • 3:00 PM
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF EVERETT**
2936 ROCKEFELLER AVENUE

SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR:
GENERAL: \$20 - SENIOR (65+) & MILITARY: \$15
STUDENT (12+): \$5 - DONATE AS YOU WISH.



This Week...

- **Sunday School** today is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Join Pastor Alan as we watch Season 2 of The Chosen.
 - Join Zoom using this new link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85803311791?pwd=RXZmczdqZjNWeWVyT2gvU1BvNEFIQT09>
 - Meeting ID: 858 0331 1791
- **Lunch with Alan** – is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** – *There is no Bible Study on November 23rd*. Join Pastor Alan November 30th using the Zoom platform. Our theme will be Advent.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

To all worshipping with us...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. Ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Use the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.

Prayer Requests November 19, 2023

- We pray for peace and the cessation of war in Israel/Palestine. While there are historical and political complexities and layers to this conflict, we boldly pray for Israeli and Palestinian families who have been caught in the middle and torn apart. We pray for those grieving, for those suffering, for those confused, and for those whose only reaction is to seek revenge. We pray for comfort, relief, healing, and release. We seek your peace that defies understanding to settle on families, individuals, and leaders on all sides. We pray, fully knowing we do not have the answers, knowing we are weak and sometimes prejudiced, but trusting our Lord Jesus knows the answer, is working, and is present there.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Please pray for Susan Klingler. The hip she had surgery on is not doing well and requires urgent surgery in the next two weeks. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Jimmy Sharp's friend, John, whose son was in a motorcycle accident and is paralyzed.
- Dierdre Hervey died November 9th. Please keep her family in your prayers.
- Vicki Dorway's friend's mom was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Please pray as they meet with Fred Hutch doctors and consider treatment options.
- Randy Fehlhaber asks for prayer for his dear friend, Marian Luca and his wife, Sanda. Marian, who grew up in Romania in a village and has a super strong gene heritage, and though his life has been "strong as a bull", is suddenly gravely ill with cancer. Word from Sanda is that his liver function is dependent on the next round of chemotherapy. Please pray for liver function.
- Please pray for our nephew, Scott Talley. Scott had a cardiac event and is on life support in Littleton, Colorado. No prognosis has been given at this time. From Bob and Barbara Barren.
- Please pray for Randy and Elly to find a house in Everett near a bus stop, so it is easier for me to visit and care for them. From Jodi Doney
- Jean Kanter has COVID. Please pray for a full recovery.
- **Update:** Amber McGuire, daughter of Phil & Sonya Beardsley, is home recovering. She is still having headaches and has a tiny aneurism that will be closely watched. The family is thankful for your continued prayers.

- Please pray for Hugh Minor.
- Please pray for Carol Gresham who is suffering with a compression fracture of a vertebrae.
- Please pray for Jay Kuhnenn who has been struggling with a couple of cysts on the nerve bundle in his lower back causing sciatica in both of his legs. The first injection has not provided relief. He is now exploring the next steps.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku with on-going health issues.
- **Update:** Sue Hermansen appreciates our prayers and sends a huge thank you to those who have lifted her family in prayer. She is asking for prayers for her vision which has been impacted by her stroke. For the present she is staying with her daughter, Lori. From Lois Tysseling.
- Our friend Karen Jensen asks for our prayers. Her husband recently passed away and she is now living in an adult home struggling with a long history of lupus. From Alan and Dottie Villevik.
- Our friend Meredith's mother, Beverly, is hospitalized in critical condition. We appreciate your prayers for her and her family. From Ari and Robin Kohler.
- We pray for Gary Norris' health.
- **Update:** Marsha Lueth – We are grateful to learn she does not have brain cancer. Marsha had a stroke but is thankful for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for Marsha for strength with her on-going health concerns.
- **New Update:** Son-in-law, Doug Schultz, is now committed to his “chemo for life” regimen (Revlimid). He's driving short distances, and we praise God daily for his improvements in his balance and strength. Thank you for your continuous prayers. From Annette King.
- **Update:** Karen, daughter of Marilee Richards, is making progress with her health challenges and the family is grateful for the prayers. Please continue to pray for ongoing improvement.
- **Update:** on prayer request for our granddaughter, Melissa Mobeck. Chris and Melissa both appreciate our prayers and ask for continued prayers for Melissa's healing. From Alan and Dottie Villevik.
- **Update:** On our friends Mike and Jeannine Schone: Mike continues to feel great and appreciates our prayers. Recent tests showed no cancer but is continuing his treatment as recommended by his doctors. From Alan and Dottie Villevik

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Cindy Rowlands
- Family of George Newland
- Family of Wes King
- Family of Peter Boonstra
- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy & Clyde Pitcher

- Susan Klingler
- Tom & Pat Dotson – friends of Bob & Barbara Barren
- Cody, grandson of Marilee Richards
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahan – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- 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.

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Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

Be Thou My Vision

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Ancient Irish poem
 Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

LIFE IN CHRIST



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.



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Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636
 Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.
 Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648
 Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
 And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heaven and earth a - dore,

With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.