THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin March 10, 2024 – 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		Gary Norris, Organist
Ringing of the Bell		Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
Call to Worship	Psalm 25:1-10	Merle Kirkley

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

HymnHere, O Lord, Your Servants Gather#465

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

The faithfulness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The mercies of God are new every morning. The confessing of our sin before God is an act of trust in the goodness of God. As we are honest with God and with one another about those places in our lives that stand in need of God's healing, we are opened to the mercies of God. So, let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence.

Merle Kirkley

Lord, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though your care is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: 'I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,' and he adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. (Hebrews 10:16-18)"

Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. With saints everywhere, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us,

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.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!				
FPCE Sings	Wonderful Words of Life	#218		
ScriptureJohn 15:1-11This is the word of the Lord.Thanks be to God!				
Choir Anthem	I Wonder Why	Directed by Steve Torrence		
Sermon	Quiet Prayer	Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway		
Prayers of the People				
Hymn	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	#403		
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway		
Postlude		Gary Norris, Organist		

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Today's Choir Anthem *I Wonder Why*

I wonder why, I wonder why? If his disciples were like us here, why they all left him and ran in fear as the world did crucify, crucify him." Oh, I wonder why?

I wonder why, I wonder why? If they were people like you and me, why they refused then to set him free, for the crown yelled, crucify, crucify him!? Oh, I wonder why?

I wonder why, I wonder why. If they were soldiers like boys we know, why they all beat him and mocked him so, then went out to crucify, crucify him? Oh, I wonder why?

If they were leaders like those we trust, why they were cruel and so unjust, when they judged to crucify, crucify him? Oh, I wonder why?

I wonder why, I wonder why? I wonder why men did not know him and love him then? Would we now put him to death again? Would the world still crucify, crucify him? Oh, I wonder why?

I wonder why? I wonder why?

Announcements

What is *Per Capita*?

Per capita means "for each person" which describes the way our denomination pays for the operating overhead of the church at all levels beyond the congregation. We are part of the Northwest Coast Presbytery and together with the other 54 congregations and 7 worshiping fellowships, through *per capita*, we fund the staff and operational budget to engage, equip and encourage congregations and their leaders.

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett's portion is based on church membership numbers and for 2024, our total *per capita* support is \$9,853.95. That is \$55.05 per member (Presbytery-\$45; Synod-\$.25; PC(USA) General Assembly-\$9.80). We pay the total every year as part of our connectional nature as a church. If you can give above and beyond your pledge or tithe toward *per capita*, we thank you. You can add *per capita* to the memo line of your check or click on the *per capita* tab on our on-line giving portal.

Adult Sunday School Today – Documentary: Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America

Kory Kanter and Pastor Alan will be showing the documentary Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America. This film follows Daryl Davis, an African American musician, who for two decades has been going out of his way to befriend members of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist groups in the hopes of persuading them to recognize their common humanity. After a chance meeting with a member of the KKK, Davis began to reach out to members of hate groups, and he found that the more willing he was to hear them out, the more open they became to embracing him. More than two dozen white supremacists have since renounced their ideology of hate in part because of Davis's peace offering. We will begin the movie at 11:30 am and then have lunch and a discussion afterwards. All are invited to attend.

Priscilla Circle – March 11th

Priscilla Circle meets on Monday, March 11th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. Annette King will be our hostess. Our guest leader, Rev. Ed Coon, will be leading us in a story from Luke. We are delighted that he will be joining us and inspiring us in his interpretations. All ladies are welcome, but if not a regular attendee, please call Judy Campbell so we can plan extra refreshments and materials.

S.P.A.M. – March 15th

Join us for the S.P.A.M. luncheon on March 15^{th.} Fellowship punch bowl is at 11:30 am followed by lunch (\$7.50) at noon. Our program is "The Next Chapter of Everett's Carl Gipson Center" by Cory Armstrong-Hoss. Sign up at the Welcome Booth by March 10th.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble continues in March. We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on March 20th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

Work Party – Saturday March 23rd

Have you ever struggled with changing a light bulb? Do you have too many keys to your house, but never took the time to figure out where they all go? Well, have we got some fun projects for you here at church! Join the Facilities Committee on Saturday March 23rd at 9am for a work party focusing on getting ready for Easter. Some projects will be changing light bulbs in the sanctuary, tracking down uses for the thousands of keys we randomly have, cleaning windows and pews, and if there are enough people, maybe some light outside work as well. We will meet in the library for assignments and partake in coffee and donuts to get our energy up. Questions, please talk with Steve Ulvestad.

Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast 2024 March 29th

The Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast returns on Good Friday, March 29. This unique

Christian-based event has a long tradition in our community, though it was suspended temporarily during the recent pandemic. The prayer breakfast is expected to gather about 600 members of the Snohomish County community for a time of prayer, music, fellowship, and Holy Week observance. Although the event is explicitly Christian in nature, all are welcome in the spirit of Christian love.

The prayer breakfast occurs at 7:00 am on Good Friday, at the Everett Events Center, just down the hill from our church. We have reserved two tables with 10 seats each and



First Presbyterian Church of Everett congregants will have priority to reserve these seats, free of charge. We will start signups for seats at our tables on Sunday, February 25, and signups will continue through Holy Week, on a space-available basis. Look for more details in the weekly worship bulletins. You may contact Steve Hammond at 425-879-1397 if you have further questions.

CFD First Annual Bake Off – April 14th During Coffee Hour

Do you live to bake? Or just want to give it a try? Join us for the CFD First Annual Bake Off and bring a treat in one of these categories: cookies/bar cookies, cake/pie/cupcakes, fancy pastries, or 'other'. Please bring 30-50 samples either premade or ready to serve by 11 am. Bring a sign to identify your entry (please state if it contains nuts) and don't forget to encourage tasters to vote for your treat. Sign up at the welcome booth by April 7th. Contact Teresa Good or any CFD member with any questions.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 254 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett this month! Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, April 8th 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. Thank you for your donations.

Musicians Request

Do you play or have a musical gift that you would be willing to share with the congregation? If so, then please contact Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries or talk with Pastor Alan. We would love to have you add your gifts to our worship experience.

Thursday Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible study schedule is as follows:

March 14	Job 40:6-41:34	God's 2nd Answer
March 21	Job 42	Last Words

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We donated 305 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett in February! Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is tomorrow, March 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. 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.

This Week...

- Adult Sunday School Documentary: Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America
- 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** Join Pastor Alan March 14th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Job 40:6-41:34 God's 2nd Answer
 - Join Zoom using this link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588443970?pwd=Z2VjdFFvK2c4dWhSRVdnVTlzTjNqZz09</u>
 Meeting ID: 895 8844 3970
- 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 March 10, 2024

- 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.
- Prayers for Susan Lynn as her brother, Mike Folkrod, died this past week.
- Prayers for Marilyn Carter and her family as she is on hospice.
- Please pray for Judy Pitcher who has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She is in good spirits but going through testing as the doctors determine a plan. We pray for peace and comfort for Judy and her family.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for my daughter, Jan Geibel. She now is in a new trial for the rare cancer gene she has. From Judy Pitcher.
- **Update:** Prayers for John Keatley (father-in-law of Alicia Beardsley Keatley) who had a quadruple bypass and heart valve replacement this past week. Hopefully going home from the hospital in a week.

- Jay Kuhnhenn will be having back surgery on March 25. Your prayers for a speedy recovery and relief from pain are appreciated.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer who is having memory issues. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Please pray for Margaret Lillie who is in the hospital with an illness.
- **Update:** Angela has been home for over a week. Her liver transplant is working well. There are still some issues and she is having more tests. Please continue your prayers. Thank you, Annette King.
- Mike Clemans had a successful knee replacement. We pray for his continued recovery and rehab.
- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.
- Joseph Williams, brother of Sondra Santos, is undergoing several surgeries after a lithium-ion battery operated foot warmer exploded in his boot, leaving him with third degree burns. Prayers for healing and a speedy recovery.
- Prayers for the Legasse family, friends of Steve & Nancy Torrence, whose grandson, Tyler, recently died.
- Prayers for Tony Tysseling recovering from a stroke.
- Elizabeth Nelson's good friend Heather Burke, who has on occasion sung soprano at our church, has a sister Angie who is battling cancer. Angie is a wife, mother to a 13-year-old, and a very talented business owner. She was diagnosed with uterine cancer and is now being treated with chemotherapy. Heather appreciates our prayers.
- Joanne, 90-year-old aunt of Martha Clemans, has been placed into nursing home dementia care. Prayers she can adjust and for her daughters and grandchildren.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- Please continue to pray for our friend's mom who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer. From Vicki Dorway

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde Pitcher
- Family of Eunice Allan
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way from Martha and Mike Clemans

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.

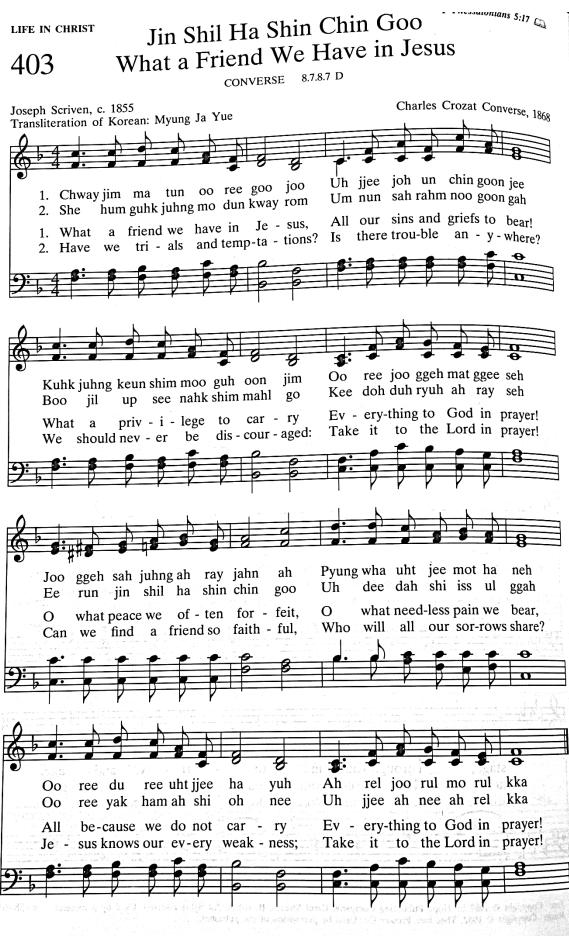
Jonn 14:6 MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather 465 TŌKYŌ 7.5.7.5 D Japanese gagaku mode Isao Koizumi, 1958 Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1958 Trans. Everett M. Stowe, 1958; alt. 1972 ser - vants gath - er, Hand we link with hand; 1. Here, O Lord, Your Scat - tered are lands. speak, tongues we 2. Man - y are the Chang-es nev - er cease: wide, o - pen 3. Na - ture's se - crets Filled with death-less love; re - newed, age 4. Grant, O God, an D T love we stand. Joined in cross, Look - ing toward our Sav-ior's love's de - mands. One in God, one in Yet our hearts are Find the source of peace? souls wea - ry where, can Where, O from a - bove Send us work and pray, Help us as we O Θ n Ð nite to pray: We u we seek the realm of God, As youth: Call - ing age and E'en in dark - ness hope ap - pears, strife: sore dis - tressed, Torn by end-less all those Un - to strife: in faith and Need-ed our power Truth and cour - age, A \mathbf{n} O T

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MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS



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- 3. Kuhn shim guhk juhng moo guh ooh jim 3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Ah nee jin jah noo goon gah Pee nahn chuh nun oo ree Ye su Joo ggeh kee doh duh ree seh Seh sahng chin goo myul see ha go Nuh rul joh rong ha yuh doh Joo eh poo meh ahn gee uh suh Cham dwen wee ro baat get neh.
 - Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge-Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.