

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
September 8, 2024 – 10am

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!

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

Prelude *Variations on Hyfrydol* – Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Spotlight from Deacons Mike Davis

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 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* #483

Prayer of Confession

God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's path of righteousness.

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. We get stuck in ruts of familiarity, not seeking your change or providence. Forgive us, Lord. Allow us to amend our ways. Help us embrace the love Jesus graciously offers us. Transform our lives through your Spirit. Hear us now as we open our hearts to you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Oh grandma, grandpa, you know that I love you
I love all those little things, that you say and do
The stories you tell, of things I never knew
Oh grandma, grandpa I love you
Oh, grandma, grandpa, I love you, I love you, I love you

Announcements

Tickets to Butchart Gardens

Pastor Alan has two tickets to Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC for September 19. If you can go or know someone who can go, please let him know. These tickets are free but can only be used for the day purchased.

Thank you for a great FPCE Summer!

Our summer program may have come to an end, but our memories are for a lifetime. Thank you to all who participated and led during our camp time.

For our Summer Camp Wednesday evenings – Thank you to Susan Lynn, Doreen Solberg, Joan Lyderson, and Judy Hammond for providing amazing food. Thank you to Barb Barren for leading our fun crafts. Thank you to Elizabeth Nelson for the use of a fire pit for s'mores. Thank you to Peggy Ulvestad for leading us in worship on the guitar.

Thank you to the CFD Committee and friends for leading the All-Church Picnic! Thank you to Steve & Judy Hammond, Marne Larson, Mike & Susan Davis, David Baer-Peckham, Joan Lyderson, Kari Nupen, Teresa Good, and Randy Fehlhaber. We also celebrate Jaques Mawudeku and Keeanna Mawudeku for winning the egg toss!

We also finished a new flooring combined facility and preschool project in the Children's Library. Thank you for Bob Barren, project manager, Steve Ulvestad, Randy Fehlhaber, and Elizabeth Nelson for this great work.

FPCE Parking Reminder

We know parking is a challenge around the church. We try our best to put up signs and check our north and alley lots to make sure members, guests, those coming for worship, and those who have business at the church have first priority. Yes, we are not perfect. We ask that you please put your parking sticker in your front window. If you do not have a parking sticker, please contact our office and we will make sure you get one. The Everett Cooperative Preschool begins their fall semester this week and parking will get tighter during the week. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the office or Pastor Alan. Thank you.

Interested in membership?

Want to know more about the First Presbyterian Church? Then you are invited to join Pastor Alan and session members in Calvin Lounge today at 11:30 am.

Where are our Name Tags?

Name tags are being refreshed and updated. Look for new ones on September 15th!

Priscilla Circle – September 9th

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, September 9th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter one in our book “Let Justice Roll Down, God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation”. A plant exchange will also be held. Bring lunch if you desire.

Men’s Breakfast – September 14th

Men’s Breakfast resumes on Saturday, September 14th at 8:30 am in Stocker Hall. Pastor Alan will be teaching on John 7.

A Place For Everyone Fair – September 29th

Discover all the amazing ministries, groups, and activities you can be a part of! Whether you’re a new or a longtime member, or a friend, this is your chance to connect and get involved. This fair, hosted by the Presbyterian Women, will be after church on September 29th in Westminster Hall.

SPAM – October 4th

Attention SPAM attendees! Our first luncheon this fall will be on Friday, October 4th at noon in Westminster Hall. Punch bowl is at 11:30am. Our program is Climbing Mt. Baker with Steve Hammond. The cost for lunch is \$7.50. Please note that the date has been changed from the third Friday of the month to the first Friday of the month.

Chili Cookoff – October 13th

Put your cooking skills to the test and taste some incredible chili recipes! Bring your best pot to share, or just come hungry and ready to vote for your favorite. After church in Westminster Hall on October 13th.

Calling All Handbell Ringers – September 15th

Can you count to four? You’re perfect for handbell ringing! If you are interested in becoming a handbell ringer, there will be an informational meeting on September 15th at noon in the sanctuary.

Adult Sunday School – September 15th

Adult Sunday School will continue September 15th 11:30 am -12:30 after worship in Calvin Lounge. We will continue the Biblical Wisdom Literature course. We will be starting to review Sirach, a wisdom book included in the Apocrypha, a collection of books written between the Old and New Testaments that are included in Catholic and Orthodox bibles but usually not included in Protestant bibles. The books of the Apocrypha serve as a bridge that helps explain the progression of Judaic thought between the Old and New Testaments.

After Sirach, we will review the Song of Songs and Daniel before returning to an important book from the Apocrypha, The Wisdom of Solomon. The final phase of the course (which will not happen until next Spring) will take us to the wisdom literature of the New Testament.

The Biblical Wisdom Literature course traces the development of wisdom thought and literature from early Judaism to early Christianity, helping to deepen understanding of the Biblical story of God’s ongoing revelation of Godself to humankind. You can join us any time and still learn about the treasury of wisdom literature in our Bible.

Church Photo Directory

The Deacons would like to put together a new photo directory of FPCE members/friends. Rather than having photos taken by a professional photographer, we thought that it would be more interesting to have members/friends submit their own photos.

These photos could be informal and bring out the personalities of members/friends. For example, a photo might include a pet, a child or grandchild, a favorite vacation spot, or a favorite hobby.

We would like to produce the directory sometime this fall.

Whatever photo you decide on, be sure that your face fills enough of the frame so that you are recognizable. And be sure that the

image resolution is as high as possible, since we may need to crop or enlarge your photo to fit the space available. Here are a few ways you can create a photo for the directory:

- You can have someone take a digital photo of you, using a camera or smartphone, and you can submit the photo via email or thumb drive.
- You can submit a photo print, which we can scan and return to you.
- You can have a volunteer take a photo of you at church or in your home (if you have trouble getting to church).

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Davis. Please submit your photos to Doreen in the church office. doreen@firstpreschurch.com



Book and Puzzle Sale

Please save your books and puzzles for the upcoming book and puzzle sale sponsored by the Presbyterian Women on October 20 & 27. Collection boxes are in Westminster Hall and in the office.



VOA Food Donations

We donated 392 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America food bank here in Everett! Great job! Our next in-person collection will be on Monday, September 9th.



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.

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.

Nursery Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service beginning this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good.

SCRABBLE

We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on September 18th 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. Hope to see YOU there!

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** – There is no class today.
- **Lunch with Alan** – Join Pastor Alan for lunch in the library at noon on Mondays. We gather to talk and share life together. The north door opens at 11:45am. All you need to do is bring a sack lunch and come on down.
- **Thursday Bible Study** – Join Pastor Alan on Thursdays this fall as we study the Sermons and Parables of Jesus! September 12th at 4pm we will be studying Sermon on the Mount Part 1 Matthew 5.
 - Join with this Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86445072985?pwd=Vy084nCRzrMvRdau63rbgsKkYYefMg.1>
 - Meeting ID: 864 4507 2985
 - Passcode: 151013
- **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. We 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.
- Feel free to use any of 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 September 8, 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.
- We pray for those who have been affected by Hurricane Beryl. We pray for the Capetillo family and many others who have loved ones in the area.
- Judy Kutz died August 12th. We pray for comfort and peace for Jim and the Kutz family during this difficult time. Judy's memorial will be September 21st at 1:00 pm in our sanctuary.
- Vicky Ahmann died on July 19th. Please keep her family in your prayers during this time. Vicky's memorial will be September 11th at 1:00 pm in our sanctuary.
- Please pray for Howard Garner as his brother Jerry died.
- We pray for Jaden, grandson of Mike and Martha Clemans, who is having kidney issues.
- We pray for Martha Clemans as she finally knows the cause of her pain, a broken hip. We pray for the treatment she will be receiving and a quick road to healing.
- Please pray for my friend Sandy who is battling spinal stenosis. Please pray for less pain, more comfort and mobility as Sandy is trying to live with this disease. She sends her gratitude for your prayers. From Annette King.
- Please pray for my friend Tammie's dad who has recently been moved from his home to a retirement center. He is having a hard time adjusting. Please pray for peace and happiness, new friendships, activities of interest, and acceptance of the center's rules. From Annette King.
- We pray for Doreen Harris, Robin Kohler's mother, who has COVID. We pray for healing.
- Thank you for my brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Ellyn. I love them very much, am grateful we are family, and pray they can find a home. From Jodi D.
- We pray for Jean Kanter who has laryngitis.
- We pray for George, a friend of Marilee Richards, who is struggling with health concerns.
- We pray for those affected by COVID. We pray for comfort and quick healing.
- Monica Clemans had a second knee surgery. Prayers for healing.
- Prayers and safety for Ainslee Mattix, granddaughter of Mike & Martha Clemans, who starts teaching middle school in Texas in September.
- Please pray for Mike Goza who has been diagnosed with cancer. We pray for his strength during his treatment plan. We lift up Carolyn and the family as they walk with Mike during this time.

- We pray for Ben, nephew of John and Lisa Gebert. After Ben's kidney surgery, it was determined he has cancer. Determining the extent of it and a plan. Prayers for the family.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku who had a stroke. She is at home working on a recovery and rehab plan.
- Pray for health and clarity for Chris Mattix, son-in-law of Mike and Martha Clemans, who had surgery and is at home recovering.
- Please pray for Lisa G, Ari and Robin's ex-sister-in-law, who will be going through upcoming surgeries.
- We pray for Eric Chavis who is recovering from heart surgery. We pray for his health and for Mary Ann during this time.
- Please pray for our friend's sister and husband who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Pray for strength and healing as he begins radiation treatments. Alan & Vicki Dorway.
- Thank you for the prayers for our friend's mom. She is responding well to her cancer treatments and appreciates your prayers. From Vicki & Alan Dorway
- Richan Jensen, sister of Dariel Norris, is terminally ill with cancer.
- Prayers for LeAnne, Mike & Martha Cleman's great granddaughter, who is beginning phase 2 of her chemo treatment for leukemia. Prayers for healing, strength, and wisdom.
- **Update:** Marilee Richards' daughter Karen and her family now have housing but still need prayers for wisdom, stability and guidance.
- Please also pray for Marilee's nephew's family who are facing life-changing challenges. Please pray for wisdom and guidance.
- Marilee Richards' grandson, Cody, needs direction and wisdom.
- Chris Butterfield is undergoing steroid treatments for his back pain and is seeing some improvement. Please pray for continued relief. From Lisa Comstock and Dottie Villesvik.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- Milt & Aurla Magee want to share more good news about their son, Dale. Dale continues to improve from his cancer. His stem cell replacement has gone well and with the end of his chemo, he continues to improve with no side effects. Dale's stay at the hospital will be another three weeks before he is able to go home. The doctors presented him with a congratulation card as Dale walked a marathon while there. Mitt and Aurla are grateful for their friends, Tom & Pat Erickson, for making sure Dale has been on our prayer chain. God is good!

Continued Prayers for FPCE

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| • Family of Marilyn Carter | • Jan Geibel |
| • Family of Hugh Minor | • Robby as he continues to heal and for |
| • Family of Clyde and Judy Pitcher | Monica helping every step of the way – |
| • Family of Deirdre Hervey | from Martha and Mike Clemans |
| • Family of Carol Hopper | |

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.

483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

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 1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
 2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
 4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
 keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful
 tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
 prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy-ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right:
 gent-ly leads the cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 soul and bod - y take your part:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with the phrase 'To God all praise and glory!'.

*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7

GOD

298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God'smer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;

There's a kind-ness in God'sjus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.