

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

August 6, 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 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* – Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 121 The Message

I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains?

No, our strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.

He won't let you stumble, your Guardian God won't fall asleep.

Not on our life! Israel's Guardian will never doze or sleep.

God's your Guardian, right at your side to protect you—

Shielding you from sunstroke, sheltering you from moonstroke.

God guards you from every evil, he guards your very life.

He guards you when you leave and when you return, he guards you now, he guards you always.

Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #379

Prayer of Confession

In this moment, we remember the nature of our baptism, rooted in God's grace. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed the model set before us in Jesus Christ. With every confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourself. You desire for your children to be fed, have dignity, and be welcomed. But in our own distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires. We are too busy and have turned away those who are hungry and

crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you and missed how you multiply your gifts with great power. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Take a moment of personal confession and reflection.

Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all of creation. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen**

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (verse 1) #464

Scripture John 4:7-24
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Rocky Mountain High* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Choir Anthem *God Is Here!* Directed by Steve Torrence

Communion Liturgy

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us lift our hearts before the Lord.

We lift our hearts to the One who offers us grace which never ends.

You alone are Holy and Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is your true blessing and hope for us. When he could have deserted us, as we continued to stumble through sin, he was filled with compassion, and came to be with us in our pain. When he could have kept silent in response to our fears and doubts, he told stories of your love and grace. When he could have detoured around our violence and anger, he walked straight into death, so we might be saved.

As we gather at the edge of your kingdom, coming once again to the Table, we pray you would pour out your Spirit of reconciliation upon us, and on the gifts of the bread and the cup. You feed us with this meal, not that we might become gluttons, but so we might become servants in your kingdom of holiness. Where we see only crumbs on the Table, you see enough leftovers for us to take to feed a hungry world. Where we see only the last few drops in the cup, you see enough grace for us to fill the empty hearts of your children forgotten and alone in the world.

And when we come to the edge of eternity, with our struggles over, all our pain left behind, we will gather around your Table of grace, joining with all who will forever sing of your love, **Amen.**

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Communion

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Please come forward to receive communion as hosted by our Deacons.

Prayer

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Lord's Prayer

Led by Steve Torrence

Postlude

Toccata on Amazing Grace – Pardini

Gary Norris, Organist

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Part of our liturgy this morning is adapted from Thom Shuman and the Presbyterian Outlook 2023, written by Dana Moulds and provided for free distribution.

Today's Choir Anthem

God Is Here!

God is calling us, ev'ry one, mother, father, daughter, son. Calling us to join in His praise, joyful voices together raise.

People from ev'ry-where, coming from far and near, joining together to share the news. People from ev'ry-where, coming from far and near, listen to what they share, God is here!

Come together from far and near; catch the spirit God is here! Come together to serve the lord, boldly speaking His holy Word!

Serving the loving Lord, speaking His holy Word, joining together to share the news. Serving the loving Lord, speaking His holy Word; listen to what they say; God is here!

Let your hearts be quiet, still, listening for His holy will.

In the darkest night, see the morning light, let your heart take flight God is here!

Come, people, praise His name with the harp and lute; praise His name with the drum and flute; praise Him for His abundant grace; let the joy of love fill this place.

All people sing His praise, voices to together raise, singing together the joyful news! All people sing His praise, voices to together raise, listen to what they say God is here! People sing together; God is here!

Announcements

VOA Food Donations

Our next drive-through collection is tomorrow, Monday, August 7th 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. Your donations support those in need here in Everett.

Men's Breakfast – August 12th

The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, August 12th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!

Donate to Weed

The Facilities Committee appreciates everyone who has volunteered and generously donated their time with our projects. Still, weeds have taken over many of our gardening beds here at church. If you enjoy weeding, if one sunny day you feel the urge to weed beyond your yard, if you have close-toed shoes, gloves, and a water bottle, then we invite you to come down and weed! If you have questions or want more direction, please touch base with Pastor Alan or Elizabeth Nelson and they will help you get set up and weeding here. Thank you!

All Church Picnic – August 27th at Legion Park

CFD will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, and drinks. All you need to do is bring a favorite picnic side (like salad and dessert). We will begin sign ups to make sure we have enough food in August.

All Church Retreat – September 16th – Sign-ups at the Welcome Booth!

Sign-up today for the the All-Church Retreat on September 16th at Warm Beach. The cost is \$20/adult, \$5/youth (age 9-18), free for 8 and younger. To make sure we have an accurate count for our fun activities and surprises, we will ask for payment before the retreat. However, for now, sign-up at the welcome booth to add your name to the list and let's get excited for this wonderful event!

SCRABBLE

Scrabble is on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on August 16th 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!

Extra-ordinary Summer 2023

This summer, Pastor Alan is preaching on how Jesus works in our ordinary time. We love summer for the warm days, longer nights, vacations planned, campouts, BBQs, and many other reasons. Every summer needs a mix tape and a guide. We will navigate the themes of summer with our mix tape and begin a daily reading guide to lead us with Jesus. The summer mix tape list and summer reading plan are available at the welcome center.

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...

- **Sunday School today** is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Steve Hammond is leading a new lecture series “Great Figures of the New Testament”.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **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 on August 10th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Luke 14:15-24: Parable of the Great Dinner
 - 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 August 6, 2023

- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- **Update:** As of the end of July, Wes is still at Providence. The hospital team and case workers are continuing to search and locate a local place available to accommodate his medical needs. Wes has rallied, his vitals are good, and he is trying to do more for himself. We appreciate your continued prayers for his pain management, comfort, and God's will. From Annette King.
- We would like to ask for your prayers for our friend Pat Agidius. He recently underwent gastrointestinal surgery. **Update:** He has been released to home while they evaluate him for further procedures. Your prayers are appreciated. From Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Marilee Richards whose friend died unexpectedly.
- We would like to ask for your prayers for our friends Tom and Pat Dotson. Tom has pancreatitis and has been hospitalized in poor condition. Pat has dementia and is not sure where she is. Pray also for their daughter Jennifer who has suddenly assumed a great responsibility. **Update:** Tom was released from the hospital to home. He had a heart attack and is back in the hospital awaiting open heart surgery. Thank you. From Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Wanda Folsom who has three fractures on her back. We also lift up our friend Margaret who fell and broke her hip. **Update:** Margaret's daughter broke her ankle while Margaret broke her hip. Both have had surgery and are healing and recovering.
- We pray for Susan Klingler who is recovering from hip replacement surgery. In addition, she fell and broke her femur. She had surgery and will now be recovering from two surgeries. From Lisa Comstock
- Please pray for our friends Mike and Jeannine Schone. Mike was diagnosed with brain cancer and will be starting chemo. Also pray for Jeannine as she supports him during this time. From Alan and Dottie Villevik
- We pray for Marsha Lueth's severe chronic cerebral microvascular disease as it is causing even more weakness. We also pray for her health and spirit as she deals with other medical issues.
- Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece, Leanne, whose IgA Nephropathy (Berger's Disease) is attacking her kidneys again. **Update:** She is now going through dialysis three days a week and is on the kidney transplant list.
- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- **Update:** Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King. Praises to God! Doug is home in Roseburg and feeling better each day. After blood tests in early June, he will be scheduled to see his local oncologist to make treatment decisions. He hopes to build up sufficient strength necessary to begin physical therapy. Doug still has a long road ahead and we'll update you as he progresses. He and the family thank you for continuing to pray.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.

- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Art & Sue Hermansen
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – 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
- Cindy Rowlands
- Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- 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.

379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

Edward Mote, c. 1834

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, My an - chor
 whelm-ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is
 Him be found, Dressed in His right - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

Refrain

lean on Je - sus' name.
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
 all my hope and stay.
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Alternate tune: MELITA, 562

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

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Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain African-American spiritual
Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988

African-American spiritual

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

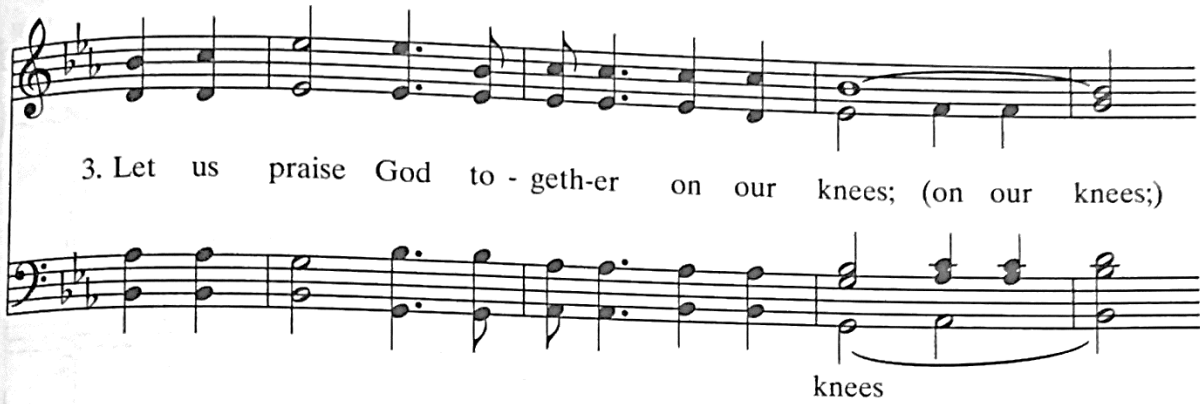
Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

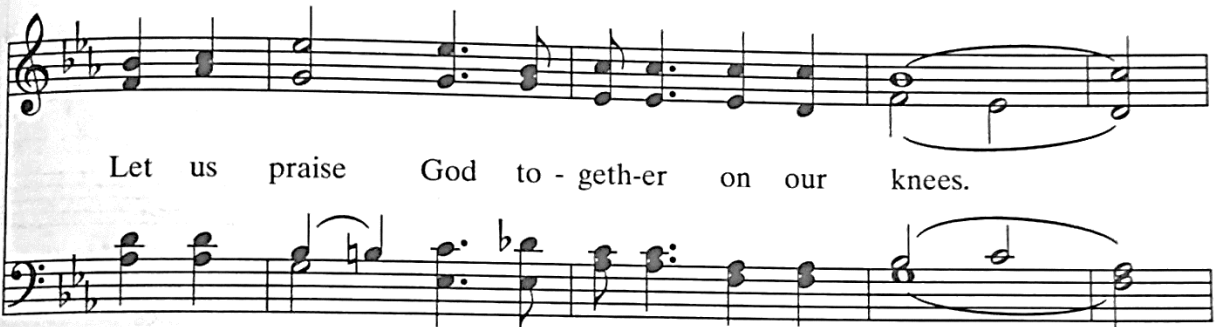
O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

LORD'S SUPPER



3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

knees



Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)