

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

October 4, 2020

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* – Crosby Gary Norris, organist

Ringing of the Bell – Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome – Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

One: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,

All: To celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

One: This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us. We praise God's name!

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

Hymn – *In Christ there is No East* #439

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north,
All Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture.

When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path.

We also pray for all who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world. Amen.

Scripture – Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon – *Cornerstone* Pastor Alan

Communion

Today we participate in communion together. Please take a moment to organize some bread and juice for you and your family. We will follow the liturgy with Pastor Alan. When he breaks the bread, so will you. When the cup is blessed, so will yours. Then we will share in the Lord's Supper together.

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Jesus said: Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. (John 6:35)

Thanks be to God.

They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Hymn – *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* #417

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.

3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with your wonted loving-kindness
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

4 Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

Communion Prayer

From every place on this planet, we turn our face to you, O God. Gather us, all your people, together, to pray. Against the forces which would separate us, bind us in your love as the Church, together. Strengthen us through the grace of your people gathered, no matter how we gather, with the truth of your presence.

In a world aching to be made new, we cry out with those who suffer the pains of what powers and principalities extract from the world's poorest. We cry out with those suffering from illness and disease, at whom the world turns a callous glance. We cry out with those seeking justice, equality, and peace —peace, at all times, in all ways.

In a world stretching toward wholeness, we celebrate with those whose lives bear the fruit of your Spirit and seek to share in your call to partnership. We celebrate with those whose efforts are making the world new. We celebrate with all who gather to earnestly seek your transforming work in the world.

Make us a world that grows into the shape of your communion table, where all are welcomed, and all are fed. Make us a people who grow your family by practices of mutuality, generosity, and justice.

And may we be found to be witnesses, when Jesus returns, to the truth of who we were created to be — people who belong to each other, people who belong to you. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion is served and shared

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for meeting us once again through this simple meal. For nourishing our bodies and our souls, and for filling us with hope as we look forward to the eternal banquet.

Amen.

Singing of the *Lord's Prayer*

Steve Torrence, solo

Benediction

Postlude – *Jesus thy Blood and Righteousness* – Arr Bish Gary Norris, organist

***Our prayers are from worship resources prepared by our global partners for World Communion Sunday**

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/page/worship-world-communion-sunday-2020/>

Reminders and Announcements

Thank you! We brought in 519 pounds of food for our local Volunteers of America Food Bank. This simple act will bless and provide for people in our community. You rock!

Join us for our learning series on Christianity!

This course is a remarkable class on how Christianity was born, how it grew, developed, and how it remains central to lives around the world. This is a chance to examine the religion that many of us grew up within, and which continues to transform our lives daily.

FPCE Sunday Coffee Time and Bible Study – NEW Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82991650201?pwd=ZDE1YzRZaDhIRWFteDg5ZC9xaUMxQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 9165 0201

Passcode: 049854

1. Virtual Coffee Time at 11:15am today! Use the link above to join for a relaxed time of greeting and talking to each other.
2. Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
3. Lunch with Pastor Alan this week is on Tuesday at 12pm.
4. We are using Zoom for a Thursday Bible Study at 4pm. We are looking at the words of Jesus. This Thursday, October 1st, we will study Matthew
5. All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.

Prayer Updates for October 4, 2020

- Prayers for Jan Weakley and family after Dick's death on September 24th. Dick was interned in the columbarium with family present. A memorial will be planned later.
- Prayers for Clyde and Judy Pitcher. Clyde had a heart attack on September 12th, but is home recovering.
- Pray for Pat Stanley and her husband Dennis as Pat is battling cancer and in hospice care. From Bob and Barbara Barren
- Prayers for Mike Gresham, his family is moving to Colorado soon. From Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Marty Blea. His brother passed sat in Albuquerque and was not able to go but watched via Facebook till he took his last breath. Marty is having a hard time. [from our online prayer request form]
- Please pray I will find a job soon and be able to sleep at night – Crystal Vines [from our online prayer request form]
- Prayers for Susan Davis as she recovers and rehabs from knee replacement surgery.
- Prayers for Pastor Alan's sister-in-law, Nicole, and family after Nicole has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell and family after Jack's death on September 12th.
- Prayers for Wayne Hutchcroft and family as they lost everything in the fires near Portland. Wayne is related to Rose Capetillo.
- We pray for all who have been displaced, had homes destroyed, or loved ones die in the fires along the west coast. We pray for firefighters, hospitals, and community organizations working to fight the fire and care for people during this time.
- We pray for our young adults, youth, and children as they head back to school.
- We pray for teachers, administrators, and faculty as our youth head back to school.
- Update on Leslie Sutin's nephew Jason. He is no longer in need of a liver transplant. The new medication is working. Praise God and we continue to pray.

- Pray for Lisa Comstock's Aunt Mary and Uncle Len. Mary had a surgery and was in the hospital for longer than expected. She is now home. However, Len fell and is in the hospital with a broken elbow, cuts and swelling on his face.
- Pray for Steve Torrence as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Pray for Larry Nalbach who is dealing with health issues. Larry is Marilyn Nalbach's brother.
- We pray Mary Villevik and family as her mother Virginia Shelly died. Mary is married to Eric, Alan and Dottie's son.
- Prayer for Jay Kuhnenn and family as his father died on August 19th.
- We pray for the Youngstrom family as George died on August 18th. Per the family and George's request, there will not be a memorial.
- We pray for Judy Oberg and family as Dick died August 9th.
- We pray for Peggy, Steve Ulvestad and family at the death of James Morris Bell, Peggy's dad. Morris had a family graveside service on September 9th.
- Benny Romana's sister-in-law of her husband has died. Prayers for the family.
- Update: Tim and MaryAnne LeCompte. MaryAnne is slowly recovering from her stroke and is in long term rehab – Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Gregg DeSchepper died. Terrie appreciates continued prayers. – from Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Our daughter Jessica Rozal completed chemo and started radiation treatment on the 23rd. Thank you for your prayers and support – from Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for the families of Letty Owings and Prince Schaeffer.
- We pray for Ed Coon and family as Betty died on August 1st.
- We pray for Merle Kirkley and family as Joanne died on July 29th. The family had a simple graveside service for Joanne on August 20th.
- We pray for Jeff Mackey and family as Maurine Murray is in hospice.
- We pray for Marilee Richards' friend Kim. Kim has Covid-19 and is ill with underlying health problems.
- From Judy and Clyde Pitcher: Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel, as she continues her treatment for cancer.
- Hugh Minor prayers for recovery.
- Update on Gordon Fritz. His surgery went well, prayers for healing. Gordon is Janet Kelly's brother-in-law. We also pray for Janet's sister Olinda and family.
- Update: Bonnie (Miller) Ronan is under home hospice care. Continued prayers for her pain management and comfort. No visitors. From Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell is doing well and has been home for several months now. He takes short walks and is working on a local history book. He appreciates our continued prayers – from Annette King
- Update: Grandson Matt remains alcohol free nine months after his rehab graduation in November. Continued prayers are appreciated. – from Annette King.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's family as they are going through some tough times.
- We pray for Dorothy Nerison and family following Ken's death.
- Prayers for Elizabeth Nelson with ongoing health issues.

- Pray for Sumana Banerjee, Alan and Judy Hutchison's daughter in law's mother, as she is in the hospital. They are not sure of the problem, but are praying for healing.
- Prayers for Maureen, Judy Hammond's mother. We lift up all families who are apart from each other. We pray for health, safety, and comfort.
- Cody Richards as he is being shipped to the Middle East, from grandmother Marilee Richards.
- Celia Gordon asks for prayers as she begins cancer treatment again.
- Jim White, prayers for cancer recovery from Celia Gordon.
- Prayers for Bev Fox in rehab.
- Prayers for Stephanie, daughter of Renee Lambert, for Crohn's related surgery and her hospitalization three times in the last month – from Diane Preston
- Prayers for Mark Gresham as he is healing from a broken arm and dislocated elbow – from Carol and Roy Gresham

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Jay Gano – Dick and Jan Weakley
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Bonnie (Miller) Ronan – Annette King.
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- Bob Salinas, brother of Rose and Sam Capetillo
- 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.

- Don and Joan Lyderson
- Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister
- Dale and Janet Good