

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

May 26, 2024 – 10am

Prelude *Eternal Father Strong To Save* Arr Jones Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 29 Howard Garner

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Syria like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* #324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8 with refrain

Clara H. Scott, 1895

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1. O-pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;
2. O-pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send-est clear;
3. O-pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where;



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear.
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil-dren thus to share.



Si-lent-ly now I wait for Thee, Read-y, my God, Thy will to see;

O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Howard Garner

Holy and triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity. You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect, and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you. Forgive us for our doubtful ways and our failure to recognize your constant presence. Restore to us a clear sense of your purpose for us. May we long for wholeness and peace, may we strive toward gratitude and grace in the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ. Meet us in this place to calm our hearts and hear our prayers.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Howard Garner

This is the covenant that the Lord will make: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. They shall know me, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more (Jeremiah 31:33-34). Friends, believe in this good news, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen!**

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

We Are Marching in the Light of God

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We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos';

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march-ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo

oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

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We are march-ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo

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We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

Reading

The Master Builder

Steve Torrence

“The Master Builder”

Stone by stone courses are laid
Cemented with blood and tears.
By the Master’s hand are placed
To last throughout the years.

Strong the foundation has been laid
To build upon and grow.
A foundation of freedom, hope and joy,
But the death price is not low.

For men and women, young and old,
Are the stones on which we stand.
Solid, lasting rocks,
On watery, shifting sand.

And we the living, not yet called
Are building a great nation.
Ready now to defend
And meet all obligation.

For crashing seas yet do break
Upon our outer walls,
Inhumanity has its day,
And then the Master calls.

For we the living, tried and true
Often die without remorse.
To preserve our nation’s glory
The Builder lays another course.

For the walls must grow higher
As the nation is oppressed.
And we must give ourselves
If we are to be blessed.

Pray may the sword be bent
And may less warriors fall,
But till then ready, we remain,
At the Master Builder’s call.

Scripture

John 3:1-17

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Choir Anthem

Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones

Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon

Understanding the Wind

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People

MORNING AND OPENING HYMN

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God Is Here!

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Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. God is here! As we Your peo-ple Meet to of - fer
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us Of our life - long
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel-come In the Shep - herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, In an age of

praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler mea-sure What it
 need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit; Here the
 flock and fold, Here, as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus -
 change and doubt Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, Help us

is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a - round us,
 cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing,
 tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant
 work Your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,

All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
 Here in si - lence, as in speech, Here, in new - ness
 Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
 All we have to give, re - ceive: We, who can - not

MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS

of the Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out You, We a - dore You! We be - lieve!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

Fuga Arr Paine

Gary Norris, Organist

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Today's Choir Anthem

Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones

Blades of grass and pure white stones shelter those who've come and gone.
 Just below the em'rald sod are those who've reached the arms of God.

Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see. Freedom's seeds in sorrow
 sown, 'neath blades of grass and pure white stones.

Blades of grass and purse white stones cover those who left their homes, to rest in
 fields, here side by side, lest we forget their sacrifice.

Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see. Freedom's seeds in sorrow
 sown, 'neath blades of grass and pure white stones.

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Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see. Freedom's seeds in sorrow
 sown, 'neath blades of grass and pure white stones. 'Neath blades of grass, and
 pure white stones.

Announcements

Doreen Solberg is on vacation through June 11. If you need office assistance during this time,
 please contact Pastor Alan.

Men's Breakfast – June 8th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, June 8th 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!

Graduation Sunday – June 16th

We will be honoring and celebrating the Class of 2024 on Graduation Sunday June 16 during our worship service. Are you or someone you know graduating this year? Tell us about it! We would like to honor all graduates on Graduation Sunday. Please complete and submit a graduate information form to the church office by June 2. Graduate information forms are available at the welcome center. You may also submit information on-line through our website:

<https://firstpreschurch.com/graduation-sunday>

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.



Pastor's QR Code

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, then please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

Summer AquaSox Baseball Game – July 31st Join Pastor Alan for a fun night of summer baseball! We have group upper reserved tickets for the AquaSox game on Wednesday July 31st at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased over the next few weeks. We have 20 tickets but can get more. Funko Field is a fun stadium, with easy parking, great views, and decently priced food. Plus, Roberto the Magnificent will make a special appearance during the game. Sign up at the welcome booth, talk with Pastor Alan or you may use this link to purchase with a credit card: <https://subspla.sh/qccfnjh/>

Ed Coon's 90th Birthday!

The children of Ed Coon invite you to join them in writing birthday cards with greetings, well wishes, and notes of remembrances for their dad. Please send them by June 1st to:

Ed Coon
c/o Merry Trent
2616 Hillside Lane, Everett WA 98203

You are also invited to join them in a celebration of his 90th birthday

June 9, 2024, 12 – 2 pm

Forest Park Picnic Shelter, 802 E. Mukilteo Blvd, Everett WA.

Cake and beverages will be provided. Please feel free to bring a birthday card.

Pentecost Special Offering – "I am coming to you" (John 14:18b)

This year we are again collecting the Pentecost Offering between now and Pentecost (May 19th, although later offerings will be accepted). The Pentecost offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start - A solid foundation of Faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. The Pentecost Offering is unique from the other special offerings, in that a full 40% of funds collected are kept by our congregation to further ministries with children and youth in our community. Your Mission Committee has decided these funds will again go to Dawson's Place here in Everett (<https://www.dawsonplace.org/>). The remaining funds are divided between the Young Adult Volunteers experience (25%), PC(USA) Youth Ministries (25%), and the remaining 10% goes to the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" initiative. To give, simply notate "Pentecost Offering" on your check or use the envelopes in the pews. For additional information, visit www.pcusa.org/Pentecost or speak with Kari Nupen or Dottie Villevik after church.

Thursday Bible Study

We are studying the book of Revelation on Thursdays. Have you ever wondered about the end times? Have you been concerned when fellow Christians start pointing out 'signs'? Do you think the last book of the bible seems crazy and not understandable? Then join Pastor Alan as we take a dive into Revelation. We will gather via Zoom to study. See Thursday Bible Study under This Week for Zoom meeting information.

SCRABBLE

We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on June 5th and 19th 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!

VOA Food Donations

We donated 279 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett in May. Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, June 10th 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.

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** – Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. This class is based on a lecture series titled Biblical Wisdom Literature.
 - Join Zoom using this new link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976388440?pwd=VGNidGNrbnhSQ0V5Qm1yT1dBSXZxQT09>
 - Meeting ID: 869 7638 8440
- **Lunch with Alan** – There is no Lunch with Alan tomorrow, May 27.
- **Thursday Bible Study** – There is no Thursday study on May 30th.
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

Prayer Requests May 26, 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.
- Please pray for those affected by the devastating floods in my hometown of Brazil and the larger community. From Rosemary Cassady.
- Judy Pitcher died Thursday, May 9. She was surrounded by her family and was at peace. Her memorial will be Saturday, June 29 at 2pm in the sanctuary. Please keep the extended Pitcher family in your prayers.

- 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.
- **Update:** 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.
- **Update:** We pray for Sophia, Sam & Rose Capetillo's niece, who is in the hospital going through tests. The doctors believe that with some antibiotics she will have the vision in her one eye restored. The family appreciates our prayers.
- **Update:** Thank you for your ongoing prayers. My brother is doing well. He is continuing with treatment and physical therapy. He recently returned to work; thanks be to God. From Sondra Santos.
- We pray for Jack Cooper who had surgery on his foot. Darcie and Jack appreciate our prayers.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer's son, James, who had a heart attack and will be put on a pacemaker. From Jimmy Sharp.
- **Update:** 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.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, is homeless and needs stability in her life.
- Marilee Richards' grandson, Cody, needs direction and wisdom.
- **Update:** 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.
- 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.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

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| • Family of Marilyn Carter | • Arlene Mawudeku |
| • Family of Hugh Minor | • Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy Pitcher |
| • Family of Clyde Pitcher | • Robby as he continues to heal and for |
| • Family of Deirdre Hervey | Monica helping every step of the way |
| • Family of Carol Hopper | – from Martha and Mike Clemans |
| • Dale Collver – from Tom & Pat
Erickson | |

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.

