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The Carillon

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Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Worship - Sundays at 10 a.m.



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join our worship livestream, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the FPCE Facebook page. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>. Worship services can also be viewed on our You Tube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Please note: There are times when Facebook and/or YouTube will mute parts of a worship recording that they deem to be infringing on copyright protections. To see the service online, uninterrupted, you'll need to watch the live broadcast.

Online worship bulletins are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

Change never seems easy. After over 18 years, our wonderful Director of Music Ministries, Steve Torrence is retiring. Yes, we honored and celebrated Steve in December, and he has graciously continued to serve through the end of May. Steve has faithfully used his gifts and talents to bless our congregation. We will miss Steve but are excited for him (and Nancy) to enjoy this next chapter of retirement.

Now, we are in a season of change. We have been faithfully seeking and praying for God to lead to another talented individual to our staff, but currently, we do not have a candidate. We believe God is faithful and there will come an individual in due time. Yet, the natural question becomes, what do we do next? Who will lead worship? How will we ‘fill’ the space? What will the choir do?

Worship is our attention to glorifying to God. As we gather, in church, on a beach, with a small group, for a practice, whether studying, praying, serving, or just taking time to sing or be silent alone, when our focus is on Jesus, we are worshipping. Our worship, wherever that is, glorifies God.

Worship also engages us. Worship asks for our participation. Singing, lifting hands, calming our mind, sharing in joy, reaching out hands of support. When we worship, we are connected to the larger body of Christ.

Beginning in June and through the summer, we will not be taking our focus from glorifying God and engaging people in our worship on Sunday mornings. Our choir will be taking this time off and we will be using the gifts and talents of many members to creatively lead in worship. Ed Pearson will be leading a couple of weeks with a Pop-Up Choir. Where if you want to sing, then join us before worship, we’ll learn an anthem and then sing it in worship. We have others preparing a solo or special music offering. We will use our hymnals for singing multiple songs during worship. Don’t worry, a schedule will be coming out soon and you can help/participate as well.

This will be an interim time where we explore, push, and prepare ourselves, learning more about the gifts and talents we currently have, for how the Holy Spirit will lead us into the fall. Yes, we are changing. This will be different. It might not be like we’ve done it before. And that’s great. Jesus is calling us to come, see, and follow. We are invited to join this adventure, to gather on Sunday mornings, and to glorify God in worship.

Peace, *Alan*





Honoring Juneteenth – Church Office Closed June 19

Juneteenth, observed on June 19, commemorates the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word of their freedom—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. It is a powerful reminder of the ongoing journey toward justice, equality, and freedom for all.

In honor of this important day in our nation's history, the church office will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025.

We invite you to take time to reflect, learn, and pray as we continue to walk together in faith, seeking justice and peace in our community and beyond.

CFD Youth Program

All FPCE youth are invited to meet in the youth room on the third floor during the Passing of the Peace as Christian Formation and Discipleship (CFD) dives into “**The Lord’s Prayer**” with engaging Bible study and creative crafts designed to inspire and connect. Whether you’re 6 years old or a senior in high school, we invite you to be a part of our vibrant church community at FPCE. Let’s grow in faith and friendship together!





SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

FATHER’S DAY

YOUTH TEACHERS & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

From the Organ Bench by Gary Norris: Come Celebrate Pentecost: God's Spirit at Work THEN; God's Spirit at Work NOW

The urgent issue of our time is raised by an event of a time long past. We know of this as **Pentecost**, described in Acts 2. It's celebrated on Sunday, June 8. Come, be present as we celebrate, pray, and examine our faith and our mission together in song and scripture.

As you prepare and gather for worship, just imagine the scene of that first Pentecost gathering. It was unparalleled in history when people from 151 nations and seven nationalities gathered in Jerusalem! One observer, who came upon this remarkable scene declared, "It took my breath away."

There was a kind of Pentecostal event seen/experienced in Chicago at Soldier's Field in 1954 at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches. Some 50,000 Christians from around the world gathered for a Festival of Faith that included Second Assembly leaders, delegates, adults, and youth from our own Presbyterian Church (USA).

Today, the WCC represents 580 million Christians from 120 nations and 352 member churches. They are Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, and some independent churches.

Most of us will not participate in such an international gathering. However, right here right now, we can enter this Pentecost celebration in prayer and song opening ourselves so that the same breath of God will, "fill us with life anew."

Who me? Here and now? Have I forgotten that **I am** a part of that universal company of God's family, that I/we affirm in The Apostles Creed, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church."? While we cannot go back in time, we can embrace the promise of Pentecost today amidst our divisions, distractions and diversions, and destructive behaviors.

Our Opening hymn will be by fellow Presbyterian, beloved PW national leader, the late Jane Parker Huber — # 128 "On Pentecost They Gathered". Let these words in verse three find a lodging in your heart:

"God pours the Holy Spirit

On all who would believe,

On women, men, and children Who **would God's grace receive**. That Spirit knows no limit, Bestowing life, and power.

The church, formed and reforming, Responds in every hour."

Our closing hymn #316 will be a prayer for our church. We will sing the first stanza in the plural:

Breathe on **us**, breath of God, fill **us** with life anew.

And the other stanzas as written in the singular.

Breathe on **me**.

The Postlude will be "Everytime I Feel the Spirit" by Richard Elliott.

For those who would like a copy of our blue hymn book for your devotions and preparation for worship, please see me after the service. I will have a complimentary copy for you.

Hope to see everyone on June 8!





Book Group Update

As summer unfolds, we again need to be flexible in case of necessary changes in titles and dates to make best use of Everett Public Library book sets. If no book set exists, we are each on our own to locate a copy of the chosen book.

* Asterisks by upcoming titles indicate that a book set is expected.

Because the fourth Monday in May fell on Memorial Day we will be discussing the May book on June 2.

We are keeping the original date of June 23 for the June title. For this reason, the May selection is longer in pages, June shorter.

Planned dates and titles:

June 2 [May book]	<i>The Women</i> *	Kristin Hannah	Leader TBA
	A novel in tribute to the brave women nurses who served in wartime Vietnam.		
June 23	<i>Red Paint</i> *	Sasha LaPointe	Leader TBA
	The ancestral autobiography of a Coast Salish punk author now living in Tacoma.		
July 28	<i>Dinners with Ruth</i>	Nina Totenberg	Leader TBA
	A memoir featuring the author's powerful friendships including one with RBG.		
August 25	<i>Dry</i> *	Neal Shusterman	Leader TBA
	Apocalyptic tale of bitter friction over a water shortage in California's future.		
September 22	<i>People of the Book</i>	Geraldine Brooks	Leader TBA
	Traces the journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in fifteenth-century Spain.		

Meetings are on Zoom at 10 a.m. on the above dates.

Current link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84375124137?pwd=YTNcGcHJRNGVwdzZtZlIwZEhVaEhFZz09>

Meeting ID: 843 7512 4137

Passcode: 626438

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Library Update

This month's new books include two recent enlightening memoirs. Respectively they review the lives of the late professor and evangelist Tony Campolo and NBC News journalist Vicky Nguyen.

Tony Campolo calls his story *Pilgrim: A Theological Memoir*. He takes readers from his earliest days in 1935 Philadelphia around the world as his education and ministry develop. He originally enthusiastically embraces the fundamentalist views common at that time. One issue was the extent to which a growing Christian should withdraw from the world to keep faith pure versus moving boldly into the world to spread the faith. The latter view increasingly gripped him as he pursued his education at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and beyond.

This challenge and others caused considerable stress between Campolo and family members, friends, and co-workers. Ever moving toward a more progressive stance as he earned advanced degrees, he became a popular speaker at conferences and events often beyond the United States. His story continues through an extensive ministry, concluding with frustration but ultimate acceptance of the limitations of his final illness. Many readers will recognize their own challenges as they trace his.

Vicky Nguyen's story, *Boat Baby: A Memoir*, differs in many ways from Campolo's. Nguyen's journey, a term both geographical and metaphorical, begins in Vietnam years before her birth. She details the early lives of her grandparents and parents. In 1978, seeing little hope for their coming baby's future in Vietnam, Vicky's parents made a bold decision. Soon they undertook the illegal, perilous trip across the China Sea to a refugee camp, then on to the United States.

From family stories, Nguyen recounts this trip during her infancy. She shares events, some touching, some amusing, from her early days as an American only child with Vietnamese refugee parents. Her account continues through her broad education to her professional career.

Of special interest are her rise as a woman in then male-dominated journalism and her experiences in two trips back to the land of her birth. There she meets her extensive Vietnamese family and views their culture. Her story is particularly timely for recent readers of Kristin Hannah's *The Women* which illuminates American military presence in Vietnam.

Watch for these books along with other additions to our collection on the fourth-floor burgundy bookmobile and the shelves of the first-floor main library.

As always, please let library assistant Stephen Moore or me know your needs and desires for other library materials.

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The Carillon is Taking a Summer Break

Please note that The Carillon will be taking a short break for July and August. There will be no editions published during those months.

We'll return with the next issue in September, filled with updates, reflections, and opportunities as we head into the fall season.

In the meantime, stay connected through Sunday bulletins, email updates, and our church website. Have a wonderful and restful summer!

JOIN US THIS SUMMER

SUMMER WORSHIP

Note on the Summer

A summer worship schedule will be coming out soon as well as Pastor Alan's summer theme.

If you would like to participate in worship with special music, sharing of your talents, or being involved creatively, then please contact Pastor Alan or the Worship Committee chairs, Susan Lynn and Judy Campbell.





JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

If you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

6/4	James & Mary Lou Finley	7/30	Chris & Michole Mattix
6/9	Alan & Judy Hutchison	8/8	Joshua & Teresa Miniken
6/11	Sig & Sondra Santos	8/11	Howard Garner & Rosemary Rheinheimer
6/28	Ari & Robin Kohler	8/16	Michael & Susan Davis
6/30	Michael & Martha Clemans	8/16	Ed & Doris Pearson
7/9	Jay & Julie Kuhnhehn	8/17	Kurt & Kathy Shubert
7/23	Peter & Sharon Danitschek	8/21	Gary & Dariel Norris
7/24	Bill & Mary Grosse	8/28	Bill & Jean Messner
7/27	George & Mary Tonn		

Birthdays:

6/1	Mike Davis	7/6	Steve Hammond	7/31	Bill Grosse
6/2	Jody Heath	7/8	Cindy Striker	7/31	Jan Hughes
6/3	Greg Faith	7/11	Martha Clemans	8/9	Ainslee Mattix
6/5	Ed Coon	7/12	Rosemary Rheinheimer	8/9	Kaye Muller
6/12	James Finley	7/15	Peggy Ulvestad	8/14	Annette King
6/13	Ari Kohler	7/16	Sarah Henriksen	8/15	Katherine Campbell
6/16	Randal Fehlhaber	7/21	Rose Capetillo	8/16	Jean Rankin
6/25	Linda Senter	7/21	George Lockeman	8/21	June Wennick
6/25	Doreen Solberg	7/22	Todd Morrow	8/23	Marcia Burnham
6/28	Jackie C. Minor	7/24	Shirley Solberg	8/23	Patricia Erickson
6/30	Florence Day	7/26	Teresa Good	8/23	Chris Mattix
6/30	Marsha Lueth	7/28	Jim Roosma	8/24	George Tonn
7/1	David Baer-Peckham	7/28	Alec Sutin	8/25	Barbara Johnson
7/4	Diane Preston	7/29	Marilyn Nalbach	8/26	Howard Garner
7/4	Emma Stutevoss	7/30	Veronica Bacon	8/30	Randy Roberts
7/5	Lois Tysseling	7/30	Laura Little		



Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

August 17th

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.
ON DUE DATE.**



Our next in-person collection is June 2nd 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.

Your donations support those in need here in Everett.
Thank you for your donations.

Special Dates:

Pentecost, June 8, 2025
Flag Day, June 14, 2025
Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025
Father's Day, June 15, 2025
Juneteenth, June 19, 2025
First day of summer, June 20, 2025

Thursday Bible Study

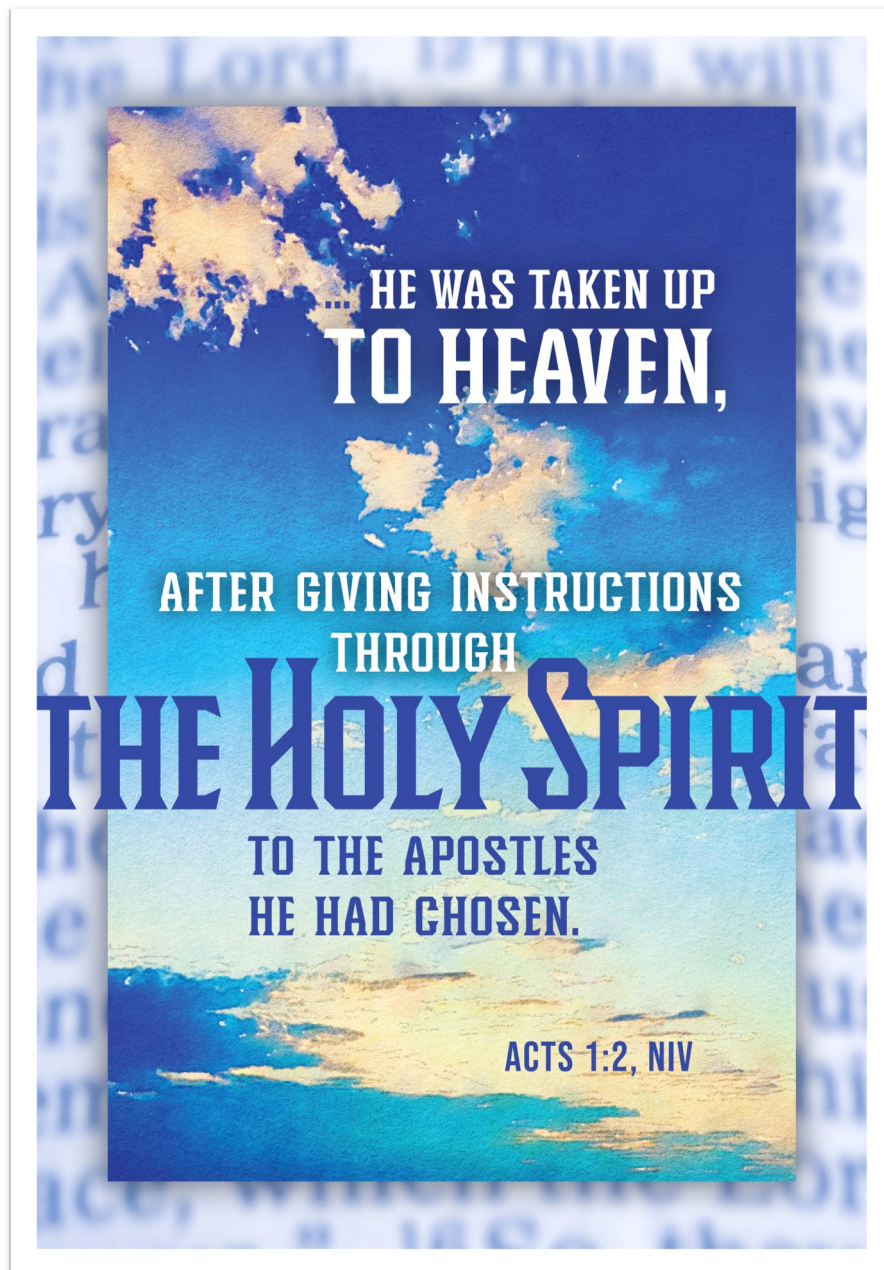
In our Thursday Bible Study we are studying the Acts of the Apostles.

Join us for study and reflection Thursdays at 4pm using the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86014705926?pwd=n6i55oXfRmZBhub3gbKPaf4JZARsW5.1>

Meeting ID: 860 1470 5926

Passcode: 583435



Pentecost Sunday



But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom
the Father will send in My name,

**He will teach you all things,
and remind you of all that
I said to you.**

John 14:26, NASB

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

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