



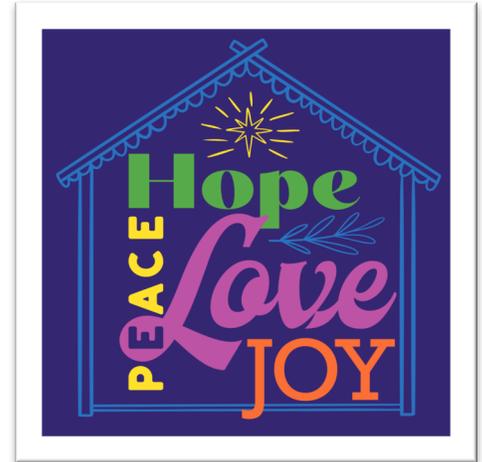
First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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MAY ALL KINGS
FALL DOWN
BEFORE HIM,
ALL NATIONS
SERVE HIM!

PSALM 72:11, ESV



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**The Carillon
December 2021**

Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship
11:00 am - Fellowship
12:00 pm - Adult Sunday School

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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10:00am on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10:00am and wait for the live video to start. 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>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdg?view_as=public

Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

REMINDER - Masks must be worn in our church facility.

Merry

Christmas

Christmas Eve Worship

DECEMBER 24, 7 PM

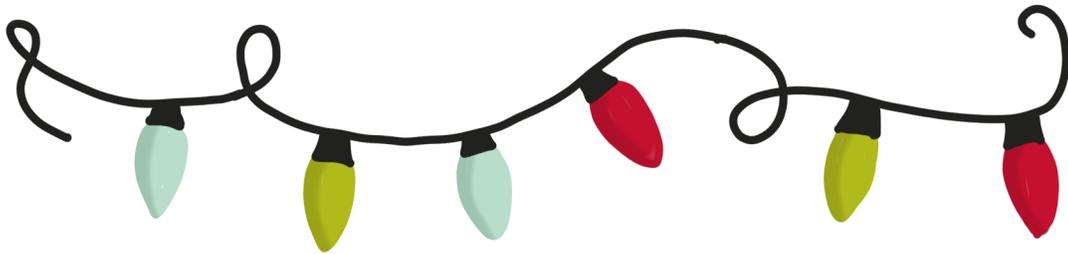
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Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, December 13th, in Calvin Lounge at 11:30am. Jan Weakley will lead Chapter 3 of our study book. Judy Hutchison will serve as hostess. Members were asked to sign up to bring food for a luncheon and \$10 limit gift exchange among circle members will also be held. A donation was taken for the annual YWCA Christmas family project. This year gifts are not being given, but gift cards in order to reduce Covid exposure. It was decided to give a check to Karla Danson, Community Resources Coordinator at the YWCA, to use for gift cards that she may wish to buy for a client.



Special Dates:

Second Sunday of Advent — December 5, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent — December 12, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 19, 2021

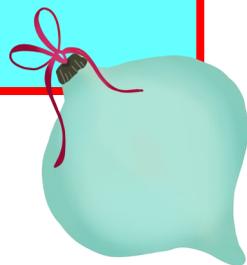
Christmas Cantata—December 19, 2021

First day of Winter — December 21, 2021

Christmas Eve — December 24, 2021

Christmas Day — December 25, 2021

New Year's Eve — December 31, 2021



New: Online Giving

Our church website and app are great ways to stay in touch with our community. You can listen to sermons, read our weekly worship guides and The Carillon, see upcoming events and important announcements, and more. **And now, we have added a new online giving option.**

Our staff has been working with our website provider (Subsplash) to add their online giving platform - Subsplash Giving - to our website and mobile app. We believe this platform will allow for quicker one-time gifts, support easier regular giving, and provide more transparent giving receipts.

It takes just a minute to set up and then just a few seconds each time you give. We encourage you to consider a recurring gift on a schedule. If you like to give weekly, you can set up a regular weekly giving schedule. If you prefer to give monthly, you can set up a regular monthly giving schedule. Your generous and consistent gifts are appreciated and vital to ministry in our community.

If you have not already downloaded our church app to your mobile device, we encourage you to do so. It's like having our church in the palm of your hand and allows you to give with just a tap on your screen. You can download our mobile app at <https://subsplash.com/thefirstpresbyterianchurch/app>

And remember, you can visit our website at www.firstpreschurch.com/give to give today.

Your financial support is a blessing and a gift. Thank you for giving to our ministry.



Thursday Virtual Bible Study

We have started our yearlong journey walking through the bible. We are using *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren. While it's not crucial to have the book, the commentary, reflections, and questions the book includes will help each one of us come prepared to engage the text.

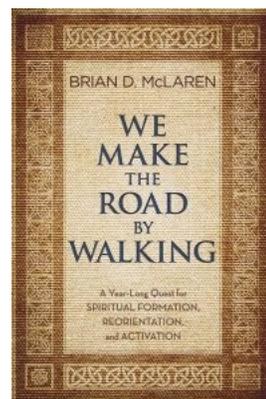
Remaining Course Outline:

December 2 – Chapter 15

December 9 – Chapter 16

December 16 – Chapter 17

December 23 – Chapter 17a



Please visit www.firstpreschurch.com/Thursday-bible-study for Zoom details.

Library Update - December 2021

December is the perfect month for surprise visitors and unexpected gifts. Your church library is happy to report that we have just received one such visitor bearing one such gift, technically a long-term loan but we'll get to that.

A slice of church history has come back to us in the form of a meticulously assembled and lovingly preserved scrapbook. The visitor: Sue Lofstrom Shayne of Lake Stevens. During her brief visit, she spoke vividly of her time as member of this congregation's Presbyterian Youth Fellowship. She presented her treasure with an explanatory statement attached. Her letter, directed to current and past youth group members, speaks for itself:

This is for all of you who are, and those of us who were part of the youth groups (PYF) of the church.

In 1967, 12 of us along with Rev. Mark Duntley and Miss Margaret Fox our Christian Education Leader embarked on a whirlwind "Bus Trip" to do some youth mission work at a Presbyterian Hospital in Embudo, New Mexico.

This is my scrapbook of that trip. It was quite a trip for all of us!

I was able to share this scrapbook and memories with Pam Dorway-Worley, Mary Nielsen and Margaret Fox while we were at the 100-year celebration of the sanctuary.

May you find the mission for your life and the guidance to fulfill it from people who were like Rev. Mark Duntley and Miss Margaret Fox who helped shape and mold the youth of the church during their time at the church.



Susan Lofstrom Shayne

As Ever,
Susan Lofstrom Shayne

Ms. Shayne enjoyed a memory walk through the church on a recent chilly November morning as she noted what has changed and what has remained the same since her time here as a teen. We were able to locate the narrative version of her youth trip in Pastor Emeritus Edwin Coon's history, *The Steeple on the Hill*. "Those participating were Pamela Dorway, Susan Lofstrom, Mary Hall, Sue Rodgers, Robin Stuart, Shannon Pedigo, Mary Nielsen, Mary Martin, Jim Robinson, Doug Geniesse, Allan Krause, and Rod Martin." (p. 156)

Ms. Shayne requests: "If the scrapbook is no longer necessary to be part of the Youth History of the church, please try to return." Thus, the gift / loan is ours for long as it is needed. The scrapbook, a valuable affirmation of the value of both youth ministry and mission trips, provides a link between generations.

The scrapbook can be viewed in the church library as the building reopens. We sincerely thank Ms. Shayne for this tangible reminder of our history.

Shirley Solberg 425-501-1607 or 425-252-2706 shirley.solberg@icloud.com

Fourth Monday Book Group - December 2021

Another year draws to a close, one which began in the midst of a pandemic. By now most of us have become accustomed to Zoom or some hybrid strategy to navigate these unfamiliar waters. Book Group has profited from the participation of readers who would never have found it possible to gather at church in person.

On the other hand, we have temporarily lost some treasured members who lack the inclination or equipment to use Zoom. We need to make some decisions about the way forward. Continue on Zoom? Resume in person meetings as we follow the state and session protocols? Develop a hybrid model? I hope for clarity from the group as to your wishes. Let's have some creative thinking here.

In the meantime, we have an enjoyable selection for December 27 and a new title for January. See details below. Again there is no December book set; a limited number of library and personal copies are available. It's a fast read so by sharing what we have, we should be fine.

Looking to 2022, our very helpful Everett Public Library lists 107 book sets. Some we have already read; quite a few others look promising. Here's a challenge for all of us: as you have opportunity, look at the EPL catalog. Use "BOOK GROUP SET" as search term and scroll through the 107 titles. If you see a promising one, click on it for additional information. Send me an email if it looks like something to pursue. Let's start 2022 with:

January 24 *Anything Is Possible* by **Elizabeth Strout** Leader - TBA

This book of loosely connected short stories worked for me as a standalone (although some reviewers recommended first reading Strout's *My Name Is Lucy Barton*.) The author skillfully explores family relationships in satisfying depth: parent-child / siblings / grandparents in a small-town setting.

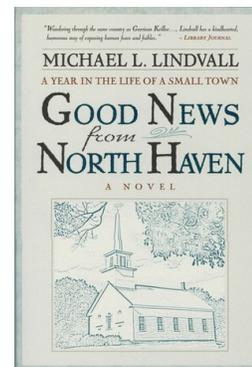
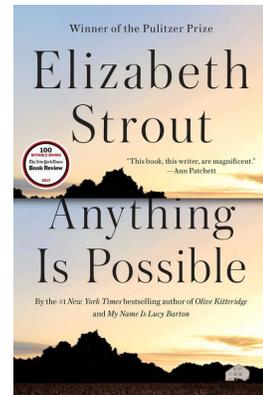
For this month, here's the scoop:

December 27 *Good News from North Haven: a Year in the Life of a Small Town* by **Michael Lindvall** Leader - Shirley Solberg

Good News... revolves around the Presbyterian Church in the fictional town of North Haven, about two hours from Minnesota's Twin Cities. Each chapter tells a separate story, one per month, all neatly in order, beginning and ending with Christmas as any year should!

Let me know if you are not on the book group email list and would like to be. Then check your email for the current Zoom link and any necessary changes in schedule. See you via Zoom at 10:00 am, Monday, December 27.

Shirley Solberg (425-501-1607 or 425-252-2706) shirley.solberg@icloud.com



For Zoom meeting details and additional Book Group information, please visit our website at <http://www.firstpreschurch.com/book-group>

Poinsettia Order Form



Red poinsettias are a beautiful addition to our Christmas décor in the sanctuary. If ordered, your poinsettia can be picked up after the Christmas Eve service.

Please fill out the form below and enclose \$10.00 per poinsettia. Drop it in the offering box during worship or at the church office no later than December 16th. Only the amount purchased by December 16th will be ordered.

Please print clearly

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Your Name _____

Phone _____

CARING FOR OUR EARTH (It's easy being green!)

From the Estuary Angels



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remove, Refuse, Repair

Reasons to Shop Small this Christmas Season

1. Every time you buy at a **local business**, you tell the world your community is worth more than a big-box store sale. 2. Every time you buy **organic**, you tell the world you want farmers to grow healthy, safe food. 3. Every time you buy **certified fair trade**, you fight poverty. 4. Every time you buy from a business owned by **women or people of color**, you help build an inclusive economy. 5. Every time you **don't buy something**, you tell the world you don't need more stuff to have a happy Christmas. *Source: Green America*

What's a Tree Hugger To Do About This Classic Christmas Tradition?

If you've wondered how you can have a festive tree in your home while reducing your impact on the earth, here are some options: An organic **potted tree** that you can plant later. Keep it watered and use smaller bulbs to prevent damaging the young tree with the heat. You can have the tree in the house for a week and a half, then move it back to the garage for a day after the holiday, so it can readjust to being outside. Tree-planting tips at www.wikihow.com/Plant-a-living-Christmas-Tree.

Cut trees are mostly harvested from tree farms, many of which are family owned and operated. They generally plant about two trees for every one they cut, and often use rocky soil that does not support other types of agriculture. Instead of barren land, the farm hosts trees that provide oxygen and combat climate change. Be sure to obtain your tree from an organic tree farm, as many use pesticides which contaminate groundwater and are harmful to wildlife. Most conventional trees are treated with chlorpyriforous, a suspected neurotoxin. A cut tree that isn't organic might still have this on it when it reaches your home. For proper disposal, recycle or compost the tree. **Artificial trees** can be used year after year, but are made from a combination of plastic, steel, and aluminum and are unrecyclable. Once it's discarded, it will spend centuries in a landfill. Check with charities or shelters to see if they could reuse it. **Sustainable alternatives:** Using beloved **books** in your home, stack them in the shape of a Christmas tree and hang ornaments on the book corners. Find sturdy fallen **branches** around your neighborhood and connect them with ribbon or twine. Hang ornaments along the branches. *Source: Green America*

(**Note:** www.streamkeeper.org has wild, ungroomed trees that can later be planted along streams.)

Special Days

Dec. 4 is **World Wildlife Conservation Day**. Dec. 5 is **World Soil Day**. Dec. 10 is **Int'l Animal Rights Day**. Dec. 11 is **Int'l Mountain Day**. Dec. 13 is **Green Monday**. Dec. 16 is **National Re-gifting Day**. Dec. 17 is **Clean Air Day**. Dec. 28 is **Endangered Species Act Day**.

Enjoy the Beauty Around Us

Wintertide Lights will be even bigger and better this year at Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens. For the second year, the gardens will be lit up for the holidays. The free walk-through display will be open from dusk to 8 p.m. Dec. 1-31 at 145 Alverson Blvd. See www.evergreenarboretum.com.

"Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it." - Confucius

FPCE

VOA FOOD COLLECTION

Monday:

December 13

11am - 1pm

FPCE Alleyway



Our final VOA food drive of 2021 takes place on Monday, December 13. Drive-up your non-perishable donation in the Stocker alleyway between 11am and 1pm. We are 777 pounds away from 3 tons!

Thank you for caring for our community!



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after
the death of a spouse, child,
family member, or friend.

Sundays 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

September 19 - December 12, 2021

Madison Community Church

6900 Wetmore Ave, Everett, 98203

office@madisoncc.org 425-353-2293

One time \$20 fee for participant book & registration

To register go to griefshare.org



DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS!



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



Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (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 the future celebration listings):

Anniversaries:

- 12/11 Steve & Nancy Torrence
- 12/16 Roy & Barbara Yates
- 12/28 Hugh & Jackie Minor

Birthdays:

- 12/4 Renée Angell
- 12/7 Lisa Comstock
- 12/13 Lin Davis
- 12/15 Michole Mattix
- 12/16 Judy Hutchison
- 12/16 Anna Mockler
- 12/17 Evan Roberts
- 12/18 Chris Sievers
- 12/20 Kenneth Bosman
- 12/20 Joan Copeland
- 12/21 Lou Denney
- 12/21 Kathryn Scoringe
- 12/25 Carolyn Goza
- 12/27 Barbara Barren
- 12/28 Judy Baker
- 12/28 Ethel Geniesse
- 12/30 Julie Kuhnhen
- 12/31 Rick Johnson
- 12/31 Donna Stanton



E-Newsletter Submission Deadline

***Update: We are consolidating our 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletter into one mid month e-newsletter, sent on the second Monday. We'd love for you to share any news and updates for your church group.**

If you have information you would like included in mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to:
sondra@firstpreschurch.com
 by the following deadline:

December 9, 2021

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in 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. Upcoming Deadline:

December 12, 2021

ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE.

Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the ✨ path that leads to baby Jesus.

START

Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

LD OG NCAKNRIENFSE RYHMR

Answer: gold, frankincense, myrrh



Sing Advent!

Advent begins Sunday November 28! To help us *Sing Advent*, Pastor Alan will be leading Sunday School throughout Advent on select songs and the history and meaning behind them. We will be gathering in Calvin Lounge and via Zoom (see link below) at 11:30am. Come prepared to discuss, laugh, learn, and even sing. The schedule is:

November 28 – Traditional Songs

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Watchman Tell Us of the Night

December 5 – Pop Culture Songs

All I Want for Christmas is You
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas/Peace Carol
Welcome Christmas

December 12 – Modern Songs

Light of the World
Mary Did You Know?/Hallelujah
I Celebrate the Day

December 19 – Lessons and Carols

What and Why

There will be no Sunday School on December 26th or January 2nd.

Zoom Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTd09>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!





Lunch with Alan

Prepare a lunch and sign on for a simple and fun opportunity to connect with one another. Lunch with Alan takes place Tuesdays at noon on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdDZ09)

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Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Steve Hammond	Marne Larson	Elizabeth Nelson
Jamie Hunter	Bill Grosse	Debbie Roberts
David Baer- Peckham	John Gebert	Roy Yates

Deacons

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Marilyn Minch	Lisa Comstock	Sonya Beardsley
Doris Pearson	Bob Barren	Amy Farnham
Ed Pearson	Barbara Barren	

