

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Bulletin – 10am

October 17, 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County and the State of Washington, is **requiring masks indoors** for all ages above 5 years old.

We understand this is not where we wanted to be, but our desire as a church is to love God and love our neighbor. Masks are a tangible way we express our concern and compassion for our community. We ask you to join our session in praying for our county as together we navigate this time.

\*For our liturgy this morning, **BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading.

Prelude

Improvisation on *Mit Frueden Zart*

John Palmer

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place;

**No evil shall befall us, no scourge come near our tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear us up, so that we will not dash our foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**God says, Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

When we call to God, God will answer us; God will be with us in trouble, God will rescue and honor us.

**With long life God will satisfy us, and show us his salvation.**

Hymn

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

(Hymn text at end of bulletin)

Prayers of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

We do not pray to alleviate our guilt, but to express our gratitude to God. For we know all the things we have said and done that we shouldn't, and all those words we could have spoken, all those actions we could have undertaken, but did not. God still loves us, surrounding us with mercy and hope, waiting to restore us to new life. Please join me, as we pray together saying,

**Lord Jesus, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. We can become fearful to the point, we are not generous with the gifts you have given us. We are so needy for approval, we get jealous at the joy others have.**

**We pray that as you forgive us, Loving God, we would discover that we are now your beloved. Not because we are powerful, but we are willing to accept our weakness; not because we are wealthy, but we dare to share when others hoard; not because we want glory, but because we are willing to offer grace to those who thirst around us, even as it has been offered to us by Jesus, our Brother, our Savior.**

*Silence is kept*

Our God deals gently with those who stumble, who lose their way, and who get dazzled by power and glory. That is the good news for us. We are forgiven and graced with new life. **Thanks be to God, who is the home of our hearts, who fills us with grace and mercy in every moment.**

We continue to pray as 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.**

Chancel Choir

*Who But the Lord?*

Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture

Mark 10:35-45

This is the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Do What We Ask*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

BenedictionPostlude

Pachelbel: Toccata In C

John Palmer

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Portions of our Prayer of Confession are from Thom M. Shuman. <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>***Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above***

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -  
 2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy  
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -  
 4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of  
 keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful-  
 tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and  
 prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And  
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!  
 joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God  
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:  
 all is just and all is right:  
 gent-ly leads the cho - sen band; To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 soul and bod - y take your part:

## *O for a Closer Walk with God*

William Cowper, 1772 DALETON 5:01 Arthur Cottman, 1874

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O for a Closer Walk with God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. O for a clos-er walk with God, A calm and heav-en-ly frame,  
2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes-sen - ger of rest!  
3. The dear-est i - dol I have known, What - e'er that i - dol be,  
4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;

A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.  
Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly Thee.  
So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

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## Announcements

**Last week we donated 454 pounds of food to our local food bank through the Volunteers of America. Great job!**

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan is Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. We have a new zoom link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdzo9>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
  - Passcode: FPCE21!
- Thursday Bible Study continues October 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. We will be using *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren Chapter 7. The verses we are studying are Genesis 18:9-33, 22:1-14; Micah 6:6-8; Acts 17:19-34. Our zoom link is:  
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### **Sunday School class today at 11:30am**

This hybrid class studies by reviewing a series of recorded lectures by Professor Bart Ehrman of the University of North Carolina Department of Religious Studies. This course explores the remarkable diversity of beliefs and writings propounded by people who considered themselves to be Christians in the first few centuries AD. This class is led by Steve Hammond and will be in Calvin Lounge and using the Zoom link below.

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### **Prayer Updates October 17, 2021**

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community. Recent numbers show a drop to 357 cases per 100,000 people. This is a great downward trend, and we pray our numbers continue to drop.
- Thank everybody for the prayers, cards, and phone calls. I'm back to normal. From Judy Hutchison
- Sondra Santos thanks you for praying for her uncle, Jimmy Sico. Sadly, he died on Sunday, October 10th. He was at home, surrounded by his family. Sondra asks that you keep the Sico family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- Prayers for healing, strength, and peace for LaMara Halstrom diagnosed with carcinoma and Jane McMahan diagnosed with esophageal and liver cancer. Both are "sisters" of Steve and Nancy Torrence.
- We pray for a friend of Sam and Rose Capetillo who's 8-year-old son has leukemia. The friend is asking for immediate prayers during this time.
- Prayers for Arlene Mawudeku. Health issues that have kept Arlene in the hospital for more than 30 days. She had 3 bypass due to blockage in heart. Surgery was success but staples opened up, so she was given a wound vac for further healing and to avoid infection. This is working so far. Arlene hopes to get into a facility soon to start rehab.
- Prayers for Tim Thornton who has esophageal cancer. From Shirley Morrow and Tom & Pat Erickson.
- We continue to pray for Gary Norris. He is home, but faces a long recovery. We pray for his health, Dariel, and the family during this time.
- Prayers for a friend of Ari and Robin Kohler who is very ill with COVID.

- Prayers for Ari and Robin Kohler's niece's grandfather who is in critical condition with COVID.
- Jan Weakley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Pat Weakley Hein now under Hospice Care for congestive heart and kidney failure. Pat is Dick's little sister.
- Update: We pray for Scott Morrow as he continues chemotherapy. We pray for his doctors, his strength, God's comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. He is home and is undergoing extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Update: We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris. Mary Lee needed another surgery and needs prayer as she heals.
- We continue to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling's sister. Linda had surgery and is recovering.
- Update: John Ortmeyer, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when an MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – She is on blood thinners to keep other clots from forming around her lungs. Praise as there is no cancer! Tricia tires easily but should be closer to normal within a year. Please continue to pray for her successful treatment. Friend of Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell – Larry continues to amaze with his improved energy level. He and the family need continuing prayers following the death of Larry's wife, Joyce, in August. From Annette King
- Praise – Our family appreciates the prayers for our grandson-in-law, Matt, who continues to be alcohol free almost 2 years. He is with an electrician apprentice program now. A special blessing arrived May 14<sup>th</sup> with the birth of Sarah and Matt's son, Jackson Paul. From Great Grandma Annette King

#### Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
  - Rev. Ed Coon
  - Merle Kirkley
  - Dorothy Nerison

- Family of Letty Ownings
  - Family of Prince Schaefer
  - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
  - Jay Kuhnhenh
  - Peggy Ulvestad
  - Judy Oberg
  - Judy Campbell
  - Jan Weakley
  - Family of Maurine Murray
  - Family of Bonnie Brown
  - Family of Celia Gordon
  - Sam and Rose Capetillo
  - Marcia Ricks and family
  - Joan Lyderson and family
  - Bea Swafford's family
  - Lucille Hofer
  - Bev Fox's family
- Larry O'Donnell
  - Matt McCoy, Grandson of Annette King
  - Clyde and Judy Pitcher
  - 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
  - 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
  - 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 for Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister and Dale and Janet Good.