

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

July 14, 2024 – 10am

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

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

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* - Young Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Ice Breaker Question: Favorite summer vacation spot?

Call to Worship Psalm 24 Mike Clemans

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

**The world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

**Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

**Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #8

## Prayer of Confession

Let us honestly examine our hearts and confess our sins before God.

**Holy God, we belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible. We believe our failures define us. We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck in our comfortable ways. God, forgive our reluctance. Forgive our inaction. Forgive**



## Today's Choir Anthem

### Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy.

In my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus. Lord, I want to be more holy. Lord, I want to be a  
Christian. Amen.

## Announcements

### **VOTE!**

In our amazing country, we have the privilege of being able to vote. We vote for a variety of representatives, initiatives, and laws. As Christians, we can and should engage in our civic duty to learn, discern, advocate, and vote. Our Book of Order in the PC(USA) reminds us “God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of all persons which are in anything contrary to his Word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship. (F-3.0101 Book of Order, from Westminster Confession of Faith (The Book of Confessions, 6.109))” This means, we the church, do not tell you who or how to vote, because the way one votes is a private conversation between you and God.

This August, those in Everett will vote on Proposition One. This is a property tax levy lid lift. If approved, this will support public safety, like police and fire, and essential public services that contribute to quality of life, like street paving, libraries, parks, the animal shelter and more (from <https://bit.ly/FPCEProp1>). There are valid reasons for and against this proposition. We want to highlight a part of the proposition that may be helpful for those who are senior citizens or disabled.

Seniors and persons with disabilities may qualify for tax exemptions or deferrals. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/FPCETaxExempt> or 425-388-3540.

No matter the vote, if you qualify, then please use these resources to help ease financial strain.

### **Summer Parking**

Summer is in full swing and downtown Everett is bustling with activity. We want you to be aware of some upcoming events that will/can affect parking:

Sunday, July 21: Geek Fest West, multiple venues and road closures

Sunday, August 18: Fresh Paint, Hoyt between Hewitt and Pacific

Weekly: Everett Farmer's Market, Wetmore between Hewitt and Pacific

## **SCRABBLE**

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on July 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Coffee Time**

We so appreciate the Deacons and friends for hosting our wonderful coffee time after worship every Sunday! Beginning Sunday July 21st, the Deacons will continue to host the coffee. Here’s the great thing, if you want to bring some of your delicious cookies (homemade or store bought), if you want to drop off a load of zucchini from your garden, if you made some muffins and want to share them, if you like fruit and you think others do to, then share. That’s right, the Deacons will set out coffee, but if we want some treats, then bring them, set them out, pick up your plate before you continue your day, and know we are thankful for your contribution. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Alan or Bob Barren.

## **VOA Food Donations**

This month we donated 305 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America local food bank. Awesome job! Remember, we collect food throughout the month at either door to the sanctuary. We have our larger push on the first Sunday of the month when we celebrate communion. Our next in person collection will be August 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **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. 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/>

## **Save the Date – Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> is the All-Church Picnic!**

Join our congregation as we head back to Legion Park for our classic picnic. There will be hamburgers, salads, desserts, games, and much more fun. More information will be coming!

## 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.

## Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun!

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at: [www.firstpreschurch.com](http://www.firstpreschurch.com)

## 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 link:
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526979826>
  - Meeting ID: 895 2697 9826
  
- **Lunch with Alan** – Join Pastor Alan for lunch in the library at noon on Mondays. We gather to talk and share life together. The north door opens at 11:45am. All you need to do is bring a sack lunch and come on down.
  
- **Thursday Bible Study** – We continue our study of Revelation this Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Everyone can join via the new Zoom link below. This week we are studying Revelation 21-22.
  - Join with this Zoom link:
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81355042053?pwd=v3hNFobXeyapjxPWHZ66Z4TSCWf3Qw.1>
  - Meeting ID: 813 5504 2053
  - Passcode: 309161
  
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
  - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

## To all worshipping with us...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. We ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Feel free to use any of the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.

## Prayer Requests July 14, 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.
- We pray for those who have been affected by Hurricane Beryl. We pray for the Capetillo family and many others who have loved ones in the area.
- We pray for Ben Gebert, nephew of John and Lisa, as he is waiting for a kidney transplant. Ben is currently undergoing dialysis three days a week and waiting to get on the transplant list. Is a very thorough vetting process, though he is a good candidate. Unfortunately, he just learned that he must have one of his kidneys removed because of an aneurysm in the renal artery that feeds the kidney. Substantial risk of a rupture and no way to fix it. Surgery is July 15 at Harborview. Prayers are greatly appreciated.
- We pray for Merle Kirkley as he continues to recover.
- We pray for Elizabeth Nelson as she recovers from a broken foot.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku who had a stroke. She is at home working on a recovery and rehab plan.
- Pray for health and clarity for Chris Mattix, son-in-law of Mike and Martha Clemans, who had surgery and is at home recovering.
- Please pray for Lisa G, Ari and Robin's ex-sister-in-law, who will be going through upcoming surgeries.
- We pray for Eric Chavis who is recovering from heart surgery. We pray for his health and for Mary Ann during this time.
- Please pray for those affected by the devastating floods in my hometown of Brazil and the larger community. From Rosemary Cassady.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. Angie died after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Heather and their family in our prayers during this difficult time.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- Good news for Dale Collver, son of Milt and Aurla Magee and friends of Tom and Pat Erickson. Prayers have been answered as Dale's cancer lymph nodes have shrunk! Jesus answers prayer! Please continue to pray for Dale as he continues his next step on this journey with cancer. He will undergo stem cell replacement in Seattle and faces several weeks of challenges. The family appreciates our prayers.

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Family of Marilyn Carter
- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Jan Geibel
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans

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.

# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642  
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789  
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the  
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for  
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!  
 heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.



# 367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI Irregular with refrain

Ghanaian folk melody  
Adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963  
Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

Ghanaian folk song  
Trans. Tom Colvin, 1969

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with Your love, Show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from You. *Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of His friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor,	Var - ied in col - or and
3. These are the ones we should serve,	These are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees,	Serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

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LIFE IN CHRIST

*D.C.*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
race, Neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
love. All are neigh-bors to us and You.  
slaves, This is the way we should live with You.  
feet, This is the way we should live with You.