

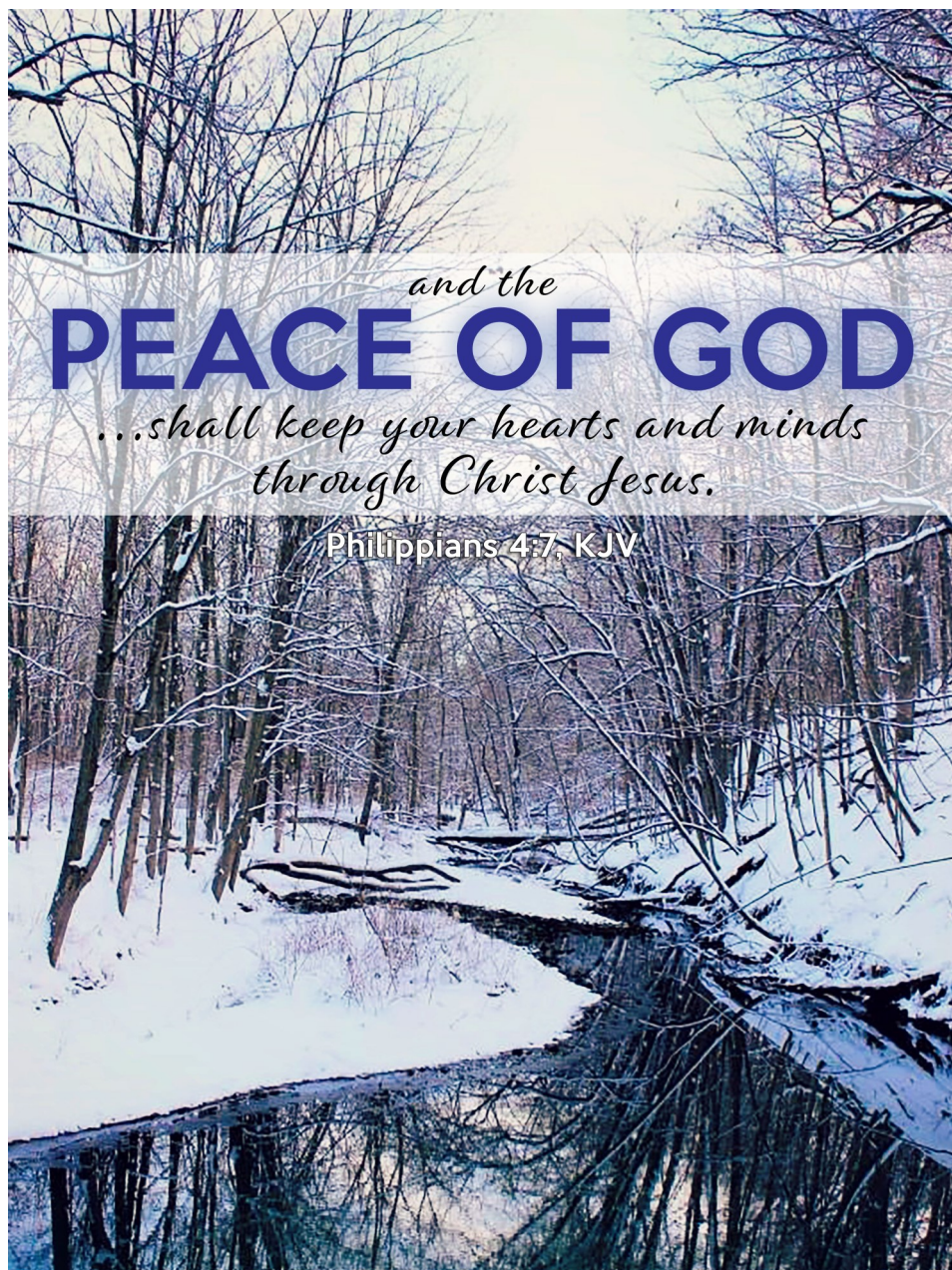
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# The Carillon

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**The Carillon  
January 2021**

**Sunday Virtual Worship Schedule:**

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

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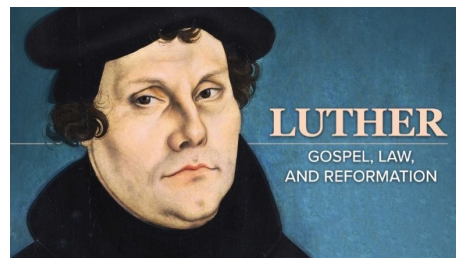
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway	<b>Pastor</b>
Linda Senter	<b>Financial Assistant</b>
Sondra Santos	<b>Communications Director</b>
Doreen Solberg	<b>Office Manager</b>
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Steve Torrence	<b>Director of Music</b>
Gary Norris	<b>Church Organist</b>
Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Coon	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>

**Adult Sunday School 2021**

Beginning January 17th, Steve Hammond will lead a new adult Sunday school series: *Luther: Gospel, Law, and*

*Reformation*, by Professor Phillip Carey. "This course explores Luther's theology, the



circumstances surrounding his conclusion that the papacy was "antichrist," and major issues and events in the Reformation as it unfolded in Luther's life after he posted his famous 95 Theses on the door of the church of Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517." If you'd like more information about this course, you can visit <https://www.thegreatcourses.com/courses/luther-gospel-law-and-reformation>.

Adult Sunday school will continue on the Zoom platform. Please note the following updated Zoom meeting information for Fellowship and Sunday school:

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3YlI2ZkpLUEZTdz09>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

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**Fellowship/Coffee Hour resumes  
January 17th at 11:15am.**

**Sunday School resumes January 17th at Noon.**



# Happy NEW YEAR!

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"  
SAYS THE LORD.

"THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD  
AND NOT FOR DISASTER,  
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."

JEREMIAH 29:11



# 2021 GREATER EVERETT COMMUNITY

DAY #1  
**A Virtual  
Celebration**  
Sunday, January 17th  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Mr. Nathaniel R. Miles:**

Vice President, Strategic Initiative,  
State Government Affairs,  
Eli Lilly and Company



## **CRAWL! WALK! RUN! SOAR!** MOVING OUR COMMUNITY FORWARD

HOSTED BY:

**MILL CREEK FOURSQUARE CHURCH**  
1415 164TH ST SW, LYNNWOOD, WA 98087

Live Streaming: [WWW.mc4s.org/MLK](http://WWW.mc4s.org/MLK)

DanVonique Bletson-Reed - Phone: (425) 583-7739  
[www.snohomishcountyblackheritagecommittee.com](http://www.snohomishcountyblackheritagecommittee.com)

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EVERETT COMMUNITY YOUTH  
AND GUEST SOLOISTS

Join Us On FB Live: SCBHC

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**COVID Restrictions Apply**

# 2021 GREATER EVERETT COMMUNITY

## DAY #2 Drive-By Parade Monday, January 18th 11:00AM - 2:00 PM

Contact:  
DanVonique Bletson-Reed  
(425) 583-7739

Guest Speakers  
Community Resources Available



## CRAWL! WALK! RUN! SOAR! MOVING OUR COMMUNITY FORWARD

Drive-By Parade From:  
Snohomish County Courthouse  
300 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201  
COVID Restrictions Apply



Drive-By Parade To:  
Everett Community College  
2000 Tower Street, Everett, WA 98201  
Join Us On FB Live: SCBHC



## Library Update - Celebrating Reading in January

Whether for you it's: "January already?" or "January at last!" a new month in a new year is upon us. What does this realization mean to your church library and its offspring, the Fourth Monday Book Group?

Like the Everett Public Library, we begin 2021 still closed to our usual activities and still seeking creative ways to meet your reading needs. In solidarity with Session, we begin with a theme of celebration. The privilege of reading and the vast array of materials to read is a cause to celebrate at any time of the year. This month we feature special days in January; the books we mention guide us in celebrating these days.

Indeed January, named for the Roman god of passages, transitions, gates, and endings (depending upon which sources one consults) offers many possibilities. Days are designated for varied heroes, causes, and even foods. We list a sample of those below along with connections to our library which, we trust, will again be open and welcoming before another new year!

January 1: **New Year's Day** - time for looking back at the road we've traveled, rejoicing in what we have accomplished and surveying the road ahead, anticipating new plans and goals.

*Life Is in the Transitions: Mastering Change at any Age* (Bruce Feiler)

*Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes* (William Bridges)

January 2: **National Science Fiction Day**

*Wrinkle in Time* (Madeleine L'Engle) and other titles in this series

January 3: **J.R.R. Tolkien Day**

*The Gospel According to Tolkien: Visions of the Kingdom in Middle Earth* (Ralph C. Wood)

January 5: **National Bird Day**

*Consider the Birds: a Provocative Guide to the Birds of the Bible* (Debbie Blue)

*National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds* (Miklos Udvardy)

January 15: **Strawberry Ice Cream Day** - couldn't leave this one out!

*Snack Attack: Teachable Moments Cookbooks for Kids* (Brenda Ward; Jane Cabaniss)

January 18: **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** (third Monday)

*Martin's Big Words: the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* (Doreen Rappaport)

For additional titles to help celebrate January and reading, explore our collection through the online public catalog: <https://15781.rmwebopac.com>

??? Contact your library staff - Fern Tully or Shirley Solberg

## Fourth Monday Book Group - Celebrating Reading in New Ways

January 25: **Fourth Monday Book Group** - not a national holiday, but a special day for our congregation and library!

Arguably the library's most successful accommodation to the COVID - 19 crisis has been resumption of book group via Zoom meetings. We will continue to convene virtually until Session concludes that it is safe to return to resume gathering in person. Unless announced otherwise, these events will take place at our usual fourth Monday mornings at 10:00.

At our January 25th, event, we will discuss:

### ***The Traveling Cat Chronicles* by Hiro Arkawa and Philip Gabriel.**

It is not necessary to be a "cat person" to relish this novel of an unlikely friendship, a trip through the Japanese countryside, and a tale of relationships. The feline hero, Nana, narrates the story himself.

In the words of one reviewer: "With his crooked tail, seen as a sign of good fortune, and his adventurous spirit, Nana is the perfect companion for the man who took him in as a stray. As they travel in a silver van across Japan, with its ever-changing scenery and seasons, they will learn the true meaning of courage and gratitude, of loyalty and love."

Previously planned for last year, this title is again available to us in a set of 10 copies. Many thanks to the Everett Public Library for this service. You may pick up a copy either from the church (when either Linda Senter or Doreen Solberg is on site) or from my front porch a few minutes from the church in north Everett. Please contact one of us to arrange for your copy.

This is a unique title you won't want to miss. Everyone is welcome. January is a perfect time for new attendees!

Keep reading! Celebrate!

Shirley Solberg      [shirley.solberg@icloud.com](mailto:shirley.solberg@icloud.com) / 425-252-2706 or 425-501-1607



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

## Food Drive—Donations Needed

There is not a word grand enough to express how thankful we are for your response to our December food drive to benefit Volunteers of America. You all donated a whopping 835 pounds of food!!! We all know the need for food in our community is great and you can be assured that every ounce of food donated will go to someone in need.

Because the need for food in our community is not going away any time soon, we will host our next drive-thru food drive on Monday, January 4th from 11am – 1pm in the Stocker alley. In addition to collecting non-perishable food items for Volunteers of America, our deacons will be collecting blankets to benefit Millenia Ministries and other local organizations for outreach during these cold winter months. We don't want to forget our furry friends in need, so we'll also collect smaller blankets for pets.

We look forward to seeing you on January 4th.



FPCE  
**VOA  
FOOD  
COLLECTION**

Mondays:  
December 14 & January 4th  
11am - 1pm  
FPCE Alleyway

The poster features a stack of various canned goods including soups, macaroni, and beans, with a 'CANNED GOODS' label on the box at the bottom right.

### Special dates:

**New Year's Day, January 1, 2021**

**Epiphany, January 6, 2021**

**Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2021**

**Religious Freedom Day, January 16, 2021**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18, 2021**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2021**

**Inauguration Day, January 20, 2021**



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

From the Estuary Angels



## *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*

**The Fierce Urgency of Now** – 52 Ways to Care for Creation. Here are four for January:

\* **Green your laundry routine.** Use cold water when washing clothes to reduce energy use. You also can use a shorter wash cycle. Do laundry when the load is full, saving water, electricity, money and time. Avoid using energy to dry your laundry by hanging a laundry line or using a drying rack.

\* **Shorten your shower.** According to a study done by Harvard, the average American shower uses 2.5 gallons of water per minute. You will save 12.5 gallons if you shorten by just five minutes. Or turn the water off while you lather up and turn it on to rinse.

\* **Change light bulbs to eco-friendly types.** CFL and LED bulbs can emit 25-80% less energy than traditional incandescents, plus they last longer.

\* **Do dishes less often.** Instead of washing dishes after every meal, consider doing them only when you have a full dishwasher load or full sink. If you do dishes by hand, use a basin to conserve dish-washing water. *Source: Creation Justice Ministries – Justice for God's planet and God's people*

## **Plastic Pandemic During COVID-19**

Recycling efforts have taken a backseat during the pandemic. Efforts to protect public health – from a huge increase in the use of disposable PPE to prohibitions against reusable bags – are damaging the health of the environment. And plastic use has increased by 20%, adding to the plastic-waste pandemic that's expanding through our communities and natural areas. PPE is considered medical waste and can't be recycled. We're on track to make a year's worth of medical waste every two months. Some ways we can reduce the plastic problem during the pandemic:

**1. Wear reusable masks.** Disposable masks are made from thermoplastic polypropylene, which takes up to 500 years to decompose. Non-recyclable. **2. Bring reusable bags** where permitted. Save up to 1,500 plastic bags a year. A single plastic bag can take up to 1,000 years to degrade in a landfill. **3. Reduce takeout packaging.** Reduce waste by 23% or around 400 pounds per year, about the weight of a full-grown gorilla. **4. Get a reusable bottle.** Americans buy 50 billion plastic water bottles yearly, but recycle only 20% of them. **5. Reuse disposable bags.** Reuse as trash can liners or waste bags for your pet. *Source: Earth911*

## **Special Days**

Jan. 2 is **National Play Outside Day**. Jan. 9 is **Eagle Day**. Jan. 10 is **National Cut Your Energy Costs Day**. Jan. 20 is **Penguin Awareness Day**. Jan. 24 is **Int'l Mobile Phone Recycling Day**.

## **Enjoy the Beauty Around Us**

Not likely to hike the Pacific Crest Trail? This 2,664-mile footpath connects Mexico to Canada, going through California, Oregon, and Washington. It takes about five months to complete the hike. See some of the beauty of it in three minutes on this video. Go to YouTube.com and search "The Pacific Crest Trail in Three Minutes." *Source: Sunset*

*"Nature is not a place to visit. It is home." - Poet Gary Snyder*

## Thursday Bible Study - The Gospel of Mark

Thursday Bible study with Pastor Alan returns in the new year on Thursday, January 7th. This new study will follow the Gospel of Mark and we'll start with Mark 1.

Thursday Bible study takes place virtually on Zoom, Thursdays at 4pm. Please note the updated Zoom meeting details below:

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdz09>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

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If you have questions, please e-mail Pastor Alan at [dorway@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:dorway@firstpreschurch.com).



### Please Note:

Lunch with Alan will resume on Tuesday, January 12th at Noon on Zoom.

## Session News and Notes

### Prepared by Laura Little

The regular monthly meeting of the Session met on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom. Elders present were George Lockeman, Laura Little, David Baer-Peckham, Steve Hammond, Marne Larson, Jamie Hunter, Bill Grosse, Howard Garner, and John Gebert

**Public Time: No visitors**

**Call to order: Alan called the meeting to order with readings from Psalm 98 and prayer.**

**Action Items:** These items can be found in the Drop Box

- Docket – **approved by consent**
- Minutes for the November 10, 2020 Meeting – **approved by consent**

**Treasurer's Report** - As of today, there have been 48 pledges turned in for a total of \$208,560. Our Operating Fund Pledges and Giving total to date is \$303,853 in comparison to last year's \$297,491. Our income to date is \$332,919 versus last year's \$256,802. The expenditures for the year to date are \$333,739 compared with \$324,168. Our budget at this point is \$7,913 with our net income at -\$819. Surprisingly, we are rebounding nicely given our present circumstances.

**Motions and action items:**

**REPORTS:** Groups with no reports being given will not be listed.

**Pastor's Report-**

- 1) Will be deferring his sabbatical for the year 2022
- 2) Dinner at the Bell doing well.
- 3) One of the NA groups, the organizing group, would like to hold a drive-thru Christmas event in our alley. Motion for them to do so was made. **M/S/P**

**Facilities** – The big boiler is back online, and the controller was replaced at a cost of \$4,500. At this point it is running normally. The boiler servicing the Calvin section of our building has been serviced and it too is running. There is a leak in the ceiling in Stocker Hall that is being worked on. At this point, the diagnoses and cost are unknown.

**Mission-** Dinner at the Bell is still doing well. Frank continues his shower program and is distributing clothing donated from the Assistance League Thrift Store. Donations have been sent to the Underground Ministries and Dawson Place. Underwear and socks have been donated to the shower ministry. A total of \$430 has been received from the Peacemaking Offering. These funds will be sent out as well.

**No Old Business or New Business**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm with prayer.**

## JANUARY 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** 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:

1/29 Wes & Annette King

### Birthdays:

1/4 Shakayla May  
1/5 Elizabeth M. Campbell  
1/5 Kari Nupen  
1/5 Mary Tonn  
1/7 Jered Fowler  
1/8 Joan Lyderson  
1/15 Michael Clemans  
1/21 Helen Greer  
1/23 Edwin Pearson  
1/25 Marian Long  
1/25 Judy Oberg  
1/26 Lianne Kniest  
1/28 Kory Kanter

Welcome,  
2021!

**E-Newsletter Submission Deadlines**

**\*PLEASE NOTE - During the coronavirus pandemic, distribution of e-newsletters and the Carillon may be interrupted. We thank you for your understanding.\***

If you have information you would like included in upcoming 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletters, please send that information to [sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the following deadlines:

**January 7, 2021 (for 2nd Monday)**

**January 21, 2021 (for 4th Monday)**

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

Upcoming Deadline:

**January 17, 2021**

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

# Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough \_\_\_\_\_ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should \_\_\_\_\_ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, \_\_\_\_\_ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come \_\_\_\_\_ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, \_\_\_\_\_ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear \_\_\_\_\_ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it \_\_\_\_\_ .

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*Write the unscrambled proverb here:*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PROVERBS 23:4

## Mission Matters - A Letter from Ryan and Alethia White, serving in the Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin

Greetings from Berlin!

Many here are eagerly yet cautiously awaiting Advent and the joy this season brings to an otherwise dark city in the throes of winter gloom. Friends from all backgrounds, not just Christian, have commented that they are excited for the lights and the air of anticipation that comes with the strong tradition of Advent here.



We are looking forward to all of that too! But there is also a mood of caution that persists because it has been that sort of year. Our church community had to move back online after a spike in COVID-19 cases in October. All of Germany went into “Lockdown Light” (a modified lockdown) for the month of November, and many are worried that it won’t be enough and that December will bring more restrictions just as many want to celebrate with loved ones. Many of the famous Christmas markets are already canceled for this year, and that announcement alone was enough to cause a degree of depression for lots of people. The markets are beloved because they represent time with friends and family, treats, lights, the anticipation of Christmas joy, and a reprieve from the darkness. Not having those things this year has been hard on everyone, no matter where you sit on the planet.

Like many of you and like those in our church community here, we have only been in contact with loved ones virtually this whole year. Many or all of the plans for visiting that we had, or you had, for this year were pushed off indefinitely. With the uncertainty around the pandemic and the overwhelming scenarios we have witnessed this year in our own countries and our global neighbors, it is utterly understandable that many of us are just tired. We are still waiting.

Advent is the season of waiting.

This year, we are all waiting for a return to “normalcy,” although perhaps we should give some careful thought to what sort of normalcy we wish to return. We are waiting for an effective vaccine. We are waiting to hug friends and family again. We are waiting for peace. We are waiting for people to be treated fairly and without prejudice. We are waiting for wars to cease. We are waiting for hope.

But there is cause for hope still. Advent is when we mark the waiting for Jesus’ coming. But let’s not forget, let’s remember that he has already arrived. We were not and are not abandoned, even in the darkness. Jesus was there and is there, and he is still the light. We should not fear waiting. The waiting is where we reckon with ourselves and with God. The waiting can be a holy space where God meets us in our fear.

Waiting does not mean a standstill. We, and our mission co-worker colleagues, have been hard at work this year. We have all adapted to the changing landscape, whether we have been able to remain in our country of service or have temporarily relocated to the U.S. We learned quickly about the technologies that would allow us to continue our work within the community that we serve. We shared our newfound knowledge with others so that our communities could stay in contact with each other.

For the Iranian Presbyterian Church, online platforms have allowed us to continue our activities together. This is true for many church groups around the world. We participated in conferences and forums this year on refugee rights, migration, human rights, racism, the effects of the pandemic on the church, and the church’s role in a changing world. Though we have moved beyond a radius of a few kilometers here in Berlin, we have been able to travel virtually for such discussions with colleagues across Europe and in the United States. We have been able to contribute to supporting churches in the U.S. and join your worship services from our time zone. Many possibilities for community have opened up, and we rejoice in all of them.

As we wait with anticipation in Advent, we wish to thank you for your words of encouragement, gifts of hope, and financial support. Physical distance may separate us, but we are not divided from each other, and that is a profound encouragement.

With love,

Ryan, Alethia, Ariella, and Laila

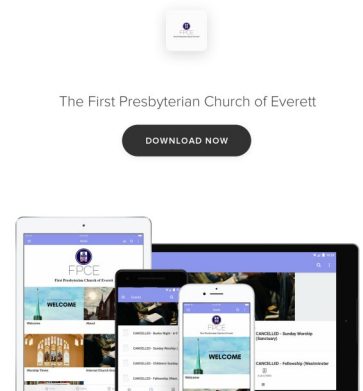
*Photo: Our daughters join with the other kids from the church during an online children’s program. The program leader mails the craft supplies to each child ahead of time so they can all participate together.*

## There's an app for that!

### Download the First Presbyterian Church of Everett Mobile App

We are excited to announce that the First Presbyterian Church of Everett has an app that you can now download in the app store on your mobile devices. With the FPCE mobile app, the church is now only a tap away. The FPCE app is a tool that aims to keep you connected to our faith community. With our app, you can or will soon be able to:

- Stay up to date with Push Notifications
- Watch or listen to past messages
  - View the church events calendar
  - Read the Bible
  - Sign up for events
- Make a secure gift and more...



Download today by visiting your app store and search First Presbyterian Everett

### Virtual Worship - Sundays at 10am on Facebook

All are invited 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/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public)

Worship guides are posted on our website, the Saturday before worship.



# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## **Ruling Elders**

<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>
Laura Little	Steve Hammond	Marne Larson
George Lockeman	Jamie Hunter	Bill Grosse
Howard Garner	David Baer-Peckham	John Gebert

## **Deacons**

<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>
Judy Kutz	Marilyn Minch	Lisa Comstock
Sonya Beardsley	Doris Pearson	Bob Barren
Nadine Smith	Ed Pearson	Barbara Barren

