THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin April 16, 2023 – 10am

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

Prelude Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing – Held

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 16:5-11

Jamie Hunter

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to darkness or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Hymn

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

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Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Jamie Hunter

Christ is risen. Yet we often act as if he is still in the tomb. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We cross the borders into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We expect more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

Take a silent moment for personal confessions and reflections

Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace. Now with peace in our hearts, let us join together in the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you!

And also with you!

Hymn Spirit #319

Scripture John 20:19-31

Choir Anthem Yes, My Jesus Loves Me Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon Peace! Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Special Music Easter Grace Elizabeth Nelson, Piano

Prayers of the People

Hymn Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness Glory to God Hymnal (see insert)

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude Fanfare – Lemmens Gary Norris, Organist

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Join Us Today for a Round Table Discussion on Worship

Today, join Steve Torrence and the Worship Committee as we discuss worship here at FPCE. Help us clarify some of the survey responses and give direction to our worship program. This will take place at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge.

Announcements

Flowers today are in honor of Scott Briggs Morrow who passed away on April 19, 2022, given by Shirley Morrow & Todd Morrow. The hymn we are singing today, "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" honors Scott and his work. Reverend David and Brenda Reiter, formerly of the First Presbyterian Church of Everett, were reminded of Scott when they sang it.

Read Ahead

Pastor Alan will be preaching on Luke 24:13-35 on April 23rd and John 10:1-10 on April 30th. By reading the scriptures before a sermon, you may find a deeper connection to the sermon or discover something new the Holy Spirit reveals to you.

S.P.A.M. – April 21st – Sign up by April 17th

S.P.A.M. (Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry) gatherings return on Friday, April 21st in Westminster Hall with Graham Kerr, former Galloping Gourmet. Join us at 11:30am around the Fellowship Punch Bowl. Lunch begins at noon. Reservations are needed by April 17th. Sign up at the welcome booth or call 425-259-4253.

Church Work Party - April 22nd

Mark your calendar for our next church work party, happening Saturday, April 22nd from 9am to 12pm. We will gather in the library. Donuts and coffee provided. We'll see you there!

Earth Day Artwork Celebration – April 23rd

We will be honoring Earth Day during worship on April 23rd. To help express what Earth Day means to each of us, we will be showcasing your artwork/photos of nature during coffee time. On Sunday, April 23rd, bring your artwork to Westminster Hall at 9:30am and the Deacons will work to display it for the enjoyment of all after worship. You can also email your photo to our office to be printed and displayed as well (please have those emailed by Thursday April 20th).



SCRABBLE is Back!

Scrabble is resuming on the first and third Wednesdays beginning in May. We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors and YOU to join us on May 3rd and 17th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

VOA Food Donations

We donated 292 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this month. Great job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off is May 1st from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

This Week...

- **Sunday School today** is 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. Join Steve Torrence and the worship committee as we discuss worship here at FPCE.
- Lunch with Alan is Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan is April 20th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Jonah.
 - o Join Zoom using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902
 - o Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - o All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

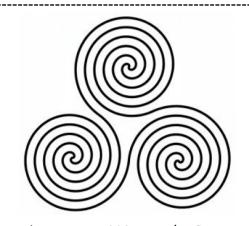
To all worshipping with us...

Session recently voted to remove pew spacing requirements. As such, we continue to:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. 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.
- Use 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.





Presbyterian Women's Retreat Calvin Lounge Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:30am - 2:00pm

Invite a friend

CHANGE, WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?

Featuring

Janice Smith - Friend of Jesus

Lunch Provided

RSVP In person, email doreen@firstpreschurch.com or leave a message at the church office by April 23rd

Prayer Updates April 16, 2023

- We pray for the families and community suffering after the elementary school shooting in Nashville. We pray specifically for Pedro Pollorena, our interpreter in Mani, who knows the family of Hallie Scruggs, one of the victims.
- We pray for the people in Turkey and Syria after their devastating earthquakes.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel, as she continues on-going cancer screening and wisdom for the doctors as they interpret test results. From Clyde and Judy Pitcher.
- We pray for Merle Kirkley as he is having health issues. We pray for healing and comfort.

- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Carol Venables died on March 31st. We pray for her extended family, for Marcia Burnham and for the Kuhnhenn family.
- Update: Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King, is scheduled to begin the actual transplant of his bone marrow cells on April 14th and will stay in the hospital 2 to 3 weeks. When discharged he will remain in Portland at arranged housing for another 2 to 3 weeks until he is stable enough to return home. Then there will be more recovery and rehabilitation. We pray God's wisdom and guidance for successful procedures, skill, and competence of Doug's medical team involved in his recovery and healing. Our family greatly appreciates your prayers. From Annette & Wes King.
- Update: Genny Heuer's cancer test came back clear, and she is doing much better. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Update: Kemper Davis, cousin of Jimmy Sharp, died. We pray for Jimmy and the extended family.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.
- Update: Thank you for your prayers for our brother-in-law, Craig. His bypass surgery went well, and he is recovering nicely at home. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Update: Please continue prayers for our friend, Carlos, and his battle against cancer. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Please pray for my brother Randy and his wife, Ellyn. Please help heal Elly's eyes and help her to see better. Pray that Randy, Elly and I get to spend time together. From Jodi.
- Bong, Alan & Judy Hutchison's daughter's brother-in-law is in ICU on a ventilator and appreciates prayers. From Judy Hutchison.
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.
- Alzheimer's prayer: Sue and Art Hermansen. Art is now in a memory care situation. Prayers for both as they journey through this. From Lois Tysseling.
- Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, is in physical therapy a few times a week. The main focus is the alignment of his torso, which will be ongoing for several months. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Arlene Mawudeku for kidney transplant
- Maggie Lamus
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Ashley Tomlin
- Larry O'Donnell
- Florence Day
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Wes King
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde 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 Jan Geibel Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- 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.

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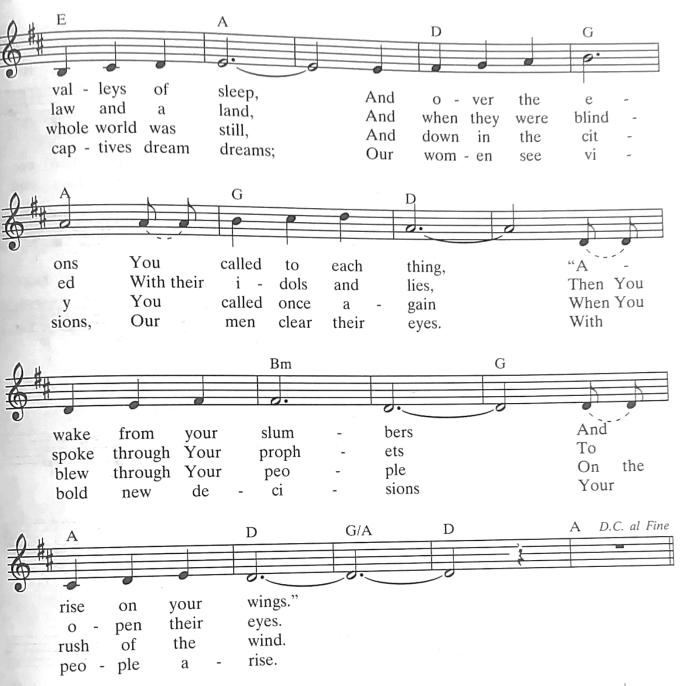


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