



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – September 20, 2026 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship Today! Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.

Supervised Nursery Care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our 2nd floor nursery room. Please pick up children by 11:05 or 10 minutes after service.

Hearing Devices are available to amplify the worship service. Please see ushers.

*For our liturgy, **BOLD** text invites you to join in the reading*

<u>Prelude</u>	<i>Canon in D</i> (Pachebel)	Gary Norris, Organist
<u>Ringing of the Bell</u>		Leslie Sutin
<u>Welcome</u>		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
Special Music	<i>Bless This House</i> (Brahe/Taylor)	Heather Burke, solo Elizabeth Nelson, piano
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 145:1-9	John Gebert

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King – #455

Prayer of Confession

God loves us and calls us by name. Let us set down our burdens and our defenses as we confess our sins in front of God and one another.

Almighty God, when we allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world through your eyes and seek new ways to be community. Turn our hearts back to your voice as we take time to be still.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Choir Anthem

He is Here
(Tally/Kirkland)

Dir. by Lorilee Brasseur

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

FPCE Sings

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying – #63

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Total Scandal

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn

Song of Hope – #432

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

Rigaudon
(Campra)

Gary Norris, Organist

Today

Adult Sunday School – 11:30am in Calvin Lounge (and on Zoom). We start a new class today. It is a review of a recorded lecture series titled *The History of Christian Theology*. More information is below under Announcements.

Join Zoom with Meeting ID: 831 6855 5529 [click here](#)

Worship Next Sunday will be at 10:00 am (also available online on our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel)

Upcoming

Lunch with Pastor Alan – no lunch tomorrow September 21st. We will resume on September 28th.

New Members Class – September 27th

If you have been worshipping with us and want to learn more about the First Presbyterian Church of Everett, are interested in what does it mean to be a presbyterian, have some questions about the church, or have wanted to become a member, then join Pastor Alan for a New Member's Class on Sundays September 27, October 4, and October 11th. Over these three weeks, Pastor Alan will talk about our church, membership, and our denomination. This class will be at 11:30am in the library.

Women's Association Fall Gathering 'So Many Hats' – Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Calvin Lounge/Westminster Hall. Lunch provided. Sign-up sheet available soon or call/email the church office.

Scrabble – October 7th and 21st at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Announcements

Pastor Alan will be on a study leave this week at Ingall's Creek.

New Adult Sunday School Class Autumn 2026 and Beyond

We start a new Adult Sunday School Class today. It will be review of a recorded lecture series titled *The History of Christian Theology*. At first glance that might sound boring, or intimidating, but it is not!

It is a comprehensive survey of what Christians have believed, proclaimed, and taught since the very beginning of the Church, right up to our times. Christian life is deeply rooted in faith, both personal and in community (within the Church). Anselm of Canterbury defined theology as “faith seeking understanding”. Faith comes first, but then we naturally want to understand it, so we can make sense of it for ourselves and share it with others.

Professor Carey, the lecturer for this series, defines theology thus:

“Christian theology is the central intellectual activity of the Christian tradition, consisting of critical reasoning about what should be taught in the Christian community, the church.” Talk about boring and intimidating! Not. Our professor is very learned but wants to speak to anyone wanting to understand what it is to be a Christian. While he is not afraid to mention some fine points of theological inquiry, Professor Carey really wants to speak to the person with the most basic questions about Christianity. Like us.

No preparation is required for this class. You can join us anytime you like, though you may find after the first lecture or two that you don't want to miss any!

Join the Choir!

Calling all singers! Choir rehearsals are on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to sing, you're invited to help lead worship through music. Talk with Lorilee for more information.

A photograph of a young girl with dark skin and short hair, wearing a dark dress with a colorful, swirling pattern. She is sitting on the ground in a slum-like environment, surrounded by trash and debris. She is holding and reading an open book. The background shows a dirt ground with various pieces of trash, including a white plastic bag and a metal can.

What does the Lord require of you?
...to love kindness
Micah 6:8

Working to create a world where all people have equal opportunity
to fully develop the gifts that God has placed within them.



WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING



EvCP Pie Sale

Just in time for the holidays!



Sunday, Sept. 27
10:45 AM–11:15 AM

Sunday, Oct. 11
10:45 AM–11:15 AM



Pies delivered November 16th.

All proceeds support Everett
Cooperative Preschool.

Volunteers of America Food Donations

We gathered 552 pounds of food for the VOA this month! Great job! We collect food donations every week at the baskets at both sanctuary doors. If you have a large donation or a heavy one, Ken Newman will be glad to help with collecting it before or after service on any Sunday. Thanks to all who donate food to help those in need in our community.

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.



Please Pray for...

Ed Coon, as his cancer has spread and he has begun hospice.

Ryan & Emily Alfrejd, on the death of Ryan's dad, Richard.

Arlene, Abla, Rose, and the Mawudeku family on the death of their sister, Evelyn.

Jimmy Sharp has asked for prayers of motivation to be in church on Sundays.