

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin – 10am

January 2, 2022

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County and the State of Washington, is **requiring masks indoors** regardless of vaccination status 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

Il est ne - French Carol

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-11

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Hymn

As With Gladness Men of Old

(hymn text at end of bulletin)

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

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

Hymn	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	(hymn text at end of bulletin)
Sermon	<i>Three Gifts in the New Year</i>	Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord.

It is right, a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation.

When we rebelled against you refusing to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way.

Then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. At the right time, you came and dwelt among us, as one of us.

As a newborn baby, You set aside holiness to wrap yourself in a caregiver's humility; as a young boy, You planted the seeds of hope, so we might learn compassion for others; as a young man, You placed the gift of patience, so we would discover how to put up with those who drive us to distraction; as our misunderstood savior, in brokenness on a cross, you put on love, not staying behind in the grave, but coming forth singing the refrain of resurrection.

In this season, we move on from the celebration of a Birth to learning what it means to follow Jesus into life and death, we come to Your meal once again, praying that You pour out Your

Spirit not only upon those who have gathered this day, but on the bread and the cup, the symbols of life for us.

We set aside our fears and doubts to eat of the bread which is broken, we ask to be clothed in Your compassion, so others might find hope in us. We would drink from the cup that Your grace might fill us, so we might use our hands to lift up the fallen, our feet to walk with the lonely, our heads to solve the problems of poverty, our hearts to love those hated by others.

And when all time comes to an end, no one will stay behind, but all Your children will be gathered around Your Table of grace and live, where we will sing canticles of hope and wonder to You, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Chancel Choir

How Great Thou Art

Directed by Steve Torrence

Communion

Our Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.**

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink this cup, do it in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion is shared - You are now invited to take a bite of your bread and a sip from your cup and to taste the mystery of God's grace.

Prayer and Benediction

Lord's Prayer

Solo, Steve Torrence

Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

(hymn text at end of bulletin)

Postlude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star – Bach

Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

- 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 will resume Tuesday January 4th at 12pm. Join us via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=ck5NR2hwOUd3cXFRaVQ2ZUVyRXJoUT09>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
 - Passcode: FPCE!22
- Thursday Bible Study will resume on Thursday January 6th at 4pm using *We Make the Road by Walking* Chapter 19 studying 1 Kings 3:1-28; Luke 2:39-3:14, 3:21-22; 1 Timothy 4:6-16 Join us via zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=ck5NR2hwOUd3cXFRaVQ2ZUVyRXJoUT09>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
 - Passcode: FPCE!22
- Sunday School will resume on January 9th at 11:30am.

Beginning next Sunday, January 9th, we will be updating our prayer list. If you would like to update the list, then please fill out a request online, write one to put in the Offering box, call the church office, or email Pastor Alan (dorway@firstpreschurch.com), Doreen (doreen@firstpreschurch.com) or Sondra (sondra@firstpreschurch.com). Thank you!

Prayer Updates January 2, 2022

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community. Recent numbers continue to show a decline. This is a great trend, and we pray our numbers continue to drop.
- We pray for Genevieve Heuer for physical and financial concerns from Jimmy Sharp.
- We pray for Randy as he struggles with being accepted. From Jodi.
- We pray for Maggie Lamus who has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment.
- We pray for Roy Gresham who had surgery to remove a growth on his leg. He is home, but we pray for his recovery and healing.
- We pray for Carol Gresham who suffered a severe back spasm. She is home and doing better. We pray for her continued healing.
- We pray for Sam and Rose's niece who has been diagnosed with COVID. She lives in Snohomish with two small children. We also prayer for Rose's brother and sister-in-law as they navigate how to care for each other during this time.

- Prayers for healing, strength, and peace for LaMara Halstrom diagnosed with carcinoma and Jane McMahon diagnosed with esophageal and liver cancer. Both are “sisters” of Steve and Nancy Torrence.
- Prayers for Arlene Mawudeku.
- 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 this week as he will be having some procedures done. We pray for his doctors, his strength, his health, God’s comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God’s peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- 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 14th 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 Kuhnenn
 - 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 Dawson, as he goes through another round of chemotherapy– 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.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT 8.8.44.6 with refrain

John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857; alt.

John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857; alt.
Intro. Robert Stigall, 1988

All: 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are,
 Opt. solo: 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain,
 Opt. solo: 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I:
 Opt. solo: 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume
 All: 5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise,

Optional Introduction

Bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far, Field and foun - tain,
 Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing
 Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 King and God and Sac - ri - fice; Al - le - lu - ia,



moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
 we are rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia Sounds through the earth and skies.



Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night,

Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light!

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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GO TELL IT 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual

Arr. John W. Work III, 1940

Stanzas, John W. Work II (1872-1925)

Harm. and adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain O-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

Fine

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a - bove the earth,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

D.C.

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