

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin

August 24, 2025 – 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.	Nursery Care Nursery care is on summer hiatus and will resume on September 14 th .
For our liturgy this morning, BOLD text invites all to join in the reading.	

Prelude

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Ken Newman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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Prayer of Confession

Ken Newman

Let us confess our lives to the One who chooses to forgive us and love us unconditionally.

Again, we come to you with our prayers, Holy Lord. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way.

Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.

Forgive us, Lord, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. May we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out with your healing forgiveness, yet once more.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Ken Newman

God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us, but to listen to our prayers. God chooses not to shame us, but to save us. **This is good news: in Jesus, we are forgiven, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings

Lord, Prepare Me

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Scripture

Luke 22:39-46

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

Sermon

Lens of Sacrifice

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

O for a Closer Walk with God

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

Hearing Assistance

A limited number of hearing devices are available to amplify the worship service. To use one, please ask a greeter or Pastor Alan.

All-Church Picnic Today!

The All-Church Picnic is today at 11:30 am at Legion Park. All are welcome for BBQ and food, games & activities, and fellowship & fun!

The Gathering – August 27th

All are welcome to join our last Gathering of the summer (don't worry, we're planning more dates in the fall) this Wednesday, August 27th at 5:30 pm. We gather in Westminster Hall for dinner and after a game, we will head out for s'mores in the north parking lot. Bring a lawn chair. Marshmallows, chocolate, graham crackers and roasting sticks will be provided.

Work Party – September 6th

It's time to party! All are welcome to join the Facilities Committee on Saturday, September 6th at 9:00 am in the library for coffee and donuts before we start. We have gardening and other projects for all ages. Bring gloves and we'll have a great time!

Priscilla Circle – September 8th

Attention ladies! Priscilla Circle will have their first meeting this fall on Monday, September 8th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. This year, our study book is "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ". All women are welcome.

Nursery Volunteers & Youth Sunday School

The Christian Formation & Discipleship Committee is looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service and to help lead youth Sunday school for this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good or Pastor Alan.

Book & Puzzle Sale Collection

The Women's Association will be hosting a book and puzzle sale in October. If you would like to donate, please place items in the totes by the stairwell at the Rockefeller entrance. Thank you.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets September 3rd and 17th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 153 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America this month. Great job! Our next in-person collection is on Monday, September 8th from 10am to 12pm.

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.

This Week...

Adult Sunday School – There is no Sunday School today or next week, August 31st. Sunday School will resume on September 7th.

Lunch with Alan – Lunch with Alan is on summer break. Lunch will resume on September 8.

Thursday Bible Study – Thursday Bible Study is August 28th at 4:00 pm on Acts 10.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86014705926?pwd=n6i55oXfRmZBhub3gbKPaf4JZARsW5.1>

Meeting ID: 860 1470 5926

Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

- All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

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, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

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

Prayer Requests August 24, 2025

- Beverly Brandt's memorial will be here on September 27th at 2:00 pm. Please keep Bev's family in your prayers.
- Please pray for our daughter, Monica, as she recovers from arthroscopic knee surgery. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please keep Adison & Ainslee, grandchildren of Mike & Martha Clemans, in your prayers. Adison is in Ohio to attend college and play baseball. Ainslee is in Austin to teach 7th grade math. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Lisa, daughter of a friend of Elizabeth Nelson, has a spider bite wound that is not healing and now threatens to require a foot or partial foot amputation. Please pray for a turnaround in her symptoms. From Elizabeth Nelson.
- Ari & Robin Kohler's sister-in-law fell and injured her knee and leg. Please pray for healing.
- We pray for Stephen Moore as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Jay Kuhnenn and his mother continue to have back issues. **Update:** Jay's fusion on his back is now scheduled for November. His mother received an injection and has had some relief. Marcia's dementia continues to progress. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Ron. Ron was a friend of Ray Smith who died unexpectedly. Ron was a teacher of English and a missionary in Vietnam. We pray for comfort and peace during this difficult time.
- **Update:** Sandy was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation along with her battles with spinal stenosis and neuropathy. Please keep praying for less pain, more comfort, mobility and good test results. She is very grateful for your continued prayers. Thank you from Annette King.
- Alan Villevik's sister, Mary Rogers, was diagnosed with an aggressive type of cancer. She chose not to proceed with surgery or chemotherapy. Please pray for comfort and freedom from any pain and for our nephew, Bob Rogers, who is caring for her. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.

- Please pray for Mary Margaret Villevik who is living in an abusive relationship in Europe and desires to leave but needs the strength and courage to leave safely. We appreciate prayers on her behalf. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.
- Our friend has been diagnosed with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). She needs a liver transplant. Please pray for a donor and as she waits, pray for strength and healing. From Alan & Vicki.
- We pray for Jean Kanter for healing, strength, peace, and happiness. Thank you.
- We pray for Carol Gresham who fell and broke her hip. She is slowly recovering.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, has very painful involuntary muscle contractions due to an illness. Prayers for pain relief and healing are appreciated. From Lisa Villevik.
- The father of a friend of Ari & Robin Kohler was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. Prayers for his healing and for his daughter Meredith are appreciated. From Ari Kohler.
- Please pray for Ari Kohler's sister, Lolita, as she deals with health issues.
- Please pray for my daughter and son-in-law, Joanna & Jason and their 2½ year old daughter, Violet. Violet has been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Prayers for their ability to manage Violet's high blood glucose levels, a new baby, and Joanna's continuing recovery from a C-section. From Diane Preston.
- **Update:** Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Alan Villevik. The two issues that are a challenge to him currently are his eyesight and his hearing loss. He wants to remain positive through all of this. From Dottie Villevik.
- **Update:** Jade, our grandson, is doing outpatient dialysis three times per week. Sight problems from diabetes continue. He has cleared the first hurdle for a kidney transplant. Please continue all prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- **Update:** LeAnne, Mike's great granddaughter, is home from a two-week hospital stay. After so much chemo she had a reaction that caused a lot of pain and resulted in seizures. After treatment, the pain is finally manageable, and the seizures seem to have declined. The doctors remain highly optimistic. This will be a very long battle with last "scheduled" chemo treatments sometime toward the end of 2026. Please keep LeAnne in all your prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Our nephew, Ben, is in dire need of a new kidney. Please pray for a donor and visit and share this website with all: <https://www.kidneyforben.com/>. From John & Lisa Gebert.
- Please pray for Robin & Ari Kohler's niece, Lola, as she deals with health issues.
- We pray for Marsha Lueth who has health issues that are preventing her from doing the things she would like to. She is comfortable, but we pray for healing and peace from the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray for my father-in-law, Richard Alfrejd, who continues to battle stage four cancer. From Emily Alfrejd.
- Margaret Lillie's daughter, Rita Cornelius, has started chemotherapy, and testing shows that her cancer has not spread. Thank God for this good news! Please continue prayers. From Lisa Villevik.
- Monica's husband, Robby, is still struggling with the effects of his stroke. Prayers are appreciated. From Mike and Martha Clemans

- Aaron, a friend of Lisa Villesvik, has been very ill and has gone through dozens of tests. The cause of his illness has not been identified, and he is very discouraged. Please pray he will be restored to health and hope.

Continued Prayers

- Family of Tracy Klingler
- Family of Marilyn Larsen
- Family of Barbara Yates
- Family of Mary Grosse
- Family of Michael Goza