

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
September 10, 2023 – 10am

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer* – Young Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Nominating Announcement Steve Hammond

Call to Worship Psalm 149:1-4; 119:33-36 Merle Kirkley

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give us understanding, that we may keep your law and observe it with our whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn our hearts to your decrees and not to selfish gain. Praise the Lord!

Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* #327

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer Merle Kirkley

Trusting in God's faithfulness when we are not, together let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, in Jesus our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace so that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be.

Today's Choir Anthem
God Is My Rock

Almighty Father, our Heavenly King. Almighty Father, our Heavenly King.
Eternal Master, your praises we sing. Eternal Master, your praises we sing.
All knowing and all powerful, You are my rock.

God is my rock, God is my rock, God is my rock, of my ages, rock of my
soul. God is my rock, God is my rock, God is my rock, the rock of my
salvation. God is my rock, God is my rock, God is my rock, of my ages, rock
of my soul. God is my rock, God is my rock, God is my rock, the rock of my
salvation.

The wise man built his house upon the rock and not the sand, choose a rock
for your foundation, choose a rock to take your stand. Dwell upon the rock of
God and you will be strong of faith and sure of God's salvation for eternity.

God is my rock, God is my rock, God is my rock, the rock of my ages, rock of
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Announcements

Special Sunday School Session – Today

Should Christians care about the Holy Land? Come and hear from Bill Plitt, an American (Presbyterian) Christian who has visited the Holy Land many times over many years. Bill has met and befriended many people who live in the Holy Land and will share his memories, experiences, and thoughts about God's work in the land we call holy. Please plan to join us for this special Sunday School session today from 11:30-12:30. We anticipate having some guests from other churches joining us for this special event.

Summer Aire Concert – Today

The 2023 Summer Aire Concert is this afternoon at 3:00pm here in the sanctuary: "PDQ Bach and Stranger!" Take a journey of musical surprises that provide lots of humor. Pieces will include the cantata, "The Seasonings", and the songs "My Bonny Lass She Smelleth", and "Who is Silvia?" Plus, a selection of other "unusual" music, including songs from "Sweeney Todd", an anti-smoking piece from 1699, a comedic opera work, and more. Suggested donation \$5.00 per person. Ice cream social to follow.

VOA Food Donations – September 11th

We donated 323 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in August. Great job! Our next drive-through collection is tomorrow, September 11th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door. Your donations support those in need here in Everett. Thank you for your donations.



Climbing Closer to God

**2023 FPCE
ALL-CHURCH
RETREAT**

September 16, 2023

Where:
Warm Beach Conference Center
20800 Marine Dr.
Stanwood, WA 98292

Cost:
Adults (18 and over) \$20
Kids (8 - 17) \$5
Younger than 8 Free

Time: 9am - 4:45pm with optional BBQ Dinner at 5pm

Presbyterian Women – Kitchen Towel Drive

The Presbyterian Women are hosting a kitchen towel drive to replace aging towels in the Westminster and Calvin kitchens. If you would like to contribute, you may drop off a new kitchen/tea towel or a new dishcloth over the next few Sundays in the Westminster kitchen. Thank you for your donation!



Priscilla Circle – September 11th

Priscilla Circle will have their first meeting this fall on Monday, September 11th at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. Sonya Beardsley will lead our discussion from our study book on Luke. Judy Campbell will serve as hostess. You can bring your lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble is on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on September 20th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.

This Week...

- **Special Sunday School** today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Come and hear Bill Plitt, an American (Presbyterian) Christian who has visited the Holy Land many times over many years.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Lunch with Alan** – is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** –
 - There will be no Thursday Bible Study on September 14 and 21. We will resume on September 28.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

To all worshipping with us...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- 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.

Prayer Requests September 10, 2023

- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Peter Boonstra died August 17th. Please keep his extended family in your prayers.
- **Update:** Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette King. Praises to God! The reoccurrence of tumor has been diagnosed as benign! Besides the improvement in his balance and muscle tone as he is again working with a physical therapist, he has started the 'chemo for life' which will help the blood cells continue to do the good job they were intended for. He still has a long road ahead to regain good overall health and once again get his driver's license. Doug & all the family are very grateful for your years of prayers. Please keep on praying! From Annette King.

- **Update:** Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel. She has been on a trial for a new drug through Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. It looks very promising. Jan appreciates your thoughts and prayers. From Judy & Clyde Pitcher.
- Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece, Leanne, whose IgA Nephropathy (Berger's Disease) is attacking her kidneys again. **New Update:** After many tests and doctor approvals, her husband's kidney is a match for transplant! Surgery will be October 4.
- Wes King died peacefully on August 5th. Please keep Annette and the extended family in your prayers during this time.
- Prayer request for our granddaughter, Melissa Mobeck. (She was our son's stepdaughter, but she has always been a part of our family). She has struggled with addiction and trauma issues over her life but is clean and healthy. She is married to Chris Butterfield, and they have two precious children: Tina 2 years old and little Amy 3 months old. They are active in a little church. Alan and I communicate with them daily by text or video chat so would also appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we continue to love and support them. From Alan and Dottie Villevik.
- We would like to ask for your prayers for our friends Tom and Pat Dotson. Tom has pancreatitis and has been hospitalized in poor condition. Pat has dementia and is not sure where she is. Pray also for their daughter Jennifer who has suddenly assumed a great responsibility. **Update:** Tom was released from the hospital to home. He had a heart attack and is back in the hospital awaiting open heart surgery. Thank you. From Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Susan Klingler who is recovering from hip replacement surgery. In addition, she fell and broke her femur. She had surgery and will now be recovering from two surgeries. From Lisa Comstock
- **Update:** On our friends Mike and Jeannine Schone. Mike was diagnosed with brain cancer and is involved in special cancer research with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Society and is in the third phase of one in which he may be getting the trial medicine or a placebo. He reports that he is feeling great and is hopeful that he may be getting the real stuff. Doctors seem pleased with his progress. They appreciate our prayers and believe his situation is due to the many prayers that have been offered on his behalf. From Alan and Dottie Villevik
- We pray for Marsha Lueth's severe chronic cerebral microvascular disease as it is causing even more weakness. We also pray for her health and spirit as she deals with other medical issues.
- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.
- 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 Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Cody, grandson of Marilee Richards
- Karen, daughter of Marilee Richards
- Art & Sue Hermansen
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- 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
- 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.

O Word of God Incarnate

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William Walsham How, 1867
As in Psalter Hymnal, 1987

Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine,
3. O make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.

Jesus Loves Me!

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JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 with refrain

Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1861

1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
 Tak - ing chil - dren on His knee, Say - ing, "Let them come to Me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

374 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE LM

Francis of Assisi (1181/2-1226)
Para. James Quinn (b. 1919)

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., 1962

1. Lord, make us ser - vants of Your peace: Where there is
 2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is
 3. Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek To be con -
 4. May we not look for love's re - turn, But seek to

hate, may we sow love; Where there is hurt, may we for -
 gloom, may we sow hope; Where all is night, may we sow
 soled, but to con - sole, Nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 love un - self - ish - ly, For in our giv - ing we re -

give; Where there is strife, may we make one.
 light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 hearts, But look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 ceive, And in for - giv - ing are for - given.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn
 Through death's dark night to endless day:
 Lord, make us servants of Your peace
 To wake at last in heaven's light.

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