

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

April 30, 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 *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* – Arr Jones Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 100 Merle Kirkley

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #487

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer Merle Kirkley

Let us confess all that distracts and distorts God's truth, so we can know grace and forgiveness through Christ.

Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call. You gather us, but we wander away losing ourselves in false and superficial comforts. You speak truth, but we fail to hear and respond. You are faithful, but we turn away. You love us, but we do not share generously. Good Shepherd do not give up on us. Release us from our guilt and our shame. Restore us to your joy. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

Take a silent moment for personal confessions and reflections

Even when we walk through the darkest valley, God is with us. God does not abandon us. Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace. Now God help us hold on to your promises of grace. Keep our feet steady on Christ's path as we seek to be his followers, praying the prayer he 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.

Hymn *Take My Life* #391 (verses 1 and 6)

Passing of the Peace

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

Choir Anthem *In This Holy Hour* Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture John 10:1-10
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Voice of Jesus* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #387

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *Allegro Maestoso – Handel* Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

Pastor Alan leaves for a vacation and study leave beginning on Thursday May 4th. Thursday Bible Study is postponed until May 25th when we will study Joel 1-2. We are blessed to have Rev. Janice Smith preach on Sunday May 7th and Rev. Ray Smith preach on May 14th. There will be no Lunch with Alan on May 8th and May 15th. We will resume lunch on May 22nd.

New Adult Sunday School Class

We are reviewing another engaging lecture series, Great Figures of the New Testament, in our Adult Sunday School class. The lecturer is Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University.

The New Testament is full of stories about interesting people. The lecture series takes an in-depth look at many of these people, including the major figures such as John the Baptist, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Peter, Paul, and Jesus himself, but also at some of the lesser-known figures, such as Martha and her sister Mary, the Gentile Mother, Philip, the Centurions, the Samaritan Woman, and many more.

Dr. Levine's fascination with, and respect for, the New Testament writings and the human figures who populate them are infectious and at times provocative. You will be bound to encounter many new perspectives and insights on this familiar material, and there will be much to ponder and discuss as we journey through this course together.

Each lecture stands on its own, so you can drop in on class whenever you are able to, without preparation, though, as with any good course, there is much to gain by attending all the lectures!

Graduation Sunday – June 11th

Scan the QR code at right to submit a graduate information form online. Graduate information forms are also available at the Welcome Center. Forms are due in the church office by May 30th.

VOA Food Donations – May 1st

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

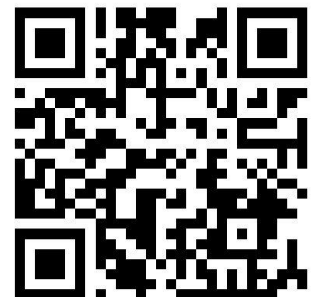


JUNE 11, 2023

We're celebrating the Class of 2023 on Graduation Sunday - June 11 during our 10 a.m. worship service.

Have a loved one graduating in the Class of 2023? Submit a graduate information form by May 30.

SCAN QR CODE FOR DETAILS



SCRABBLE – May 3rd

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!

Priscilla Circle – May 8th

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, May 8th at 11:30am, in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter 9. A potluck will be held as we finish up our year until we resume in September. Bring ideas for our study next fall. All women are welcome.

Men’s Breakfast – May 13th

The Men’s Breakfast is Saturday, May 13th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!

This Week...

- **Sunday School today** is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Steve Hammond is leading a new lecture series “Great Figures of the New Testament”.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **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. There will be no lunch on May 8th and May 15th while Pastor Alan is on study leave/vacation. We will resume on May 22nd.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan is on break. We will resume May 25th.
- **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...

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.

Prayer Updates April 30, 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.
- Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece, Leanne, whose IgA Nephropathy (Berger's Disease) is attacking her kidneys again. She is going through the steps to get on the kidney transplant program.
- Please pray for Tracy Klinger. She had bunion surgery recently. Prayers for a quick recovery. Also, her chemo is going well. She thanks everyone for their prayers. From Susan Klinger
- Update: It is truly miraculous that Mason has made such gigantic strides in his recovery and healing from serious back surgery. His mom reports he can do anything but slalom ski! Thank you so much, FPCE, for your prayers! From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- 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.
- 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.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.
- Update: Please continue prayers for our friend, Carlos, and his battle with 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.
- 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.

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song

To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

H. A. César Malan, 1827

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY 8.7.8.7 D

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859

Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;

In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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