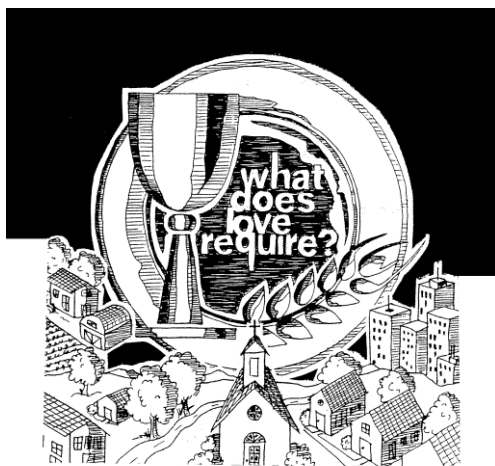


# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

July 3, 2022



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

Prelude

*Finlandia*

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Jan Weakley

Welcome

Roy Yates

Introduction to this Service

Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson

## **A. The Service of the Word also known as the Service of the Synagogue**

Call to Worship

(Based on the Gettysburg Address – November 19, 1863)

Roy Yates

Thanks be to you, O God, for our native land.

**For our nation, brought forth on this continent, conceived in liberty and dedicated in the proposition that all people are created equal. May this nation, now, under God, have a new birth of freedom so that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.**

May we never forget the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, who lived and died for our freedom.

**Today we rededicate ourselves to that unfinished work.**

Hymn

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

(words at end of bulletin)

Prayer of Confession

Come now into the presence of the one who is the Prince of Peace who beckons us to confess our need of God's presence, strength, and guidance in these troubling times.

**We come before you, O God. Words fail us. We are in need of you. We look to you and pray, come to us by your holy spirit, breathe new life into the sinews of our nation. May justice flow like rivers, and righteousness like a never-failing stream against all the tides of injustice, violence, hatred, and strife. On this day we recommit ourselves to honoring and serving you with everything that we are. We lay our lives before you for the sake of our land and the peoples and nations of this world. Amen**

Assurance of God's Love

God said, "I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit within you."

God forgives us and helps us change our lives!

God empowers us to act

So let us give thanks to God!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Amen

Gloria Patri (tune: The Battle Hymn of The Republic)

**All glory to the Father who created heaven and earth,**

**All glory to the Son who came to celebrate our worth,**

**And glory to the Spirit who has given a second birth,**

**God's love lives on and on.**

**Glory, glory, hallelujah,**

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**God's love lives on and on.**

Scriptures included in this sermon

Peter 1:10 and Romans 12:1-2

Sermon

***Ancestry.com: How Deep Are Your Roots?***

Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson

Choir Anthem

*An American Hymn ... America the Beautiful*

Directed by Jan Weakley

The congregation is invited to join with the fourth stanza:

**O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!**

**America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!**

## **B. The Service of the Sacrament also known as The Service of The Upper Room**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Everyone who is ready hear now the voice of our host who meets us at this table, are invited.

“Come to Me”

“Follow Me”, “Abide with Me”, and “Remember Me”.

Come now to this table of freedom, love, and hope.

Hymn of Preparation

*Remember Me*

(Tune: O Waly, Waly)

Pastor:

Remember me in bread and wine  
Whene'er you share this meal of mine  
I gave my life to set you free  
With thanks and praise, remember me

**Congregation Sings:**

**Remember me in all you do,  
For I'm alive! I walk with you.  
I was, I am, and I shall be.  
O church I love, remember me.  
O God, we hear! We're called and freed!  
Your Spirit gives us memory.  
Now send us out that we may share  
Your love's great story everywhere.**



Pastor's own prayer preparing to serve and the washing of hands

The Eucharistic (Thanksgiving) Prayer

The Sanctus sung by all:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thee**

**Heaven and earth are praising thee,**

**O Lord most high.**

***Communion is shared** – Today we invite you to come forward and partake in the Lord's Supper in one of two ways. First, you may take a piece of bread, **The Bread of Life** and the **Cup, the Cup of Blessing**, from the trays on the auxiliary Communion Table or you may take a prefilled sealed cup with bread and juice and return to your pew. **All are invited to come forward and share in this holy meal.***

The Prayer After the Supper

Hymn      *The Lord's Prayer*      (Tune: Finlandia)

**Dear Lord, now found wherever love abides  
May all on earth revere your holy name**

**Your kingdom come in all its power and beauty  
In human hearts o'er all the earth, we pray**

**Your will be done, each of us true to duty  
In all we think and do and say**

**Give us this day, our daily bread, O Creator  
Forgive our sins as we too have forgiven**

**Lead us by grace when we must face life's perils  
Save us from evil at our work or play**

**Yours is the Kingdom, Yours the Power, Redeemer  
Yours the glory now and evermore. Amen.**

The Blessing as we go forth to serve

Postlude

*Improv on Finlandia*

Gary Norris, Organist

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“When the worship is over, the service begins!”



## Announcements

From Pastor Bob: We welcome back Pastor Bob, whose wide travels, and many ministry experiences from coast to coast and abroad equips him with a unique perspective on God's call to all of us today. He has a gift, a take home resource, for prayer, study, and action for you to pick up after the service. For the next two Sundays, he will lead us to again meet our Lord in the prayer he gave us. He will clearly and powerfully point out that in the Lord's Prayer, God comes to us, meets our needs, past, present, and future, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In sermon and songs, scripture and stories will bring this prayer to life for you! Do come back and be sure to invite family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Let's grow this congregation!

Next Sunday, July 10, don't miss as we gather to hear, sing, pray and learn The Lord's Prayer, as sung in West Indies with drums, as offered by Roman Catholic neighbors at worship. Two lovely hymns will voice this most basic prayer and this paraphrase to invite you to delve more deeply into its rich meaning.

As we come into our Lord's Presence and engage this prayer he taught, come prepared to face, explore and grapple with **two phrases**: one, *before he gave the prayer* and one phrase *in the prayer* and the three tenses of the prayer.

A. Before the prayer: "when you pray..." not if you pray.

B. God's will: *God's work, God's mission and your congregation's mission statement*

C. The tenses of the prayer that speak to each of our needs, *past, present and future*.

"I can't speak for you but in these most troubling times I HAVE NEEDS, do you?" says Pastor Bob, our guest minister/preacher. Y'all come!



### **Flowers today are from Dorothy Nerison**

In honor of her father, Claude Ottewell, who fought for the British in World War I, her sister, Patricia Ottewell, who served as a Navy Wren for Canada in World War II, and all those men and women who served and are still serving in the armed forces today.

## **Deacon on Duty**

Pastor Alan is on sabbatical. He will be offline through September 6<sup>th</sup> when he returns to the office and will lead worship on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have great pastors filling the pulpit over the summer and our Deacons want to make sure member needs are being met. To assist, our Deacons are going 'on-call' over the summer. In July, feel free to contact our July Deacons on Duty, Sonya Beardsley (425-334-0140), Amy Farnham (206-914-0274) for visitation needs or prayer updates. This is another way our Deacons care for our congregation. Stay tuned for August updates.

## **Men's Breakfast**

Our Men's Breakfast meets on Saturday July 9 at 8:30am in Stocker Hall. All men are invited to a time of fellowship and bible study.

## **Adult Sunday School – New class begins July 10**

There is no Sunday School class today. Next Sunday we will embark on a new Adult Sunday School class based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls. This class will be led by Steve Hammond and is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology. There is no requirement for preparation for this class, and you can drop in at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights.

- 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 is taking a sabbatical break. Look for us to resume lunch in September.
- **Thursday Bible Study is cancelled on July 7<sup>th</sup>.** We will continue our study on July 14. Shirley Solberg will lead us in Chapters 5, 6, and 7 of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. Join us every Thursday for scripture and discussion via Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=ck5NR2hwOUd3cXFRaVQ2ZUVyRXJoUT09>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
  - Passcode: FPCE!22
- **There is no Sunday School today.** Next week we will start a new series on Dead Sea Scrolls.

## ***To all worshipping with us:***

- Masks are optional in our facility
- The first six rows of the sanctuary are open seating
- The back rows are every other pew for more spacing

Even as we move into this new chapter, we affirm a cautious approach by:

- Having masks and hand sanitizer available for use
- Keeping socially distanced
- Using prefilled communion cups

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a Session member. 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.

## **Dinner at the Bell Reopens for Indoor Dining**

On May 18 Dinner at the Bell opened the doors of Stocker Hall to serve the homeless a warm meal.

Pastor Alan opened the evening with a greeting and shared our policies for conduct and facility use. Dottie Villevik shared grace as we welcomed our guests to dinner. Jimmy Sharp and his team of servers provided a hearty hot meal that was well received.

No major issues were noted. We do need one of our volunteers to take on the coordination of assigning server tasks for the evening. Additional volunteers will be needed to serve when vacations, illness and other factors arise.

D@B (Dinner at the Bell) is moving forward with serving inside and making changes to how we will serve. Here are some examples:

- Being better neighbors to the surrounding business community by eliminating all use of the alley.
- Frank Fargo's (Shower to the People) hot shower mission has moved into our north lot.
- The coffee mission (Jessica Holden Dietsch) has agreed to move indoors as our coffee service.
- The laundry trailer is in disrepair and will not be rejoining the ministries here.
- Mercy Watch and Lifelong, who provide access to testing and healthcare, will locate its van in the north lot with the showers. During inclement weather they will serve in the room adjacent to Stocker Hall.
- A group of volunteers will provide security each week, enforcing that no food leaves the hall, as well as our documented code of conduct.
- A bathroom monitor ensures no backpacks or personal belongings go into the bathrooms.
- Loitering after the meal and showers is no longer accepted.
- Guests are asked to leave the premises and failure to comply will result in a warning that a trespass notice will be issued. The trespass notice will be issued for 30 days and is enforceable by the Everett Police Department. There has been no need to issue any trespass notices through our first four weeks.

We are not doing this alone. Our fellow missionaries include the group Encourage to Change (cooking 2-3 times a month and providing security), Kathy Batts and her group of volunteers cooking on the second Wednesday, and our own cooking team and volunteers on the third Wednesday. We were also joined our first time back by Ben Breeden (City of Everett/Homelessness) and the City of Everett's COET team (police officers and social workers addressing homelessness). Jack Harris from The Hot Meals Coalition (which provides food through grants from the city and business community) has been serving as well.

We are hopeful that the worst of the pandemic is behind us, allowing us to engage with our guests in a more peaceful environment. Our guests are grateful to be able to break bread together indoors. The alley is relatively clear for the businesses behind us. Litter is less of a problem. Things just seem calmer now.

We are very grateful for your support. To volunteer, contact Jay Kuhnenn, Pastor Alan (after sabbatical), or Dottie Villevik.

## **Prayer Updates July 3, 2022**

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community.
- 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 the children, families, and teachers affected by the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- We pray for Marshel Gleason who is in a coma from COVID. From Judy Hutchison.
- We pray for Jean Kanter who is home recovering from the hospital. She thanks everyone for their prayers.
- We pray for Pat Agidius. He has undiagnosed medical issues and is undergoing tests to determine the course of care. Thank you from Bob and Barbara Barren.
- Martha Klingler is recovering from COVID. She appreciates prayers for a speedy recovery with no complications. From Susan Klingler and Dottie Villevik.
- We pray for Ida who has cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Jim Iles who has cancer. From Marilyn Minch.
- We pray for Janet Good who is in rehab.
- We pray for Susan Lynn who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She began radiation and we are grateful for the care and love she is receiving from her family. We pray for God's presence and comfort to be with her during this time.
- We pray for Marilyn Carter after her surgery. From Marilyn Minch.
- We pray for Genny Heuer who is recovering from COVID. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Update: Genny Heuer's niece, Shannon Steed and her baby are doing well. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Update as we pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Doug Paine who is blind and he was hit by a car and is in critical condition in Harborview. He is home from the hospital and recovering. Continued prayers are welcome.
- Please pray for Joyce Richardson as she recovers from health problems. Please also pray for Paul Richardson's sister Becky. From Kory Kanter.
- Larry O'Donnell continues to amaze with his improved energy level. PTL! Please pray for his continued improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's recent doctor's appointment confirmed good recovery from most of his December complications. PTL! However, his shortness of breath is still a concern; please keep praying. Hoping this will be over in the next few months. From Annette King.
- Update: The MRI for my son, Robert Henry, revealed no sign of the brain tumor, but the blood clot remains. Rob was cleared to return to work. Ours prayers have been answered. Thank you all for your prayers and concern. They are very much appreciated. From Judith Campbell.



## Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Genevieve Heuer – friend of Jimmy Sharp
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Arlene Mawudeku
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahan – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- 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 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
- 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.

## 262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10

George William Warren, 1892

Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.

Trumpets may  
be played  
with each stanza

1. God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence;
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way.

Leds forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.  
Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.  
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.