

January 2023



First Presbyterian Church of Everett

# The Carillon

A Publication of the First Presbyterian Church of Everett



## WHAT'S INSIDE:

Off the Wall	3
Stewardship 2023	5
Library Update	6
MLK Celebration	8
Annual Meeting	11
Birthdays & Anniversaries	12

**The Carillon  
January 2023**

**Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:**

10-11 a.m.- Worship  
11 a.m. - Fellowship  
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

**The First Presbyterian  
Church of Everett  
2936 Rockefeller Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201**

**Website:** [www.firstpreschurch.com](http://www.firstpreschurch.com)

**Phone:** 425-259-7139

**Fax:** 425-317-8042

**E-mail:** [info@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:info@firstpreschurch.com)

**Office Hours:**

By Appointment—Call 425-259-7139

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway	<b>Pastor</b>
Linda Senter	<b>Financial Assistant</b>
Sondra Santos	<b>Communications Manager</b>
Doreen Solberg	<b>Office Coordinator</b>
Ari Kohler	<b>Custodian</b>
Steve Torrence	<b>Director of Music</b>
Gary Norris	<b>Church Organist</b>
Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Coon	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>

**Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am**



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public)

Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

## Off the Wall by Pastor Alan Dorway

Our last Dinner at the Bell was Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. We made the difficult decision to take a pause and to revision our ministry and mission here at FPCE. Now it is January, and we may be asking ourselves, what's next? What's next with our mission outreach? What's next with our church? What's next in our own faith journey? How do our resolutions, goals, and desires align to make 2023 a good year?



We need a baseline. To get us started, we need to embrace the pause. This does not mean we stop our ministry, but it does mean that this year, everything we do can be up for evaluation and change. I know this is part of our background in the church as we are reformers, but the truth of that can be harder to experience than we admit.

We are going to ask ourselves questions to begin to tackle that baseline. We are going to try our best to answer these five questions:

1. What are your three areas of concern for FPCE?
2. What do you see as three areas of strength for FPCE?
3. What would need to change to make it worth attending church?
4. How might we serve our community?
5. What would help you grow in your faith this year?

Yes, these are open ended questions, but that's the point: get us thinking, talking, brainstorming, and throwing out ideas with the trust that God will direct us.

We will answer these questions beginning on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. You can answer in three ways:

- First, you will receive a letter with these questions, and you can write down your answers and mail them back to the church office.
- Second, we will have a link to an electronic survey you can use.
- Lastly, in Westminster Hall we will have the questions posted on the walls with sticky notes and pens.

Before or after worship, you can take a moment to reflect, write down your thoughts, and then pin the note below the corresponding question.

We will collect answers and begin a tabulation process. We will publicize the answers and our session will begin to draw some conclusions. From there, we will use our committees to make initial changes. Still, we may need to set up a potential task force to make larger changes and develop a strategy for actionable steps. There may be a need for town hall meetings. The input will continue to refine and guide us as we make changes. We will communicate, pray, and repeat as we work to revision and encourage our ministry.

We are a downtown church in an urban core. There are apartments, businesses, and governmental offices with activities taking place around us all the time. We can change and rather than just think about it, our pause of Dinner at the Bell grants us the time to experiment and reform our ministry and mission. We may find that when we combine our passion with renewed focus, we stumble upon something profound that none of us could have imagined today. We have the chance to be proactive rather than reactive.

A new year is exciting. There is a renewed hope of possibility as we look at days, months, and seasons ahead of us. I invite you to join us in this journey of reflection and revision. Together, we will embrace the change of ministry and Jesus will lead us.

Peace,  
*Alan*



**Some of our favorite group gatherings are taking a break for the holidays.**

Lunch with Pastor Alan is on break and will begin again on Monday, January 9th.

Thursday Bible Study is also on break and will resume on Thursday, January 19th at 4 p.m., studying Daniel chapters 1 & 2

There will be no Adult Sunday School class on December 25th or January 1st. We will resume class on January 8, 2023.

Also, please note that our office will be closed December 26-30 and Monday, January 1st.

Happy New Year!

## Stewardship 2023

During worship on December 18, 2022, we took a moment to dedicate our pledges for 2023. Your financial support of the ministry and mission of the FPCE is a gift.

Your consistent pledge not only keeps our budget stable and enables us to fund our ministry over the year, it also is a way to deepen your discipleship. Every day, we have the opportunity to receive the gift of grace from Jesus. In return, we pray, read God's word, and share Christ's love with others. The way we share our time, use our skills, and spend our finances point to this ongoing and developing relationship. By prayerfully setting aside a part of our budget to give at consistent intervals (weekly or monthly) to our church, we are committing ourselves in new ways to be active in the sharing of good news.

In January, our session takes our pledges for the 2023 year and creates a budget to guide our congregation. Our budget empowers our church to buy music and be creative in worship on Sundays. We buy materials to support our discipleship outreach. We keep our lights on and our building open for use by church groups and the greater community. We support mission beyond our reach. We support our staff to do their ministry and we aim for the flexibility to change as the Spirit leads.

Talking about money can be a difficult subject. Yet, when we see our lives, our relationships, and even our money as a gift from God, then we begin to see the freedom in sharing our resources. Indeed, during the Christmas season, we are powerfully reminded that God is with us, always, steadfast, faithful, encompassing love and wonder; he is Emmanuel.

We thank you for sharing your gifts as part of this body of Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Alan and the Stewardship Committee



## Library Update - January 2023

January is the perfect time to explore new sections of your church library. Among its treasures are surely some that will surprise and delight you. It may be the right moment to sample a new devotional book with daily readings. Some, like Karen Ann Moore's *Wellspring: 365 Meditations to Refresh Your Soul*, offer a bit of inspiration for each day of the year.

To explore other daily devotionals, browse the books with call numbers 242.2 and beyond. Don't worry about overdue notices for a book obviously intended to be read over a period of time. Better it should spend a year on your bedside table than sit unused on a library shelf. Next year bring it back and sample a new one. Of course, other devotionals are geared to shorter periods so use them accordingly.

Bible commentaries provide another section worth exploring. The Thursday Bible study group looks forward to Pastor Alan's leading us through selections of the minor prophets. Minor of course refers to the relatively brief length of these documents, not to their spiritual significance.

Commentaries on individual books of the Bible are easy to locate. Their call numbers sort them into their biblical order. Specifically, all the books between Ezekiel at 224.4 and the Gospel according to Matthew at 226.2 concern the minor prophets.

Some, like James Limburg's *Hosea - Micah*, (224.907 Lim) in the *Interpretation* series and Bruce C. Birch's *Hosea, Joel, Amos* in the *Westminster Bible Companion* series (224.6 Bir), cover several of the minor prophets in one volume. Others like John Barton's *The Theology of the Book of Amos* (224.8 Bar) delve deeply into the teaching of a single book.

Don't fancy anything that narrowly focused? For a broader look at the sweep of the Old Testament see *The Bible Jesus Read* (221.6 Yan). Recently donated to our library (thank you Mike Clemans!) this title offers a new look at an old subject. Such fresh literary treats are a specialty of beloved author Philip Yancey.

Still too heavy? Browse the fiction shelves to find some novel you may have missed during the months of Covid closure. Daylight hours are growing in our hemisphere, but long evenings are still just right for curling up by the fire with a good book.

Celebrate the new year by surprising yourself with a new book from your church library. It's open to you whenever the building is open. For help in locating the ideal book for your spiritual growth or well-earned rest check our online public catalog (<https://15781.rmwebopac.com>) or make my day by asking for help.

Shirley Solberg      425-501-1607 or 425-252-2706

[shirley.solberg@icloud.com](mailto:shirley.solberg@icloud.com)

## Fourth Monday Book Group - January 2023

We return to our pre-pandemic tradition of skipping the December gathering. It's a month which usually has enough activity without adding a book group discussion. This year the fourth Monday will be the day after Christmas, hardly a time most of us choose to be preparing for or signing into a Zoom meeting.

In brief: **No meeting in December.**

**January 23**

*Shunned: How I Lost My Religion and Found Myself*  
Linda A. Curtis      Leader: Alan Dorway

At the beginning of a new year we travel with Linda Curtis, author, teacher, and keynote speaker on her spiritual journey spanning Oregon, Illinois, and California. From the back cover: "This is an unforgettable story from a brave and beautiful woman who has turned her tragic experience of being shunned into an inspiring opportunity to create and claim a life of integrity, joy, and purpose."

**February 27**

*The Dictionary of Lost Words*      Pip Williams      Leader TBA

Set in the early twentieth century at the height of the women's suffrage movement, this unique novel interweaves the birth of the multi-volume *Oxford English Dictionary* and the coming of age of fictional Esme. She grows up motherless, fascinated and engulfed by the work of her father and his fellow lexicographers. In the words of *Library Journal*: "Enchanting, sorrowful, and wonderfully written, the book is a one-of-a kind celebration of language in our lives. A must have."

To take part in book group discussions, sign in via Zoom at 10 a.m. Pacific Time on the dates listed above. Watch your email for the Zoom link. New participants are always welcome.

Shirley Solberg    425-501-1607 or 425-252-2706      [shirley.solberg@icloud.com](mailto:shirley.solberg@icloud.com)



SAVE  
-THE-  
DATE!

GREATER EVERETT

MLK

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

THE URGENCY OF NOW;  
FROM DREAM TO REALITY

JAN 13TH

*MARCH & RALLY*

11:30AM - 1:30PM

EVERETT MEMORIAL STADIUM TO CARL GIPSON CENTER

JAN 15TH

*SUNDAY CELEBRATION*

3:30PM - 5:30PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVERETT, WA



FOR MORE INFORMATION

(425) 583-7739 | [WWW.SCBHCWA.ORG](http://WWW.SCBHCWA.ORG)

## Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, January 9th, at 11:30 a.m., in Calvin Lounge.

We will be discussing Chapter 5 in our study book. Barbara Barren will serve as hostess.

All women are invited.



Priscilla Circle  
WOMEN'S GROUP AT FPCE

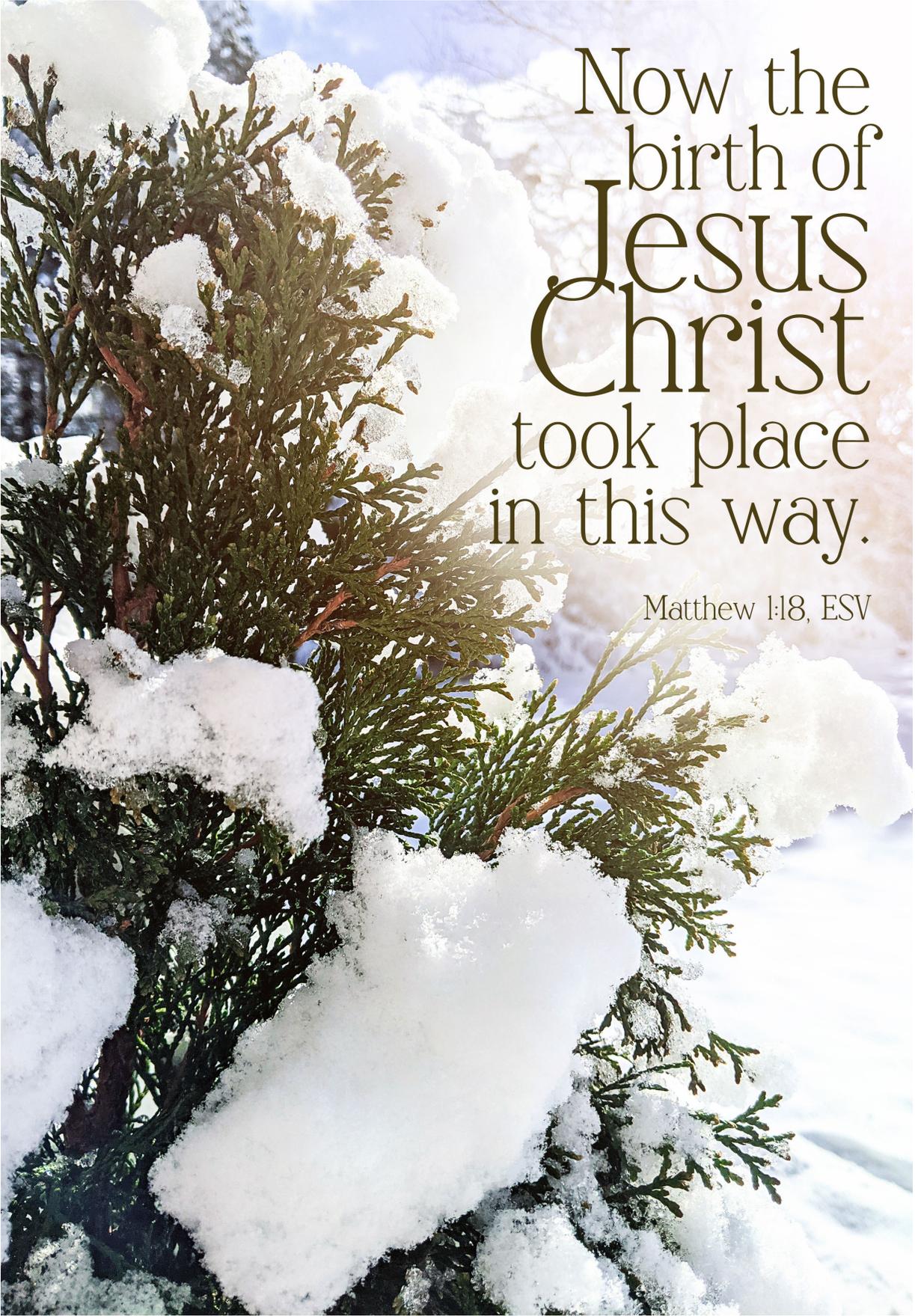


### **Dale J. Good Celebration of Life**

A Celebration of Life for Dale J. Good will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 11 a.m. Dale's favorite color was red. The family asks that you wear something red. If you do not have red, another color would be appreciated.

On behalf of Dale Good's family, thank you for the cards, texts, emails, and support during these difficult times.

*Janet, Teresa, Brian, Richard, Dwight, Daniel and his grandchildren and great grandchildren.*



Now the  
birth of  
**Jesus  
Christ**  
took place  
in this way.

Matthew 1:18, ESV



Save The  
Date

---

**FPCE**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**February 12, 2023**

Our annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, February 12, 2023.

The meeting will take place immediately after worship and will be followed by a pizza party sponsored by our Deacons.

**Annual reports can be submitted to Pastor Alan by Tuesday, January 17th at 5 p.m.** Please submit your reports by the deadline so that our office can assemble the report, edit, and have it available on the 29th.

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.



Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (if you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in the future celebration listings):

### Anniversaries:

- 1/16 Evan & Sara Roberts
- 1/29 Wes & Annette King

### Birthdays:

- 1/2 Ken Newman
- 1/4 Shakayla May
- 1/5 Elizabeth Campbell
- 1/5 Kari Nupen
- 1/5 Mary Tonn
- 1/7 Jered Fowler
- 1/8 Joan Lyderson
- 1/15 Michael Clemans
- 1/21 Helen Greer
- 1/22 Tony Tysseling
- 1/23 Edwin Pearson
- 1/25 Marian Long
- 1/25 Judy Oberg
- 1/26 Lianne Kniest
- 1/28 Kory Kanter



# Newsletter Deadline

**E-Newsletter** If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to:  
[sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the following deadline:

**January 5, 2023**

**Carillon:** If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to [sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

**January 15, 2023**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.  
ON DUE DATE.**



**We donated over 2 tons of food to the VOA in 2022! Awesome job!!**

Thank you for your generosity. Food donations go to support those in need here in Everett.

We'll continue to accept donations in 2023. Our next Monday drop-off will be January 9th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m..

Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

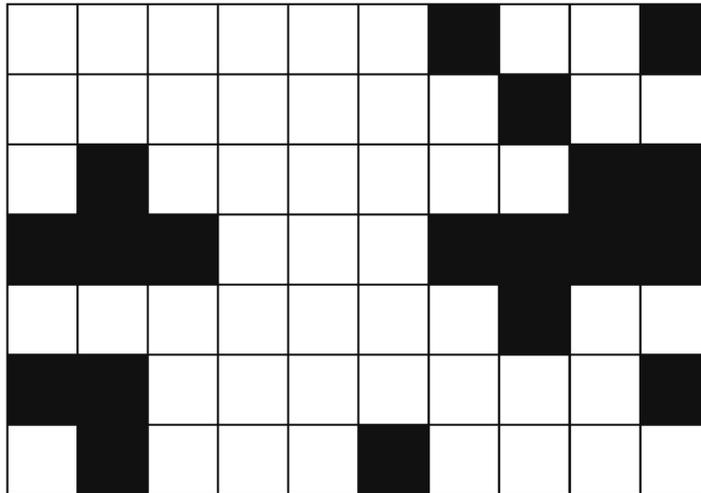
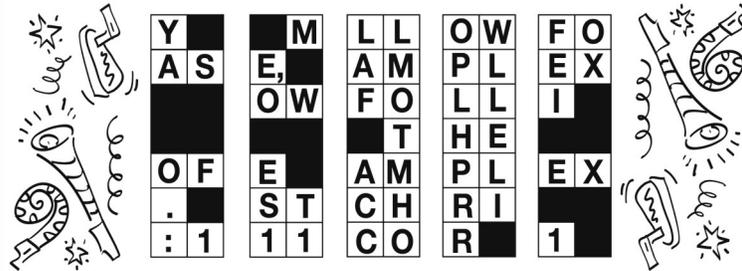


I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism, but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

# Puzzle!

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to complete an NIV Bible verse about an important commitment.



Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

## Special Dates:

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2023
- Epiphany, January 6, 2023
- Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2023
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16, 2023
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2023

# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## **Ruling Elders**

### **Class of 2022**

Marne Larson

Bill Grosse

John Gebert

### **Class of 2023**

Elizabeth Nelson

Debbie Roberts

Roy Yates

### **Class of 2024**

Steve Hammond

Jamie Hunter

Jan Weakley

## **Deacons**

### **Class of 2022**

Lisa Comstock

Bob Barren

Barbara Barren

### **Class of 2023**

Sonya Beardsley

Amy Farnham

Mike Davis

### **Class of 2024**

Susan Davis

Ed Pearson

Doris Pearson

