

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

July 17, 2022



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

Prelude      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* – Arr Hammel      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell      Steve Torrence  
Director of Music Ministries

Welcome      David Baer-Peckham

Introduction to the Service      Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson

Call to Worship      David Baer-Peckham

(Psalm 100:1-5 a free translation by a neighbor pastor in Stanwood, WA)

Listen up now – praise God!  
Bring a gift of music and song.  
Sing yourselves into God’s presence.

**Know this: God is God.  
God made us; we didn’t make him.  
We’re God’s people, God’s well-tended sheep.**

Enter with the password: “Thank you!”  
Make yourselves at home, talking and singing praise.  
Thank him. Worship him.

**For God is sheer beauty,  
all generous in love,  
loyal always and ever.**

Hymn

*God Is Here!*

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Tune Abbots Leigh by Rev. Fred Pratt Green

Stanza 1: read by Pastor

Stanza 3: choir sings

Stanza 2: congregation sings

Stanza 4: congregation sings

The Prayer of Confession

David Baer-Peckham

Spoken: Dear Lord and Father of humankind, forgive our foolish ways, reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service finds, in deeper reverence, praise.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire. O still, small voice of calm!

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.

All Sing: Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

The Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Pastor Bob Nicholson

Gloria: To God Be The Glory (all sing)

To God be the glory, great things God has done  
Great love shown in action, a people made one  
God guided the Hebrews through perils of sea  
Created a people that includes you and me.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the earth hear his voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice.

Oh come to Creator and Jesus Pioneer\*

And give God the glory, in the work we do here.



To God be the glory, great things God will do.  
God loved the world, God loves you and me too.  
Great outcomes and blessings will come by his grace.  
As we partner with Him, showing love in this place.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear his voice.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice.  
Oh come to Creator and Jesus Pioneer\*  
And give God the glory, in the work we do here.

\*NOTE: Hebrews 12:2 “.....Jesus the pioneer of our faith”.

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Gives us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

Pastor: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

### The Word of God for the People of God

John 3:16, John 5:16, II Corinthians 5:19

Choir Anthem      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*      Directed by Steve Torrence  
(Send us love, send us power, send us grace!)

Sermon      *A Prayer for Our Time: Can you handle it?*  
*Will you let God get his hands on you?*

Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson

The spiritual voices “Oh I know the Lord; I know the Lord has laid his hands on me”.

Hymn of Dedication “Just a Closer Walk With You”  
Tune: “Closer Walk” An Early American Folk Melody  
Text by Rev. Dr. Robert D. Nicholson

Pastor reads:      Sometimes lost but you have found,  
Placed my feet on solid ground,  
Turned my very life around,  
Keep me close, as I walk  
Close to you.

*All sing:*                    *Just a closer walk with you.*  
*Refrain*                    *Show your love in all I do.*  
*Oh your power to see me through.*  
*Let it be, O Lord, let it be.*

All sing:                    At those times when I'm alone,  
Feeling distant, far from home,  
Jesus' love made me his own.  
Bring me close, in my walk.  
Close to you.  
(Refrain)

Choir:                    At the crossroads to decide,  
Feeling no one by my side,  
Come, Lord Jesus, be my guide,  
Let me walk, on the path,  
Close to you.  
(Refrain)

All sing:                    Though this world with peril filled,  
Clear my head and nerve my will,  
Grant me calm and vision still.  
In this day, guide my way,  
Close to you.  
(Refrain)

### The Sending Forth and Blessing

Postlude                    *To God Be the Glory* – Arr Hammel  
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Gary Norris, Organist



## Announcements

It's time to say adios amigos. As I have said, I am here for you as you may need me, or in the words of that old song "if you're ever in a jam, here I am". My ministry to and with you would not be possible and not had the depth, meaning, and inspiration each Sunday without two gifted musicians, Steve and Gary, and your wonderful choir and the skill of Doreen in providing a beautiful worship bulletin. Jesus' words: "go and bear much fruit". So, my parting gift is a scriptural one: a surprise at the end of the service for Steve, Gary, and the choir to say THANK YOU.

To each one of you, a charge: Go out, bear fruit, invite, encourage, welcome, make new friends for this congregation. You have a treasure trove of gifts to offer this community. The very future of this beloved congregation depends on your action. – *Pastor Bob Nicholson*

A Special Expression of thanks for Steve Ulvestad, our sound and video engineer:  
O God, thank you for our worship each Sunday and for the dedication, skill and resourcefulness of Steve Ulvestad, our sound and video engineer. His faithful work each week brings life to our worship in sound and video making possible for those not present for worship. THANKS BE TO GOD for Steve! – *Pastor Bob Nicholson*, p.s. and the cherries are great too!

**Flowers today are from Marilee Richards  
Given in honor of her parents and in celebration of wedding anniversaries.**

**Thank you to Steve Ulvestad for the delicious cherries he provided last Sunday.  
They were enjoyed by all!**

### **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.

### **Church Work Party – Saturday, July 30 at 9:00 am**

Welcome, one and all, to our Summer Outdoor Work Party on July 30 from 9:00 am to noon. Plan for coffee and donuts, weeding, camaraderie, demolition, and general church beautification. Your support is always appreciated! Meet outside near bell tower at 9:00 am.

## Church Picnic – August 28

The Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee invites you to save the date for our All-Church Picnic on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Hauge Homestead Park picnic shelter, 1819 – 121<sup>st</sup> St SE, Everett, just off 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE at Silver Lake, between Emory’s restaurant on Silver Lake and The Everett Clinic at Silver Lake. More details to come!

- 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.
- **Sunday School** today is 11:30am to 12:30pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom, led by Steve Hammond. This is a new Adult Sunday School class based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls 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. Join Zoom using this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=ck5NR2hwOUd3cXFRaVQ2ZUVyRXJoUT09>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
  - Passcode: FPCE!22
- **Thursday Bible Study is July 21 at 4 pm.** Shirley Solberg will lead us in I Corinthians chapters 8 and 9 with key concepts of weakness / strength and rights of a leader. Join us every Thursday for scripture and discussion via Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=ck5NR2hwOUd3cXFRaVQ2ZUVyRXJoUT09>
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### *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 Kuhnhen, Pastor Alan (after sabbatical), or Dottie Villevik.

## Prayer Updates July 17, 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 Marilee Richards who is very sick with COVID. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Lillian who has serious cardiac issues. From Lisa Comstock.
- 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.
- Martha Klingler is recovering from COVID. She appreciates prayers for a speedy recovery with no complications. From Susan Klingler and Dottie Villesvik.
- Update: We pray for Ida who has cancer and is on hospice. 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.
- Please watch over Bill Wixey and bring him home. From Jodi Donley.
- 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 McMahon – 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.

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## God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988

1. God is here! As we Your peo - ple Meet to of - fer  
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our life - long  
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the Shep - herd's  
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, In an age of

praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler mea - sure What it  
 need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit; Here the  
 flock and fold, Here, as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus -  
 change and doubt Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, Help us

is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a - round us,  
 cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing,  
 tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant  
 work Your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,

All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing  
 Here in si - lence, as in speech, Here, in new - ness  
 Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in  
 All we have to give, re - ceive: We, who can - not

MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS



of the Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.  
live with - out You, We a - dore You! We be - lieve!

