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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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CHRIST JESUS
FOR GOOD
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EPHESIANS 2:10, ESV



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Sunday Virtual Worship Schedule:

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship

11:00 am - Fellowship

12:00 pm -Adult Sunday School

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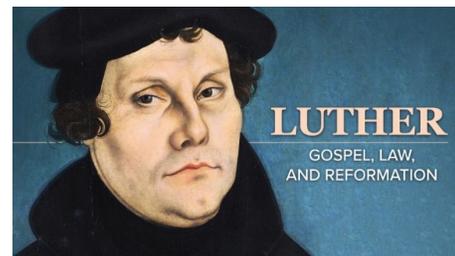
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Coon	Pastor Emeritus

Adult Sunday School 2021

Steve Hammond continues to lead the adult Sunday school series: "Luther:

Gospel, Law, and Reformation", by Professor Phillip Carey. "This course explores Luther's theology, the circumstances



surrounding his conclusion that the papacy was "antichrist," and major issues and events in the Reformation as it unfolded in Luther's life after he posted his famous 95 Theses on the door of the church of Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517." If you'd like more information about this course, you can visit <https://www.thegreatcourses.com/courses/luther-gospel-law-and-reformation>.

Adult Sunday school continues on the Zoom platform. Please note the following updated Zoom meeting information for Fellowship and Sunday school:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?
pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3YlI2ZkpLUEZTdZ09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3YlI2ZkpLUEZTdZ09)

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

One tap mobile

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Social media video challenges stereotypical assumptions

by Melody K. Smith | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — You may be startled to learn that 25% of children under 6 now live in poverty, nearly 23% of the American population can't afford a medication they need and 17 out of every 10,000 people in the United States were experiencing homelessness on a single night. The Presbyterian Mission Agency has created a [short video](#) designed to raise awareness of the systemic poverty facing people in all walks of life, especially with the additional impact of the pandemic. The [video](#) is available to download and share across social media and websites.



MATTHEW 25

[The 30-second video](#) addresses and challenges the stereotypical assumptions that people in poverty are other people, not the people they work with and interact with on a daily basis — or that through just a few acts out of their control, could actually be them. Systemic poverty refers to the economic exploitation of people who are poor through laws, policies, practices and systems that perpetuate their impoverished status.

Poverty is complex and overlaps with many other social ills and oppressive structures in our society.

“Matthew 25 informs us that the center of ministry is with those who sit on the margins of society — people who are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, poor or oppressed in other ways and in need of welcome,” said the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. “We encounter Jesus in the face of the oppressed. As we serve them, we serve Jesus, demonstrating God’s love and justice in society.”

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this Scripture passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.

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**VOA
FOOD
COLLECTION**

Monday:
March 8th
11am - 1pm
FPCE Alleyway

CANNED GOODS

We invite you to join us in doing our part to help eradicate hunger here in our own community.

Our next drive-thru food drive- to benefit Volunteers of America - will be held on Monday, March 8th from 11am - 1pm in the Stocker Alleyway.

CARING FOR OUR EARTH (It's easy being green!)

From the Estuary Angels



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The Fierce Urgency of Now – 52 Ways to Care for Creation. Here are four for March:

- * ***Track your waste for a week.*** Keep track of the waste you create for a week. How much of it can be replaced with recyclables or reusables? What can you challenge yourself to live without?
- * ***Commit to low- or no-waste grocery shopping.*** Buy unpackaged fresh fruit and vegetables, bring your own container to a bulk-food store, invest in some produce bags to transport fresh foods, avoid prepared foods, and bring your own grocery bags where allowed.
- * ***Observe and celebrate World Water Day on Monday, March 22.*** Creation Justice Ministries encourages Christian communities to consider water a sacred gift from God which connects and sustains all life, and to advocate to protect clean, safe water.
- * ***Observe Earth Hour on Saturday, March 27.*** At 8:30 p.m., turn off the lights for one hour for nature. You'll be joining millions of people around the world, symbolically showing that they care about the challenges facing our planet – climate change and loss of nature.

Source: Creation Justice Ministries – Justice for God's planet and God's people

Some Things to Not Buy Again

- * ***Beauty/Body Care with Phthalates and Parabens.*** Phthalates are industrial chemicals linked to birth defects, used in cosmetic products from nail polish to deodorant. Parabens are preservatives linked to breast cancer. Read labels. Choose products from companies that use safe ingredients. See SafeCosmetics.org for other chemicals to avoid and for products made with safe ingredients.
- * ***High-VOC Paints and Finishes.*** Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) can cause health problems from dizziness to lung and kidney damage. There is a wide array of low- or no-VOC paints, stains, and varnishes on the market.
- * ***Poultry products from industrial farms.*** The majority of chickens are raised in complete captivity and in overcrowded conditions. They are often fed drugs to make them grow to maturity faster, and those drugs may affect your health. Buy meat and eggs that are certified organic. If you eat less meat and animal products, you'll lower your carbon footprint; animal farming is one of the biggest contributors to climate change. *Source: Green America*

Special Days

March 3 is ***World Wildlife Day***. March 14 is ***Int'l Day of Action for Rivers***. March 18 is ***National Biodiesel Day***. March 21 is ***Int'l Day of Forests and the Tree*** and ***National Renewable Energy Day***. March 22 is ***World Day for Water***. March 27 at 8:30 p.m. is ***Earth Hour***. *See above.*

Enjoy the Beauty Around Us

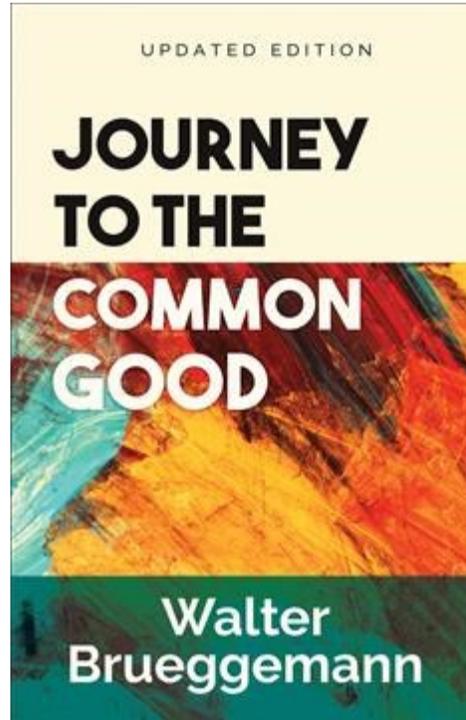
On one of our clear, sunny winter days, pause to notice the spectacular snow-covered Cascades.

“Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.” - Franz Kafka

Thursday Bible Study

Our 2021 Lenten journey continues during Thursday Bible study as we examine, Walter Brueggemann's "Journey to the Common Good" - Updated Edition

Book Synopsis: *A decade ago, Walter Brueggemann called the church to journey together for the good of our community through neighborliness, covenanting, and reconstruction. He distilled this challenge to its most basic issues: Where is the church going? What is its role in contemporary society? What lessons does it have to offer a world enmeshed in turbulent times? Published originally in 2010, Journey to the Common Good spoke to an era defined in large part by America's efforts to rebuild from an age of terror as it navigated its way through an economic collapse. Today, the dual crises of the coronavirus and the disease of racial injustice present daunting new challenges for the church as it seeks the good of its neighbors. In a new introduction to this updated edition, Brueggemann links the wilderness tradition of Exodus to these current crises, as a framework to help the church navigate this time of risk and vulnerability and to pursue a genuine social alternative to the governance of Pharaoh. The answer to the question of the church's role in society is the same answer God gave to the Israelites thousands of years ago: love your neighbor and work for the common good.*



Walter Brueggemann served as William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament Emeritus at Columbia Theological Seminary. He is the world's leading interpreter of the Old Testament and is the author of numerous books. Pastor Alan has 10 copies of "Journey to the Common Good". They are \$17/book. Please contact Pastor Alan (dorway@firstpreschurch.com) if you would like a book (while supply lasts).

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Study Schedule:

Date	Theme	Part of Book
March 4	Abundance	Chapter 1
March 11	Lack of Imagination	Chapter 2
March 18	Loss, Grief, Hope	Chapter 3
March 25	Common Good	Total/Review

Library Update : Martin Luther Resources

Central to the mission of our church library is to support ongoing classes and programs of the congregation. Right now, Steve Hammond is leading us in a study of Martin Luther and the Reformation. This post-worship Sunday school class has kindled considerable enthusiasm in its first few weeks.

For those attending who may want additional information or for those not able to attend who want to pursue the topic, the library has materials of interest. Even though pandemic protocol prevents browsing the shelves right now, we would still make every effort to make any of these items available to you. A few are listed below:

DVDs

In the Footsteps of Martin Luther	DVD 921 Luther In
Where Luther Walked	DVD 270.6 Bai The
Opening the Door to Luther [Rick Steves]	DVD270.1 Ope
Morning Star of Wittenberg [Life of Katie Luther]	DVD 921 Luther Mor

Books

Martin Luther: His Life and Works	922 Lut Bay v. 1 & 2
Four Modern Prophets	280.092 Ram
The Barber Who Wanted to Pray [picture book]	CE Fic Str

Meanwhile we are in the season of **Lent**. It's not too late to obtain Lenten reading or to find ideas for activities. Some suggestions:

Books

Show Me the Way	Henri Nouwen	242.34 You
Way Words: a Daily Itinerary for Lent	John Indermark	242.34 Ind
Mark's Story of Jesus	Werner Kelber	226.3 Kel
Things to Make and Do for Lent and Easter	Martha Gee	CE 268.4 Gee

If your interests lie elsewhere, please let us know what you would like in the way of early spring reading. We'll do our best to obtain it for you. Thank you for your patience and continued interest during this strange time.

Keep the faith! Keep reading!

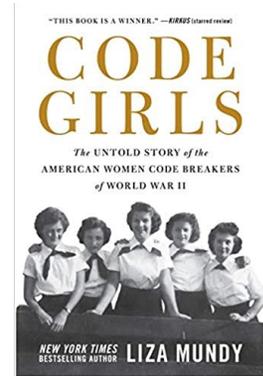
Your library crew, Shirley Solberg & Fern Tully



Fourth Monday Book Group

Our March 22nd gathering will again use the Zoom platform with all of its opportunities and limitations. For a change of pace, we will be discussing a nonfiction title, *Code Girls: the Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II* by Liza Mundy.

Born around 1920 on the brink of women's suffrage, these "girls" came of age at the onset of the United States entrance into the Second World War on December 7, 1941. This book offers a window into the aspirations and complications of women's lives in this unique era. Mundy details the devastating course of the war's early months with special attention to the urgency of decoding apprehended messages.



From the back cover: "...these women moved to Washington and under strict vows of secrecy, learned the meticulous work of breaking German and Japanese military codes. Their code-breaking triumphs shortened the war, saved countless lives, and gave them access to careers previously denied to them."

Good news! We have a book set - 10 copies - from the Everett Public Library. Please arrange pick up from our own church library (contact Linda Senter or Doreen Solberg) or from my front porch (call me).

All readers are enthusiastically welcomed to the Zoom discussion of *Code Girls* on **March 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

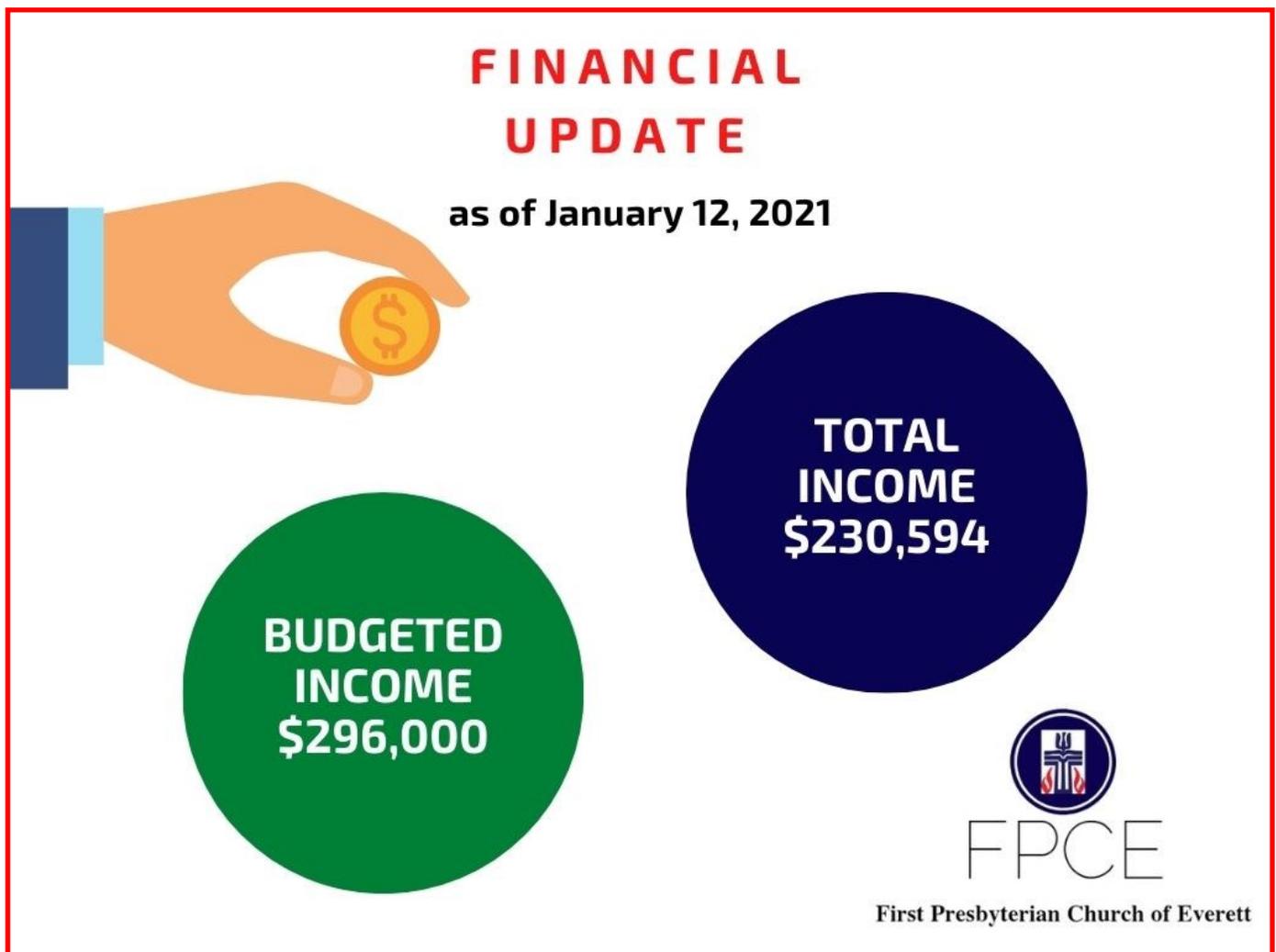
??? Shirley Solberg (shirley.solberg@icloud.com / 425-252-2706 or 425-501-1607)

For Zoom meeting details and additional Book Group information, please visit our website at <http://www.firstpreschurch.com/book-group>



2021 Stewardship Pledges

Thanks to everyone who submitted 2021 stewardship pledges. We are so very thankful for your support. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can still do so. Pledge cards can be mailed to the church at: 2936 Rockefeller Ave. Everett, WA 98201. If you do not have a pledge card, you can use the copy provided on page 9. For more information regarding the 2021 budget, please see the Session update on page 11.



Celebrate! 2021



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The impact of your tithe goes beyond one Sunday. Your support provides music for worship, encouragement through mission, technology for discipleship, and upkeep of our building; these gifts added to the Holy Spirit impact all of us for a life-long journey with Christ.

In 2021, I/We commit the pledge below to guide us and future generations in worship, discipleship, and service as followers of Christ.

2021 Pledge: _____

Year/Month/Week (please circle)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

A group of amazing people defined by worship, growth, and service.

Led by a love of God. Growing into followers of Jesus.

Moved by the Holy Spirit to love our neighbor.

Being redefined and reformed by God, every day.

We worship. We grow. We serve.

Questions about
vaccination,
testing, exposure,
prevention, and
contact tracing?

Monday-Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Call the
COVID Call
Center for
Snohomish
County:

425-339-5278



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Snohomish County

Special dates:

- World Day of Prayer, *March 5, 2021*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 14, 2021*
 - First day of spring, *March 20, 2021*
 - Holy Week, *March 28 – April 4, 2021*
 - Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 28, 2021*



Need help with your heating bill?

Energy Assistance Program

Having trouble paying your P.U.D., Puget Sound Energy, Cascade Natural Gas, Propane, Oil, or Wood Bill

Beginning 2/16/2021 Call

425-388-3880

Monday to Friday

Snohomish County E.A.P.
3000 Rockefeller Ave. M/S 305
Everett, WA 98201

You may qualify for assistance - \$100 up to \$1000 and possibly \$500 COVID assistance

You must meet the following guidelines:

- Live in Snohomish County
- Have a heating bill in your name
- Have a combined household income at or below the level shown for Income Guidelines

We assist Section 8 and other housing program tenants

Income Guidelines*

Number of people in household	Average Monthly after-tax Income
1	\$1,595
2	\$2,155
3	\$2,715
4	\$3,275
5	\$3,835
Call for larger	family sizes

* Based on earned income minus 20% tax allowance. Income guidelines are for 2020-2021 program year.

Proof of documentation:

1. Social Security Cards for everyone 18 years and older in your household
2. Picture I.D. for everyone 18 years and older
3. Proof of previous one month income for everyone age 18 and over living in the household
4. Current Utility Bill

Equal Opportunity. Interpreters available. Special services for homebound.

MARCH 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** 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):

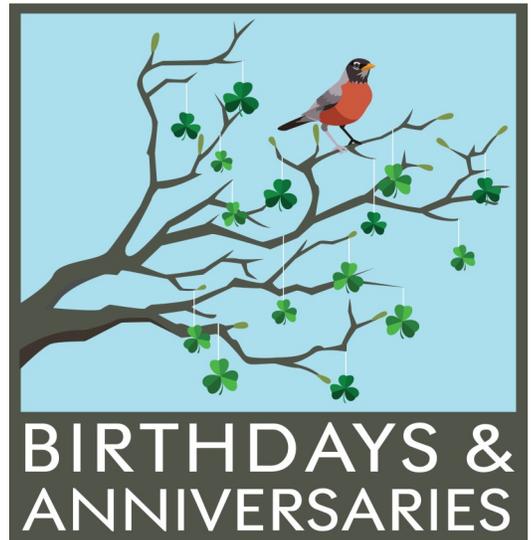
Anniversaries:

- 3/8 Eric & Mary Ann Chavis
- 3/10 Cindy Rowlands
- 3/11 Travis & Veronica Bacon
- 3/17 Rick & Barbara Johnson
- 3/21 Tom & Pat Erickson
- 3/23 Michael & Carolyn Goza

Birthdays:

- 3/7 Gary Norris
- 3/8 Jaques May
- 3/9 Susan Lynn
- 3/10 Dottie Hawkins
- 3/14 Tyler Angell
- 3/17 Craig Bosman
- 3/17 Jack Striker
- 3/26 Nancy Kniest

MARCH



E-Newsletter Submission Deadlines

PLEASE NOTE - During the coronavirus pandemic, distribution of e-newsletters and the Carillon may be interrupted. We thank you for your understanding.

If you have information you would like included in upcoming 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletters, please send that information to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadlines:

March 4, 2021 (for 2nd Monday)

March 18, 2021 (for 4th Monday)

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

Upcoming Deadline:

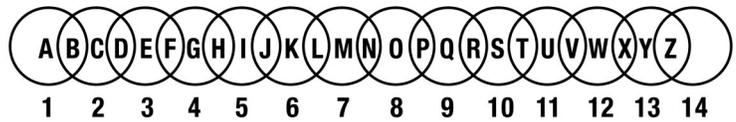
March 14, 2021

ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE.

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



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 2 8 7 8,9 1 10 10 5 8 7,8 1 10,11 3
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 3,4 8 9,10 4 5 11,12 5 7,8 4 3 1 2 4,5
 8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10' 5,6 11 10 10,11 1 10
 5 7,8 2 4,5 9,10 5 10 10,11 4 8 2,3
 3,4 8 9,10 4 1 11,12 3 13 8 11'

EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV

Everyone is unique when it comes to devotional preferences

By **Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri** | [Presbyterians Today](#)

A view of the mountains in the background with a Bible and a coffee mug. I've been on an intentional spiritual formation journey for most of my adult life. As a young person, I struggled to find a prayer routine that felt right for me — body and spirit. I followed the more traditional ways to nurture spirituality: worship services, prayer groups and Bible studies. I even tried to establish a personal devotion routine. For guidance, I looked into the practices of the most spiritual people I knew — my abuela, Jovina, and my abuelo, Edgar. My grandparents' prayer routine included reading the Bible following a book of devotions and kneeling beside their bed to pray silently. I was convinced that, with some modifications, this would work for me. It did not. My attempt to follow this routine ended up with knee pain, wandering thoughts, climbing into bed and falling asleep, prayer unfinished. I woke the next day feeling frustrated with “my lack of commitment” to a life of prayer.



I continued, though, pursuing some version of this model in the following years, still feeling that something was missing. Years later, I realized the spiritual practices that fit the needs of my grandparents would not necessarily fit my “very Vilmarie” ones.

In the early 2000s, I attended a denominational conference for Committees on Preparation for Ministry. There, I heard the term “spiritual disciplines” for the first time. We participated in different spiritual practices specifically in the context of vocational discernment. Engaging in *lectio divina* — where you take a Scripture passage and read and reflect on it several times — and walking the labyrinth for the first time was eye-opening. An awareness of spiritual possibilities awoke.

I firmly believe that when one seeks to cultivate a deeper, closer relationship with God, the Holy Spirit will make way, bringing forth opportunities to continue this exploration. I had such an experience while attending a CREDO conference, when I heard these words by Dom John Chapman: “Pray as you can, not as you can’t.” I realized then that an effective spiritual routine had to resonate with who I am. Such a routine is based on personality, ways of learning and processing information, and when/how a person might feel most connected to God, self and others. Brian C. Taylor said it best: “Engage in practices that enliven you, not the ones you think you should do.”

I also learned that this journey was best traveled with the guidance of a trained spiritual director. I am grateful for the presence of the Rev. Diane Shoaf in my life. Together we have worked on exploring practices that deepen, broaden and strengthen my relationship with God. These days I feel closer to God through art and movement, and my preferred spiritual practice is called “Praying in Color,” a practice developed by Sybil MacBeth that involves praying while doodling and coloring. While sitting still, quietly reading the Bible and praying would be fine at times, the spirit of this extreme extrovert, music and color enthusiast needed to explore other areas and develop an inventory of spiritual practices that responded to particular spiritual needs.

John Calvin said, “Prayer itself is properly an effusion and manifestation of internal feeling before [God] who is the searcher of hearts.” May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us as we find those spiritual practices that evoke a wholehearted expression of faith, without restraint, before the presence of God.

Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri is an educator and a Presbyterian ruling elder. A member of First Spanish Presbyterian Church in Miami, she has most recently served as co-moderator of the 223rd General Assembly (2018).



Lunch with Alan

Prepare a lunch and sign on for a simple and fun opportunity to connect with one another. Lunch with Alan takes place Tuesdays at noon on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Virtual Worship - Sundays at 10am on Facebook

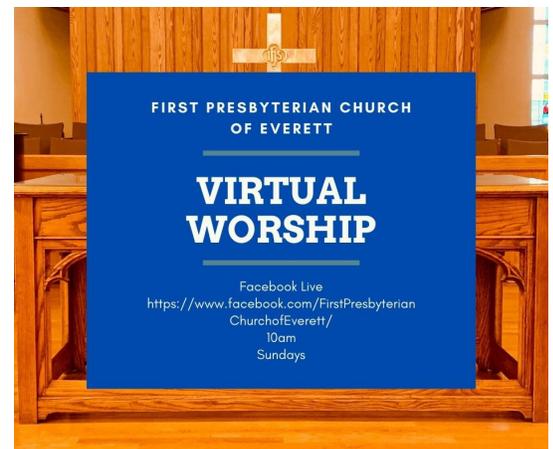
All are invited to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10:00am on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10:00am and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <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

Worship guides are posted on our website, the Saturday before worship.



Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Steve Hammond	Marne Larson	Elizabeth Nelson
Jamie Hunter	Bill Grosse	Debbie Roberts
David Baer- Peckham	John Gebert	Roy Yates

Deacons

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Marilyn Minch	Lisa Comstock	Sonya Beardsley
Doris Pearson	Bob Barren	Amy Farnham
Ed Pearson	Barbara Barren	

