

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin – 10am

October 24, 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County and the State of Washington, is **requiring masks indoors** for all ages above 5 years old.

We understand this is not where we wanted to be, but our desire as a church is to love God and love our neighbor. Masks are a tangible way we express our concern and compassion for our community. We ask you to join our session in praying for our county as together we navigate this time.

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

Prelude

Gwen Hildebrand, Pianist

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome

Dottie Villevik

Call to Worship

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mt. Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

(Hymn text at end of bulletin)

Prayers of Confession

Gracious and holy God, we admit that it is easier to have pain-causing words on our lips, than praise for another. We admit it is easier to hold onto preconceived notions of belief, than seek your transforming truth. We admit it is more comfortable not challenge our held onto world view, than seek your peace. Our foolishness often keeps us from seeing the deep hurts and

hunger of the suffering who are around us. We are blinded by our own pride and miss opportunities of connection with others leading to growth. We stand by the side of the road, afraid to step forward in faith, afraid to trust that you are with us, afraid to cry out for healing and hope. We are not people who repent in ashes and dust, but we do know we need your mercy, and ask that you forgive our faithlessness. We lift our hearts and souls to you, we might find your grace, discover your love, and serve your people in your name. We aim to be ones who take refuge in you, Lord Jesus. We are reminded Jesus sprang up to come to our side, to do for us what we could not do. Refusing to stand still and do nothing, he walked among us, healing us, calling us to follow him on the way to that kingdom which is yours. Blameless, he took our sins to the cross, where broken, he made us whole, where dying, he made us new, where rising, he enables us to see you.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Take heart, dear friends. Look at what God has done! God gathers us from wherever we have wandered and brings us home along hope's highway.

With forgiveness, God has restored our hopes; with grace, God takes our tears and transforms them into bouquets of joy; with the light of love, God rescues us from nightmares of our fears. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

We continue to pray, 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.

Chancel Choir

Get On Board Little Children

Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture

Judges 6:23-24; Ephesians 2:11-22

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Peace...that's huge!

Rev. Janice Smith

Hymn

O God of Every Nation

(Hymn text at end of bulletin)

Benediction

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"K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787 American folk melody
 Ed. John Rippon; alt. Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand,
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress,
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

O God of Every Nation

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Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865
As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972

1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,
 3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease,
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,

Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;
 From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,
 From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;
 When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,
 From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,
 When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;
 Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign

In love and mer-cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.
 De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
 With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser-vants un - der - gird.
 And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

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Announcements

Today we are blessed to have the Rev. Janice Smith, Pastoral Associate for Commissioned Ministries, leading us in worship. Jan is a kind and compassionate pastor who brings a sense of humor, keen observation of life, and deep faith to our pulpit.

Let's warmly welcome Rev. Smith today!

- 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 Tuesday October 26th at 12pm. We have a new zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdzo9>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
 - Passcode: FPCE21!
- Thursday Bible Study continues October 28th at 4pm. We will be using *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren Chapter 8. The verses we are studying are Genesis 32:22-33:11, 50:15-20; Matthew 25:31-40; Luke 10:25-37. Our zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdzo9>
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- Sunday School class today at 11:30am. Today, our Sunday School class is fully on Zoom. Steve Hammond will lead our class online beginning at 11:30am. Our Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdzo9>
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Priscilla Circle

Join Priscilla Circle as we meet on Monday, November 8th, at 11:30 in Calvin Lounge. Jan Weakley will lead the study lesson, chapter two in our study book. Lois Tysseling will serve as hostess. We will discuss how to raise some funds to support a person or family for the Y.W.C.A. Christmas program. Next meeting, we are asked to bring a picture of our parent's wedding or grandparent's wedding.

Prayer Updates October 24, 2021

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community. Recent numbers show a drop to 331 (down by 9% over the last two weeks) cases per 100,000 people. This is a great downward trend, and we pray our numbers continue to drop.
- Sondra Santos thanks you for praying for her uncle, Jimmy Sico. Sadly, he died on Sunday, October 10th. He was at home, surrounded by his family. Sondra asks that you keep the Sico family in your prayers during this difficult time.

- Prayers for healing, strength, and peace for LaMara Halstrom diagnosed with carcinoma and Jane McMahon diagnosed with esophageal and liver cancer. Both are “sisters” of Steve and Nancy Torrence.
- We pray for a friend of Sam and Rose Capetillo who’s 8-year-old son has leukemia. The friend is asking for immediate prayers during this time.
- Prayers for Arlene Mawudeku. Health issues that have kept Arlene in the hospital for more than 30 days. She had 3 bypass due to blockage in heart. Surgery was success but staples opened up, so she was given a wound vac for further healing and to avoid infection. This is working so far. Arlene hopes to get into a facility soon to start rehab.
- Prayers for Tim Thornton who has esophageal cancer. From Shirley Morrow and Tom & Pat Erickson.
- We continue to pray for Gary Norris. He is home, but faces a long recovery. We pray for his health, Dariel, and the family during this time.
- Prayers for a friend of Ari and Robin Kohler who is very ill with COVID.
- Prayers for Ari and Robin Kohler's niece's grandfather who is in critical condition with COVID.
- Jan Weakley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Pat Weakley Hein now under Hospice Care for congestive heart and kidney failure. Pat is Dick’s little sister.
- Update: We pray for Scott Morrow as he continues chemotherapy. We pray for his doctors, his strength, God’s comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. He is home and is undergoing extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God’s peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Update: We pray for Robin Kohler’s stepmom, Mary Lee Harris. Mary Lee needed another surgery and needs prayer as she heals.
- We continue to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling’s sister. Linda had surgery and is recovering.
- Update: John Ortmeyer, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.
- We pray for Marilee Richard’s grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell’s son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when an MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – She is on blood thinners to keep other clots from forming around her lungs. Praise as there is no cancer! Tricia tires easily but

should be closer to normal within a year. Please continue to pray for her successful treatment. Friend of Annette King

- Update: Larry O'Donnell – Larry continues to amaze with his improved energy level. He and the family need continuing prayers following the death of Larry's wife, Joyce, in August. From Annette King
- Praise – Our family appreciates the prayers for our grandson-in-law, Matt, who continues to be alcohol free almost 2 years. He is with an electrician apprentice program now. A special blessing arrived May 14th with the birth of Sarah and Matt's son, Jackson Paul. From Great Grandma Annette King

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhen
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray
 - Family of Bonnie Brown
 - Family of Celia Gordon
 - Sam and Rose Capetillo
 - Marcia Ricks and family
 - Joan Lyderson and family
 - Bea Swafford's family
 - Lucille Hofer
 - Bev Fox's family
- Larry O'Donnell
- 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 Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter

- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- 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.