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Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

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

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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

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

Off the Wall submitted by Pastor Alan

I told Session in March that I have this problem. I know exactly what I want to do, how I want to do it, and where it fits into my and our ministry. Yet, no one else seems to understand. I mean, I have these great ideas and plans, but no one acts, and it feels like forever to get even one thought to completion. Sure, I don't tell anyone these ideas. I am not sure why no one else can read my mind.

Okay, this is silly, but (sadly) for me, at times, it is true. I see a way through, to, or getting towards a goal, but this thought, or idea sticks in my brain and does not make itself known. I have a communication problem. This is not anyone else's fault. You, Vicki, Barley, or others do not need to feel guilty, nor do you need to solve this issue. It's on me. I know it.

I have talked about this a lot. I've mentioned it in other Carillon articles, from the pulpit, and in conversations. This has led to my own mind not being as clear. There are times when ideas, sermon illustrations, notes, plans, and a grocery list are crammed into my head and while I may make sense of it, this does not mean I'm clear. This has affected the way I desire clarity and transparency in our church and express that to our members and friends.

So, what am I going to do? How will I correct this?

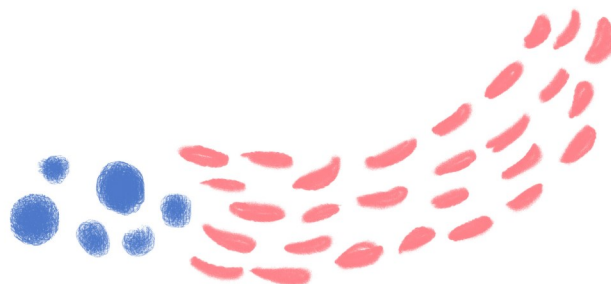
First, my Carillon articles may be shorter and different. I may jot down thoughts and include them in bullet points in my written communication. I am also asking our office staff to hold me accountable to put an article in every month.

Second, our Session and our committees are working to clarify our policies and procedures. This will take time. In 2022, we updated our By-Laws and our Sexual Misconduct Policy. This year, we are working to improve our standing rules, re-define our designated funds, and find clarity with our budget.

Thirdly, I need your help. I like to say something, demonstrate an action, or outline a procedure one time (this is how my mind works) and then assume everyone gets it. Well, we know what happens when we assume. To help me, we can ask questions. Yes, anyone can get defensive with questions, and I know that not all answers are the same, but when we ask honest, open questions, we can be clear and understand each other.

Lastly, our vision, mission, and goals have not changed: we are a beacon of Christ, radiating his love in worship, discipleship, and mission. We have been blessed with a building, a sanctuary, a legacy of service, a desire to learn and grow in our faith, and dedicated, amazing people. We have a solid foundation and the tools to minister into our next chapter as a congregation.

Peace,
Alan



S.P.A.M. PRESENTS

RAFTING DOWN THE *Colorado River*



WHEN: APRIL 19

FELLOWSHIP PUNCH BOWL

GATHERING TIME: 11:30 AM

LUNCH: 12 PM

WHERE: WESTMINSTER HALL

**FEATURING:
STEVE HAMMOND**

Lunch Cost: \$7.50

**Sign up at the
Welcome Booth by
April 14th**

Opening Day at FPCE is Coming

In April, Easter Sunday may be over, but we are keeping it fresh and exciting in worship. Join us for Opening Day Sunday, April 7th! Wear baseball apparel, represent your favorite team or player, get ready to cheer on the hope and promise that every team has a chance to win the World Series. We are gearing up for a fun time in worship followed by a home run of a concession stand while we watch some baseball on the big screen.



Library Update - April 2024

April often ushers in Easter. Not this year. In 2024, April 1, the moment beloved by jokesters, is the first *post* Easter day. We then wait 22 days to feature Earth Day, special to FPCE's Estuary Angels. This group is coming back into its own, post pandemic, to guide us in care for God's gift of Earth and all its creatures.

In addition to special days, April hosts a special week. National Library Week, started in 1958 by the American Library Association. This special week reminds us to celebrate and support the gifts of all our country's libraries. In 2024 National Library Week—which typically is celebrated the second full week of April—runs April 7 through April 13. This year's theme, "Ready, Set, Library!" is clearly a call to action.

In the words of this year's chair, "Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library... Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line." These words apply to our own beloved church library as well as to the city's treasure, the Everett Public Library. This essential institution provides numerous services well beyond collecting, collating, and promoting books. We especially appreciate their book group sets.

Let's not forget our remarkable national treasure, the Library of Congress. Across the country in the other Washington, it may seem far removed from us. However, its cataloguing undergirds our ResourceMate computer database. Online information about each item in our collection is largely Library of Congress cataloguing. That each of us can search for books by author, title, subject, or keyword from any online computer is a gift from the mid-eighteen hundred promoters of the Library of Congress.

Their insistence, hotly debated at the time, on identical size and shape of each card, placement of that perfectly punched hole, the content and format of information made way for the traditional card catalog. Remember those? Drawers and drawers of 3 x 5 cards held in place by a metal rod?

Yes, if you carry a cell phone connected to the internet, you have in your pocket a complete "card catalog" for our collection. Go to <https://15781.rmwebopac.com> and try it out: a miracle to my generation of great grandparents if not to our young followers. Once a year for National Library Week, take a moment to give thanks to our library forebears.

And now, just in time for Earth Day, our library offers a new upbeat climate book:

Not Too Late: Changing the Climate Story from Despair to Possibility, edited by Rebecca Solnit and Thelma Young Lutunatabua, offers a "dispatch from the front lines of the struggle for the future of the planet...a cause for hope." Not a how-to but an encouraging account of what has been accomplished by committed thinkers and activists around the globe.

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Fourth Monday Book Group - April 2024

Book Group continues to convene virtually at 10 a.m. on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. (Note May date change because of Memorial Day). New readers are always welcome. Here's the always flexible plan for the road ahead:

April 22 *Tom Lake* Ann Patchett Leader: TBA

“Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. As in all of her novels, Ann Patchett combines compelling narrative artistry with piercing insights into family dynamics. The result is a rich and luminous story told with profound intelligence and emotional subtlety...”

May 20 *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* Mary Roach Leader: TBA

We're due for a nonfiction selection. Mary Roach's “weirdly delightful dive into scientific nonfiction” (Marie Claire) should fill the bill as it “investigates the unpredictable world of human-wildlife conflict.” Roach travels the globe to explore and explain ways laws and customs in other countries as well as our own have coped with animal incursions into people's lives. Or is it the other way around? The crisp, witty writing style makes a difficult subject sparkle.

June 24 *Horse: A Novel* Geraldine Brooks Leader TBA

“Every character is carefully and believably explored, including Lexington, the horse, an excellent racehorse ... whose closest relationship is with his enslaved caretaker and exercise rider,... [Brooks] reveals a lot about racing art and biological science. Best horse book I've ever read, including all of my own.” —Jane Smiley, The New York Times Book Review

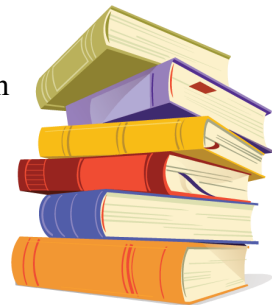
We are in line for a book group set. **June and July choices may need to be reversed.**

July 22 *Rough Sleepers* Tracy Kidder Leader TBA

Dr. Jim O'Connell undertakes an urgent mission to bring healing to homeless people in Boston. Tracy Kidder [you may remember him from *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer*] chronicles O'Connell's many years of outreach. This multifaceted account details effects of abuse, illness, drugs, and alcohol along with poorly designed legal, medical, and housing rules.

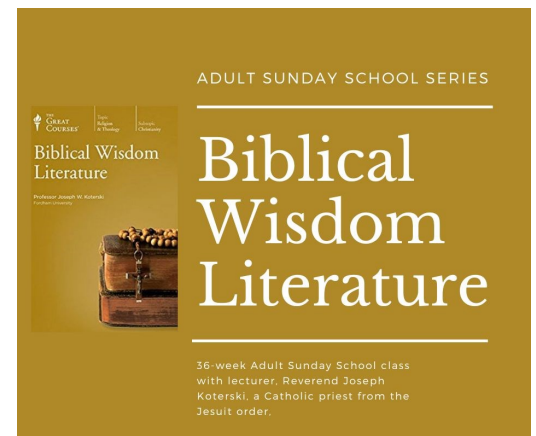
To take part in monthly discussions, log in via Zoom at 10 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. For the link or to be added to the email list please contact me by phone or email.

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Adult Sunday School Study: Biblical Wisdom Literature

Our current Adult Sunday School class is based on a 36-week series lecture series titled Biblical Wisdom Literature. In this study, we deep dive into the section of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) called the Ketuvim, or “the writings”. The lecturer is Reverend Joseph Koterski, a Catholic priest from the Jesuit order, who presents the material in a very accessible manner. This course will provide an opportunity not only for you to learn more about the Bible, but also to love it more, and to make God’s Word an even greater blessing on your life.



REPAIRING THE BREACH - One Great Hour of Sharing 2024

We are now collecting our first Special Offering of the Year - One Great Hour of Sharing.

Funds collected from this offering are split between three PC(USA) ministries: Presbyterian Disaster Relief (32%), Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), & Self-Development of People (32%). These three programs all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

This year, we will be collecting this offering through April 7th, although later gifts will still be welcomed. Simply use the envelopes in the pews, choose the “One Great Hour of Sharing” fund on the online giving platform, or note “OGHS” on the memo line of your check.

For more information, speak with Kari Nupen or Dottie Villevik after church.





CFD First Annual Bake Off – April 14th During Coffee Hour

Do you love to bake? Or just want to give it a try? Join us for the CFD First Annual Bake Off and bring a treat in one of these categories: cookies/bar cookies, cake/pie/cupcakes, fancy pastries, or 'other'. Please bring 30-50 samples either premade or ready to serve by 11 am. Bring a sign to identify your entry (please state if it contains nuts) and don't forget to encourage tasters to vote for your treat. Sign up at the welcome booth by April 7th. Contact Teresa Good or any CFD member with any questions.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers this past year for my son, Robert Henry, following his surgery a year ago for a brain tumor.

A recent MRI revealed no sign of residual tumor.

Prayers have truly been answered.

~Judy Campbell

“Celebrating Eastertide in Music” submitted by Gary Norris, Organist

Eastertide is the period between Easter and Pentecost. April 7th – May 19th. During the Easter season, the church extends the joy and gladness of Easter day for several weeks. The solemnity of Easter itself (and the great Easter vigil) is the highpoint of the liturgical year. Since the celebration of the Easter feast is of such pre-eminence, the church extends that celebration for seven days, called Easter week. Each day of Easter week is a solemnity of high rank. Rituals peculiar to Easter are continued each day during the week. The importance of the "Week of Easters" is such that the church multiplies it seven times, creating a season of joy and festivity. Thus, the Easter season is highly symbolic in length, a season of seven times seven days, culminating in the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (pente meaning "fiftieth").



Please come worship, pray, and sing as Easter joy to our hearts bring. In the words of that great Methodist hymn #316:

“When Easter to the dark world came,
Fair flowers glowed like scarlet flame:
At Eastertide, at Eastertide,
O glad was the world at Eastertide.
When ten disciples met in fear,
Then “Peace” said Jesus, “I am here.”
At Eastertide, at Eastertide,”

God Bless each one of you at this time.

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m., in Calvin Lounge.
We will be discussing chapter 8 in our study book. Brown bag lunch is optional.
All women are welcome.

REMEMBER

From and composed by Deacon Bob Barren

One Sunday we heard the clacking sound of suitcase rollers.
She wore a heavy coat, had taken care in dress, and kept to herself largely
on a pew on the north side of the church.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,
who does not change like shifting shadows. – **James 1:17**

Zoann found us. Why is anyone's guess, but she kept coming back. She had her own story
mostly in fantasy. She was her own person, known to members of our congregation as a frequent
visitor. Her suitcase held those things she held dear. Her residence was uncertain but she was
clean and had well-tended clothing .

Psalms 34:18

18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
She made an effort to meet with people. Her conversation was within a universe of her making.
but she liked visiting and communicating as she could. She made an effort to be a part of us.
And- —— We largely accepted her.

A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born,
she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. – **John 16:21**

She was born March 3, 1957. She was raised in Everett or/and nearby. Her mother was Elois and
her father, Edward. They lived in various parts of Snohomish County. Her mother worked
largely for the county. Her mother was a known painter. Her father was a noted athlete, teacher,
and coach. Zoann was raised here and moved between here and California. It is believed she was
married and had two children. Vital statistics report her death January 13th, 2024.

Revelation 21:4 - He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,
neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed
away.”

She came to us for a reason. God's reason. Hopefully we provided some comfort to her. May she
rest in peace.



Christian Formation & Discipleship (CFD) is looking for
volunteers to work in the nursery on a rotating schedule. If you
are interested please contact Teresa Good.

APRIL CELEBRATIONS!



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

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 future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

- 4/4 Jim & Renee Angell
- 4/9 Rob & Leslie Sutin
- 4/15 Bob & Debbie Newell

Birthdays:

- 4/3 John Gebert
- 4/3 Bradley Smith
- 4/6 Jean Kanter
- 4/11 Lisa Gebert
- 4/13 Shirley Lockeman
- 4/17 Samuel Capetillo
- 4/20 Phil Beardsley
- 4/20 Tori Faith
- 4/20 Judy Kutz
- 4/20 Dariel Norris
- 4/26 Adison Mattix
- 4/26 Fern Tully

Special Dates in April

- National Library Week, April 7-13
- Earth Day, April 22
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 24

Newsletter Deadline

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 by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

April 14

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



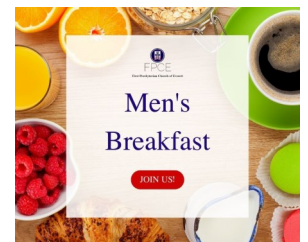
In March, we donated **254 pounds** of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank. Great job!

Our next drive-through collection is Monday, April 8th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door.

Your donations support those in need here in Everett.
Thank you for your donations.

Men's Breakfast – April 13th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, April 13th, from 8:30 to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!



Scrabble Wednesdays in 2024

Scrabble continues in April on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on **April 3rd and April 17th** from 1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE.

The north door will be open from 12:50-1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!



Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.



Musicians Request

Do you play or have a musical gift that you would be willing to share with the congregation? If so, then please contact Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries or talk with Pastor Alan. We would love to have you add your gifts to our worship experience.



*Lunch
with
Alan*

**Mondays
12-1 p.m.
Library**

Lunch with Alan is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Steve Hammond	John Gebert	Kari Nupen
Jamie Hunter	Marne Larson	Randy Fehlhaber
Jan Weakley	Steve Ulvestad	Susan Lynn

Deacons

Class of 2024	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Bob Barren	Lisa Comstock	Rose Capetillo
Doris Pearson	Susan Davis	Sam Capetillo
Ed Pearson	Joan Lyderson	Mike Davis

