

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

October 11, 2020

Prelude – *Lift High the Cross* – Boursarow

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell – Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome – Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship – Psalm 106:1-6

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

All: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

One: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,

All: That I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

Hymn –

O Jesus I have Promised

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1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

2 O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer (adapted from www.Reformationtheology.com)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command. Hear our hearts as we silently pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Quartet – *I Am Redeemed*

Jean Rankin, Tony Tysseling,
Leslie and Rob Sutin
Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture – Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon – *Invitation*

Pastor Alan

Hymn – *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

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1 "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me."

3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

4 Take up your cross,
then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly ev'ry danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.

Benediction

Postlude – *Toccata on Saint Anne* – Swann

Gary Norris, Organist

Reminders and Announcements

Next week, we are excited to have **Mason Rutledge** preaching. While Pastor Alan is away celebrating his mother-in-law's 80th birthday, Mason will lead worship. Mason is the President of C3, a Christian Leadership company, has three children, an amazing wife, and will be a grandfather next year. Mason brings a lifetime of following Christ, a heart for evangelism and compassion, and countless hours of prayer, teaching, studying, and preaching to our pulpit. Please keep Mason in your prayers as he prepares for the 18th.

Last week was the Peace and Justice Offering. You can still mail in an offering and put in the memo: Peace and Justice. The Mission Committee has decided to donate our 25% to Dawson's Place where they help families and children experiencing crisis in their lives.

Join us for our learning series on Christianity!

This course is a remarkable class on how Christianity was born, how it grew, developed, and how it remains central to lives around the world. This is a chance to examine the religion that many of us grew up within, and which continues to transform our lives daily.

FPCE Sunday Coffee Time and Bible Study – **NEW** Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82991650201?pwd=ZDE1YzRZaDhIRWFteDg5ZC9xaUMxQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 9165 0201

Passcode: 049854

1. Virtual Coffee Time at 11:15am today! Use the link above to join for a relaxed time of greeting and talking to each other.
2. Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
3. Lunch with Pastor Alan this week is on Tuesday at 12pm.
4. We are using Zoom for a Thursday Bible Study at 4pm. We are looking at the words of Jesus. This Thursday, October 15th, we will be studying Matthew 14.
5. All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.

Prayer Updates for October 11, 2020

- Update on Gordon Fritz: the prayers worked, and he is much better. Thank you very much. Olinda Fritz. Janet Kelly's sister.
- Prayers for Jan Weakley and family after Dick's death on September 24th. Dick was interned in the columbarium with family present. A memorial will be planned later.
- Prayers for Clyde and Judy Pitcher. Clyde had a heart attack on September 12th, but is home recovering.

- Pray for Pat Stanley and her husband Dennis as Pat is battling cancer and in hospice care. From Bob and Barbara Barren
- Prayers for Mike Gresham, his family is moving to Colorado soon. From Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Marty Blea. Her brother died in Albuquerque and was not able to go but watched via Facebook till he took his last breath. Marty is having a hard time. [from our online prayer request form]
- Please pray I will find a job soon and be able to sleep at night – Crystal Vines [from our online prayer request form]
- Prayers for Susan Davis as she recovers and rehabs from knee replacement surgery.
- Prayers for Pastor Alan's sister-in-law, Nicole, and family after Nicole has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell and family after Jack's death on September 12th.
- Prayers for Wayne Hutchcroft and family as they lost everything in the fires near Portland. Wayne is related to Rose Capetillo.
- We pray for all who have been displaced, had homes destroyed, or loved ones die in the fires along the west coast. We pray for firefighters, hospitals, and community organizations working to fight the fire and care for people during this time.
- We pray for our young adults, youth, and children as they head back to school.
- We pray for teachers, administrators, and faculty as our youth head back to school.
- Update on Leslie Sutin's nephew Jason. He is no longer in need of a liver transplant. The new medication is working. Praise God and we continue to pray.
- Pray for Lisa Comstock's Aunt Mary and Uncle Len. Mary had a surgery and was in the hospital for longer than expected. She is now home. However, Len fell and is in the hospital with a broken elbow, cuts and swelling on his face.
- Pray for Steve Torrence as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Pray for Larry Nalbach who is dealing with health issues. Larry is Marilyn Nalbach's brother.
- We pray Mary Villevik and family as her mother Virginia Shelly died. Mary is married to Eric, Alan and Dottie's son.
- Update: Tim and MaryAnne LeCompte. MaryAnne is slowly recovering from her stroke and is in long term rehab – Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Gregg DeSchepper died. Terrie appreciates continued prayers. – from Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Our daughter Jessica Rozal completed chemo and started radiation treatment on the 23rd. Thank you for your prayers and support – from Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Jeff Mackey and family as Maurine Murray is in hospice.
- We pray for Marilee Richards' friend Kim. Kim has Covid-19 and is ill with underlying health problems.
- From Judy and Clyde Pitcher: Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel, as she continues her treatment for cancer.
- Hugh Minor prayers for recovery.

- Update: Bonnie (Miller) Ronan is under home hospice care. Continued prayers for her pain management and comfort. No visitors. From Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell is doing well and has been home for several months now. He takes short walks and is working on a local history book. He appreciates our continued prayers – from Annette King
- Update: Grandson Matt remains alcohol free nine months after his rehab graduation in November. Continued prayers are appreciated. – from Annette King.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's family as they are going through some tough times.
- Prayers for Elizabeth Nelson with ongoing health issues.
- Pray for Sumana Banerjee, Alan and Judy Hutchison's daughter in law's mother, as she is in the hospital. They are not sure of the problem, but are praying for healing.
- Prayers for Maureen, Judy Hammond's mother. We lift up all families who are apart from each other. We pray for health, safety, and comfort.
- Cody Richards as he is being shipped to the Middle East, from grandmother Marilee Richards.
- Celia Gordon asks for prayers as she begins cancer treatment again.
- Jim White, prayers for cancer recovery from Celia Gordon.
- Prayers for Bev Fox in rehab.
- Prayers for Stephanie, daughter of Renee Lambert, for Crohn's related surgery and her hospitalization three times in the last month – from Diane Preston

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for those who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhen
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
- 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
- Jay Gano – Jan Weakley
- 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
- Bonnie (Miller) Ronan – Annette King.

- 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.

- Don and Joan Lyderson
- Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister
- Dale and Janet Good