

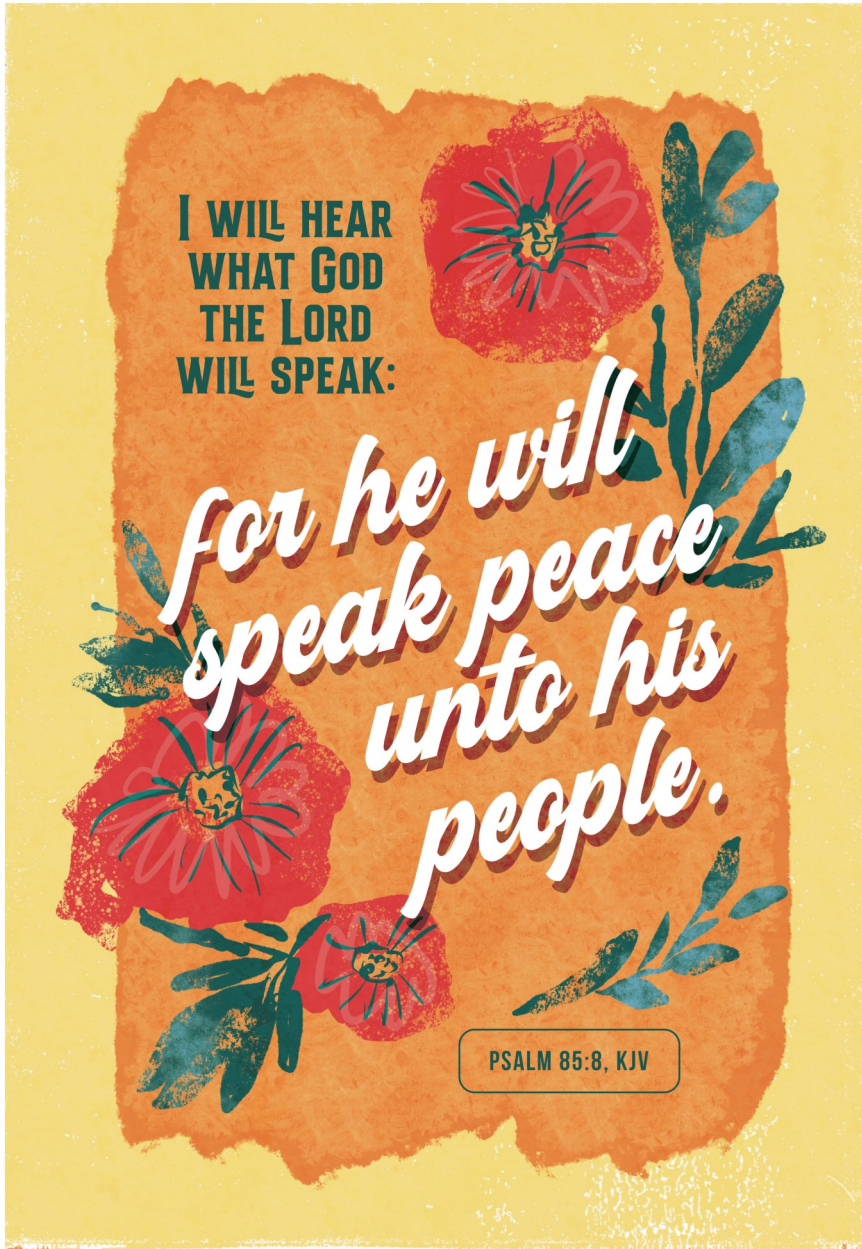
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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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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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Worship - Sundays at 10 a.m.



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join our worship livestream, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the FPCE Facebook page. 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>. Worship services can also be viewed on our You Tube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Please note: There are times when Facebook and/or YouTube will mute parts of a worship recording that they deem to be infringing on copyright protections. To see the service online, uninterrupted, you'll need to watch the live broadcast.

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

Off the Wall by Pastor Alan

September is here, and that means it's time for our Fall Kick Off! On Sunday, September 14th, we gather to launch a new season of ministry, connection, and community. Whether you're new to the church or have been here for years, this is a great time to reconnect, meet new faces, and discover opportunities to grow in faith together. Our nursery will be open, and our children's and youth program will begin.

And that's not all—on Sunday, September 21st, we're thrilled to welcome guest preacher Jonna Reeder to our pulpit. Jonna brings a vibrant faith, deep insight, and a heart for mission to our church. Don't miss this special opportunity to hear from her and worship together.

Let's step into this new season with hope and expectation—God is at work, and we're excited for what's ahead!

Peace, *Alan*



Lunch with Pastor Alan

Lunch with Pastor Alan will resume on Monday September 8th at 12pm in the library.

The Gathering

We had so much fun this summer we are keeping the Gathering going this fall! We will be meeting for good food and fun vibes on the third Wednesday of the month. We will be gathering on September 17th at 5:30pm in Westminster Hall.

Conversation with NW travelers to the West Bank: Sunday, October 12 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM in Calvin Lounge

The situation on the ground in the West Bank continues to deteriorate steadily.

Palestinians live with fear and uncertainty from day to day with many Christian Palestinians having left the West Bank due to the hardship and feelings of helplessness while many more consider it. Those who remain continue to bear witness to a just peace in a seemingly hopeless situation.



What lies ahead for the few remaining Christians in the West Bank, the place of Jesus' birth? What hope is there for the cradle of Christianity? Join Rev. Charlie Lewis, chair of the Friends of Tent of Nations Board) and Dana and Judy Wright (former CFD Director at FPCE and his wife) who will be sharing their experience and what they gleaned on their most recent trip meeting with 12 Palestinian leaders and spending ten days at the Tent of Nations Farm.



Attention ladies! Priscilla Circle will have their first meeting this fall on Monday, September 8th at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge.

This year our study book is “Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ”. All women are welcome.

Nursery Volunteers & Youth Sunday School

The Christian Formation & Discipleship Committee is looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service and to help lead youth Sunday school for this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good or Pastor Alan.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual FPCE Chili Cook-off is Coming!

November 2, 2025



In thanksgiving to God for our restored and repaired kitchen pipes improving water pressure and giving us pure clean water!

Our pastor, in worship, thanked Dorothy Nerison and Rob Sutin. We are also grateful to Elder Steve Ulvestad, Chair of Facilities/Building Committee who supervised the project, secured the materials to do this work so that the sink could be used again.

Our kitchen is so important to the life of our church. A kitchen was important in the life of Jesus. A new hymn, set to a much-loved tune, put it this way:

Martha Labored in the Kitchen

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

Martha labored in the kitchen; there was much yet to be done! There was cooking, cleaning, baking — too much work for anyone. For the Lord had come to visit; Jesus sat there as her guest. So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.



Gary Norris, Organist

Let Us Pray

"Lord, bless *the sink and drains*, the counters and cupboards
stacked with spoons, bowls, plates
pots and pans.

Lord, bless this refrigerator, stove and oven.
As you cause dough to rise with flakes of yeast,
may joy and banter lift the spirits
of all whose bodies are nourished
with food from this our kitchen.

And bless this sink, dishwasher and towels.
Help us wash our souls of leftover sins and infractions.
Help us savor your blessings
and not waste the grace and food that you provide.

May our church family follow your example
of sharing fellowship with your visitors and new friends
and all who come, and we do greet.

Most of all, grant our church family the grace to *recognize your presence*
with them as food is served from this kitchen and all remember food from that Emmaus kitchen
as disciples gathered for a meal *with the stranger* they met on the road
outside a town called Emmaus.

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From the Organ Bench by Gary Norris: Our New Water Pipes, Our Organ Piped (continued from page 6)

Bless this kitchen
Unite as one the family that lives in our church home.
As we join hands in bonds of enduring love
and grant us happiness and peace
all the days of our lives,

through Christ, our Lord. Amen.-Author Unknown

A Biblical footnote about the *two important words* for us: work and worship/liturgy.

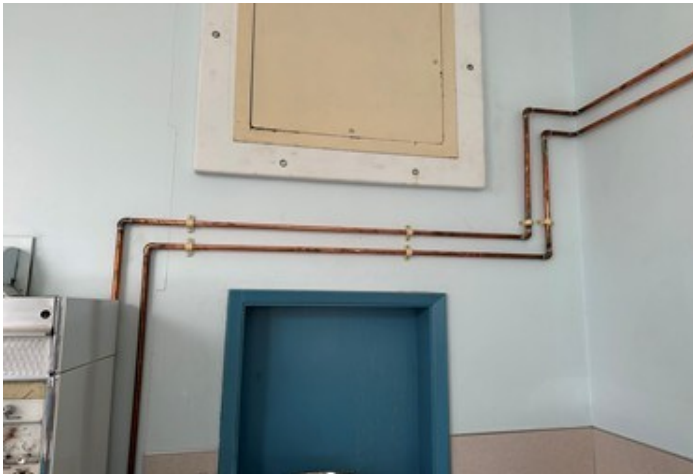
I read online that the New Testament Greek word for worship/liturgy, liturgies, is a combination of two Greek words: *Laos* meaning *people or laity* and *ergos (ergonomics)* meaning *work*. It helps us understand that work, whether in the holy place of our sanctuary or the daily life places of home, office, shop, or public service, in every setting we are offering our worship to God. There is no wall between sacred and secular!

At our doorstep each Sunday morning there is work to be done! Our prelude for Sunday September 7th is a call to action:

“Come Labor On!”

1 Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle, on the harvest plain While all around him waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say GO WORK TODAY!”

The postlude will be J. S. Bach's **Sleepers Wake**.



Book Group Update

Submitted by Shirley Solberg

Fourth Monday Book Group invites any interested readers to take part. We meet via Zoom at 10 a.m., the 4th Monday of each month except as noted below.

In November we each share recent books we have been enjoying. This information often provides ideas for the following year.

Coming Attractions *

September 22 *People of the Book* Geraldine Brooks
Co-Leaders - Andrea Buck; Shirley Solberg

Traces the journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illustrated Hebrew manuscript, created in Fifteenth-century Spain. "A marvelously intertwined narrative, with one strand tied to the contemporary world and the other leading us back into European history... a vividly narrated, powerfully emotional quest." [*Dallas Morning News*]

October 27 *Bear* Julia Phillips Leader - Elizabeth Nelson
On San Juan Island off the coast of Washington, two sisters struggle to survive their bleak lives which are complicated by the arrival of a large shaggy beast.

November 24 "What I Am Reading" Leaders - All

December NO MEETING - Celebrate the Season

January 26, 2026 *Stargazer* Anne Hillerman Leader - TBA
Daughter of late novelist Tony Hillerman continues his series solving justice issues amid new adventures for his beloved characters in the Southwest.

*** Sorry: Everett Public Library does not offer book sets for any of these titles.
See their current catalog for sets they DO have.**

Continuing Zoom Link:

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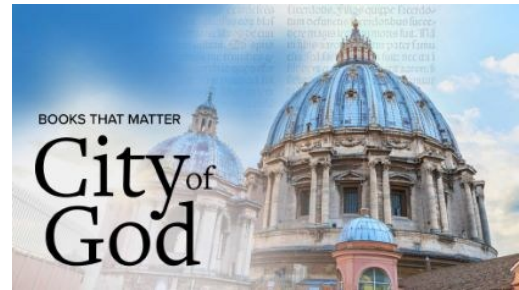
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Adult Sunday School: Augustine's *City of God*

Submitted by Steve Hammond

Augustine is the second most influential Christian thinker and writer, at least in the Western Church, just behind the Apostle Paul. Augustine's *City of God* is his longest written work, and is a very great book, written from the viewpoint of an ardent Christian luminary living in the late Roman Empire around the year 400 AD.



The upcoming adult Sunday School class, starting on September 7, will be review and discussion of a 24-lecture Great Courses course on *The City of God* (COG). It is masterfully taught by Professor Charles Mathewes of the University of Virginia. Mathewes is obviously passionate in his appreciation and love of Augustine's grand opus, and this is infectious for the listener. Each lecture is about 30 minutes long, which allows plenty of time for group discussion in the Sunday School class.

Lest you think that ancient setting was long ago and far away and not relevant to our lives today, think again. You will recognize many similarities between the issues at play in the Roman Empire and those in today's world. The great contrast highlighted in COG is between the city of man and the City of God, between the pagan worldview of the Roman Empire, or the secular worldview of our modern world, and the Christian view of God's Kingdom, the City of God.

Participating in this class will provide much to consider about how the Christian believer can understand and participate in the city of man, yet maintain the divine perspective afforded to us through faith, hope, and love, God's Grace, and Christ's teachings, life, death, and resurrection.

Please consider joining us, either for the entire class or whenever you are able to drop in and join us.

FPCE

WORK PARTY



**NO
EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY**

JOIN US!

Work Party – September 6th

It's time to party!

All are welcome to join the Facilities Committee on Saturday, September 6th at 9:00 am in the library for coffee and donuts before we start.

We have gardening and other projects for all ages.

Bring gloves and we'll have a great time!

BOOK & PUZZLE SALE

October 2025



Book & Puzzle Sale Collection

The Women's Association will be hosting a book and puzzle sale on October 5 and 12.

If you would like to donate, please place items in the totes by the stairwell at the Rockefeller entrance.

Thank you.



SEPTEMBER 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:

- 9/1 Christopher & Danielle Roberts
- 9/13 Jeff & Doreen Solberg
- 9/19 Randy & Debbie Roberts
- 9/27 Clayton & Kami Erickson

Birthdays:

- 9/2 Rob Sutin
- 9/6 Janet Kelly
- 9/10 Mary Davis
- 9/11 Marilyn Minch
- 9/13 Marne Larson
- 9/14 Mary Lou Finley
- 9/19 Christopher Roberts
- 9/20 Sharon Danitschek
- 9/20 Steve Torrence
- 9/21 Alan Dorway
- 9/22 Kami Erickson
- 9/23 Carol Gresham
- 9/24 Jeffrey Smith
- 9/29 Danielle Fowler

Special Dates:

Labor Day, September 1, 2025
National Grandparents Day, September 7, 2025
Patriot Day, September 11, 2025
National Grandparents Day, September 7, 2025
Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2025
First Day of Autumn, September 22, 2025



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:

September 14th

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



Our next in-person collection is September 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.



Don't miss the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 13th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study. We hope to see you!

Committees of the First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee interprets, promotes, and supports local, national and international social and mission causes of our church, Presbytery, Synod and General assembly. The Mission Committee administers mission resources, educates and informs the congregation concerning mission and social justice matters, advises Session regarding mission needs, and encourages, enables and empowers participation in mission and social justice projects.

Chairs: Kari Nupen, John Gebert

Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee

The Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee (CFD) aims to encourage and facilitate our congregation's transformation into the image of Christ through education in and study of the Word. We do this relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be liberated to testify in word and deed to the Mission and Reign of God in the world.

Chairs: Marne Larson, David Baer-Peckham

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee works to guide our time on Sunday mornings. The committee seeks to be creative in making our worship God honoring and people engaging.

Chairs: Susan Lynn, Judy Campbell

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee cares for our campus. The committee seeks volunteers with experience to help with minor fixes, work parties, and guidance on priorities with some of our bigger concerns.

Chairs: Steve Ulvestad, Randy Fehlhaber

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee gathers to review our budget and make recommendations to session on how to use our finances with good stewardship.

Chairs: Terry Walker, David Baer-Peckham

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is selected at our annual congregational meeting. This committee prayerfully plans for the next group of elders and deacons to serve in our church.

Chairs: John Gebert, Judy Campbell

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2025

John Gebert
Marne Larson
Steve Ulvestad

Class of 2026

Randy Fehlhaber
Susan Lynn
Kari Nupen

Class of 2027

Judy Campbell
David Baer-Peckham
Terry Walker

Deacons

Class of 2025

Bob Barren
Joan Lyderson
Lisa Villevik

Class of 2026

Rose Capetillo
Sam Capetillo
Mike Davis

Class of 2027

Susan Davis
Judy Hammond
Marilee Richards

