

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

May 21, 2023 – 10am

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

Prelude *Come Thou Fount* – Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 68:1-4 Merle Kirkley

Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

**Sing to God; sing praises to his name;**

Lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—

**His name is the Lord—be exultant before him!**

Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #356

Prayers of Confession and the Lord's Prayer Merle Kirkley

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of the Lord, yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption of Jesus Christ. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God, in your graceful presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a divided people against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. We stare up into heaven and when we do not see you, we turn our eyes away from your will as we seek our own. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and come to value quick answers and shallow opinions. Forgive us Lord for claiming to follow you when we pursue idols. Have mercy on us and fix our gaze on Jesus, healing our hearts with your love, and setting us**

**free again to love our neighbor and your world. Hear us now as we take a moment in quiet reflection and personal confession.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life, full of love and hope, has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Now with confidence, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Hymn                                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                                      #591

### Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you!

**And also with you!**

Choir Anthem                              *Down to the River to Pray*                                      Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture                                      Acts 1:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                                      *Wait for It*                                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn                                      *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*                                      #399

Benediction                                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude                                      *All Hail the Power Of Jesus Name – Bish*                                      Gary Norris, Organist

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## Announcements

**The Alan Villesvik family place the flowers this morning  
in memory of our son/brother/uncle/dad, John R. Villesvik  
who died in a tragic hiking accident on May 24, 2019, on Mt. Rainier**

Doreen Solberg will be on vacation from May 25<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>. During that time if you need any office assistance, please contact Pastor Alan.

## All Church Retreat – September 16<sup>th</sup> – Sign-ups continue today.

Today we continue to take sign-ups for the All-Church Retreat on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Warm Beach. The cost is \$20/adult, \$5/youth (age 9-18), free for 8 and younger. To make sure we have an accurate count for our fun activities and surprises, we will ask for payment before the retreat. However, for now, sign-up during coffee time to add your name to the list and let's get excited for this wonderful event!

## SCRABBLE

Scrabble has resumed on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!



**Graduation Sunday**

**JUNE 11, 2023**

We're celebrating the Class of 2023 on Graduation Sunday - June 11 during our 10 a.m. worship service.

Have a loved one graduating in the Class of 2023? Submit a graduate information form by May 30.

**SCAN QR CODE FOR DETAILS**



## Graduation Sunday – June 11<sup>th</sup>

Scan the QR code at left to submit a graduate information form online. Graduate information forms are also available at the Welcome Center. Forms are due in the church office by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## VOA Food Donations

We donated 210 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this month. Great job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. Our next Monday drop-off is July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 12pm (no drop-off in June). Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

## Church Work Party – June 10<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendar for our next church work party, happening Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. Donuts and coffee will be provided. All skill levels can help. Bring good shoes and gloves. We'll see you there!

## **This Week...**

- **Sunday School today** is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Steve Hammond is leading a new lecture series “Great Figures of the New Testament”.
  - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Lunch with Alan is on Mondays at noon in the church library.** The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan is May 25<sup>th</sup> using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Joel 1-2.
  - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
  - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

## **To all worshipping with us...**

Session recently voted to remove pew spacing requirements. As such, we continue to:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. Ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Use the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.

## **Prayer Requests May 21, 2023**

- We pray for the families and community suffering after the elementary school shooting in Nashville. We pray specifically for Pedro Pollorena, our interpreter in Mani, who knows the family of Hallie Scruggs, one of the victims.
- We pray for the people in Turkey and Syria after their devastating earthquakes.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Lin Davis died May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Mary and the Davis family. No memorial date has been set at this time.
- Prayers for Linda Senter’s great-niece, Leanne, whose IgA Nephropathy (Berger’s Disease) is attacking her kidneys again. She is going through the steps to get on the kidney transplant program.
- Update: It is truly miraculous that Mason has made such gigantic strides in his recovery and healing from serious back surgery. His mom reports he can do anything but slalom ski! Thank you so much, FPCE, for your prayers! From Tony & Lois Tysseling.

- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Update: Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King. Doug's stem cell surgery went well. His discharge from the hospital to home should be within the next week. Your prayers are greatly appreciated and please continue to pray for God's wisdom, guidance, and healing to continue in his care with the medical staff.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.
- Please pray for my brother Randy and his wife, Ellyn. Please help heal Elly's eyes and help her to see better. Pray that Randy, Elly and I get to spend time together. From Jodi.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Maggie Lamus
- Art & Sue Hermansen
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Wes King
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- 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.

## Choir Anthem

### *Down to the River to Pray*

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

O brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O fathers let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

O mothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O mothers let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sinners let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.

Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 591

*Doxology*

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Neil Weatherhogg, 1988

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo - ple

here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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## 399 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No  
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.  
 we re - jice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 You are near And seek where You are found:  
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.