THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am July 10, 2022



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

Prelude Improvization on Old 100th Genevan Psalter 1517 Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship

Introduction to the Service

Steve Torrence Director of Music Ministries

Bob Barren

Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson

Bob Barren

(Based on the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Vision Statement of FPCE, and two hymns)

We gather in this place as the local expression of the "One Holy and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ".

Seize us O God, that we may grasp and be grasped by what that means in all its fullness.

We are a congregation renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit that gathers at the Table of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, with all your quickening powers. Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

We are called by God to be a worshipping congregation that develops strong ties to each other and to our neighbors, near and far.

In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ, no South nor North, all one great family of love throughout the whole wide earth.

We pray each Sunday that prayer that Jesus taught us.

O God, manifest in us the fulfillment of that prayer that "Your kingdom may come, and your will (and work) be done" here and now, in and through us.

Hymn "Your Kingdom Come!" Great God, We Pray

(words at end of bulletin)

A Prayer of Petition and Confession and Assurance of God's Love

What we know not teach us Where we have become lost, find us Where we have failed, forgive us Where we have fallen, lift us Where grief has gripped us, comfort us Where darkness has overcome us, send your light Where love's light has dimmed, ignite your love in us Amen

The saying is worthy of repeating

As Paul declared in II Corinthians 5:17 - "If a person is in Christ that one becomes a new person altogether – the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new".

Jane Parker Huber set this text in hymn: "We are a new creation for service here on earth, we live our faith in action to proclaim our Savior's worth. Let love and justice now blending show for all to see, God's grace is never ending, it reaches you and me!

Pastor: Let us glory to God, for such a promise and a forgiveness that is sure.

<u>Gloria Patri</u> (tune: Cwm Rhondda) Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Praise we too to the Holy Spirit Wondrous love, shown three in one As it was in the beginning So is now eternally So is now eternally. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer followed by Lord's Prayer (Caribbean version)Steve Torrence, CantorCongregation responds after each phrase: Hallowed by thy nameSteve Torrence, Cantor

Scripture

Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4, 1 Chronicles 29:11

"Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom." King David's praise of God

Choir Anthem Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon Our Needs: Past, Present and Future and God's Will and Work Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson

Hymn "O God, Whose Welcome We So Long" (Tune: Maryton, "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee") Lyrics by our guest minister, Pastor Bob

O God who's welcome we so long Whose grace assures that we belong To find a place of love and peace There freed to love, our joys increase

When we stray off to be our own And turn from all that you have shown When inner conflicts tear within And we forget the place we've been At home where love and joy abound A blest acceptance, there we found Released to be a people free Embracing what our life can be

The Sending Out Blessing into the World God Loves!

Postlude Toccata on O God Our Help in Ages Past! – Arr Frederick Swann Gary Norris, Organist FPCE CCLI – Copyright License C 3104275 & Streaming License B 20865934

"When the worship is over, the service begins!"





Announcements

Preaching today is Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson, a longtime friend of our congregation. Bob recently returned from a month-long journey to New Mexico where he was a guest minister/preacher in four different congregations. He led a mission tour to historic Presbyterian mission points in northern New Mexico and made a presentation to the Belen New Mexico Rotary on the history of the Presbyterian Church in New Mexico in education, health, and community development.

From Pastor Bob Nicholson:

Don't miss next week, a refreshing, "you never heard this before" biblically based sermon with more insights into the Lord's Prayer. Parts of the service *will be sung* not read, set to hymn tunes you know and love with *words for today* "Be Now My Vision" (Slane), "Sing a New Church" (Nettleton) and "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (Ash Grove). We will pray the Lord's Prayer as originally prayed with the ascription of praise from I Chronicles 29:10, the Prayer of David, added but separated from the main text, the Biblical pattern used at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. A short sermon that will conclude our engagement with the Lord's Prayer. *Adios then* to Pastor Bob who has been our friend and visiting minister for three Sundays in July. You won't want to miss this. Come, invite friends and neighbors. It will be a "barn burner" of a service! (*And just in, there will be* surprises for choir, director of music and organist!)

Flowers today are from Judith Campbell In memory of her son, Michael Henry, husband Jack Campbell and in celebration of her son Robert Henry and family and her daughter Mary McBride and family.

Deacon on Duty

Pastor Alan is on sabbatical. He will be offline through September 6th when he returns to the office and will lead worship on September 11th. We will have great pastors filling the pulpit over the summer and our Deacons want to make sure member needs are being met. To assist, our Deacons are going 'on-call' over the summer. In July, feel free to contact our July Deacons on Duty, Sonya Beardsley (425-334-0140), Amy Farnham (206-914-0274) for visitation needs or prayer updates. This is another way our Deacons care for our congregation. Stay tuned for August updates.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 261 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this week. Awesome job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. Our next non-perishable food donations will be collected on Communion Sunday, August 7. After worship, Ken Newman will collect and deliver our donations to the VOA.

Church Picnic – August 28

The Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee invites you to save the date for our All-Church Picnic on Sunday, August 28th at Hauge Homestead Park picnic shelter, 1819 – 121st St SE, Everett, just off 19th Avenue SE at Silver Lake, between Emory's restaurant on Silver Lake and The Everett Clinic at Silver Lake. More details to come!

Adult Sunday School

Today we will embark on a new Adult Sunday School class based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls. This class will be led by Steve Hammond and is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology. There is no requirement for preparation for this class, and you can drop in at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights.

- 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 taking a sabbatical break. Look for us to resume lunch in September.
- **Thursday Bible Study is July 14th at 4 pm**. Shirley Solberg will lead us in I Corinthians with a survey of the highlights and complexities of chapters 5-7. We will touch on church handling of sexual misconduct and consider marriage relationships within the fellowship of believers. Join us every Thursday for scripture and discussion via Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=ck5NR2hwOUd3cXFRaVQ2ZUVyRXJoU T09</u>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
 - Passcode: FPCE!22

To all worshipping with us:

- Masks are optional in our facility
- The first six rows of the sanctuary are open seating
- The back rows are every other pew for more spacing

Even as we move into this new chapter, we affirm a cautious approach by:

- Having masks and hand sanitizer available for use
- Keeping socially distanced
- Using prefilled communion cups

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a Session member. 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.

Dinner at the Bell Reopens for Indoor Dining

On May 18 Dinner at the Bell opened the doors of Stocker Hall to serve the homeless a warm meal.

Pastor Alan opened the evening with a greeting and shared our policies for conduct and facility use. Dottie Villesvik shared grace as we welcomed our guests to dinner. Jimmy Sharp and his team of servers provided a hearty hot meal that was well received.

No major issues were noted. We do need one of our volunteers to take on the coordination of assigning server tasks for the evening. Additional volunteers will be needed to serve when vacations, illness and other factors arise.

D@B (Dinner at the Bell) is moving forward with serving inside and making changes to how we will serve. Here are some examples:

- Being better neighbors to the surrounding business community by eliminating all use of the alley.
- Frank Fargo's (Shower to the People) hot shower mission has moved into our north lot.
- The coffee mission (Jessica Holden Dietsch) has agreed to move indoors as our coffee service.
- The laundry trailer is in disrepair and will not be rejoining the ministries here.
- Mercy Watch and Lifelong, who provide access to testing and healthcare, will locate its van in the north lot with the showers. During inclement weather they will serve in the room adjacent to Stocker Hall.
- A group of volunteers will provide security each week, enforcing that no food leaves the hall, as well as our documented code of conduct.
- A bathroom monitor ensures no backpacks or personal belongings go into the bathrooms.
- Loitering after the meal and showers is no longer accepted.
- Guests are asked to leave the premises and failure to comply will result in a warning that a trespass notice will be issued. The trespass notice will be issued for 30 days and is enforceable by the Everett Police Department. There has been no need to issue any trespass notices through our first four weeks.

We are not doing this alone. Our fellow missionaries include the group Encourage to Change (cooking 2-3 times a month and providing security), Kathy Batts and her group of volunteers cooking on the second Wednesday, and our own cooking team and volunteers on the third Wednesday. We were also joined our first time back by Ben Breeden (City of Everett/Homelessness) and the City of Everett's COET team (police officers and social workers addressing homelessness). Jack Harris from The Hot Meals Coalition (which provides food through grants from the city and business community) has been serving as well.

We are hopeful that the worst of the pandemic is behind us, allowing us to engage with our guests in a more peaceful environment. Our guests are grateful to be able to break bread together indoors. The alley is relatively clear for the businesses behind us. Litter is less of a problem. Things just seem calmer now.

We are very grateful for your support. To volunteer, contact Jay Kuhnhenn, Pastor Alan (after sabbatical), or Dottie Villesvik.

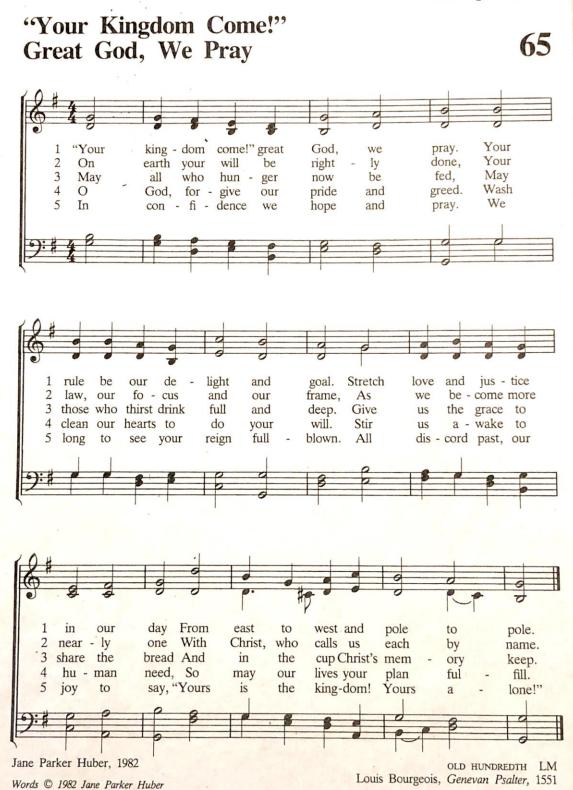
Prayer Updates July 10, 2022

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community.
- 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 the children, families, and teachers affected by the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- We pray for Marshel Gleason who is in a coma from COVID. From Judy Hutchison.
- We pray for Jean Kanter who is home recovering from the hospital. She thanks everyone for their prayers.
- Martha Klingler is recovering from COVID. She appreciates prayers for a speedy recovery with no complications. From Susan Klingler and Dottie Villesvik.
- We pray for Ida who has cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Jim Iles who has cancer. From Marilyn Minch.
- We pray for Janet Good who is in rehab.
- We pray for Susan Lynn who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She began radiation and we are grateful for the care and love she is receiving from her family. We pray for God's presence and comfort to be with her during this time.
- We pray for Marilyn Carter after her surgery. From Marilyn Minch.
- We pray for Genny Heuer who is recovering from COVID. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Update: Genny Heuer's niece, Shannon Steed and her baby are doing well. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Update as we pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Doug Paine who is blind and he was hit by a car and is in critical condition in Harborview. He is home from the hospital and recovering. Continued prayers are welcome.
- Please pray for Joyce Richardson as she recovers from health problems. Please also pray for Paul Richardson's sister Becky. From Kory Kanter.
- Larry O'Donnell continues to amaze with his improved energy level. PTL! Please pray for his continued improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's recent doctor's appointment confirmed good recovery from most of his December complications. PTL! However, his shortness of breath is still a concern; please keep praying. Hoping this will be over in the next few months. From Annette King.
- Update: The MRI for my son, Robert Henry, revealed no sign of the brain tumor, but the blood clot remains. Rob was cleared to return to work. Ours prayers have been answered. Thank you all for your prayers and concern. They are very much appreciated. From Judith Campbell.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Genevieve Heuer friend of Jimmy Sharp
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Arlene Mawudeku
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- 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 Jan Geibel Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug Dawson, as he goes through another round of chemotherapy– Tony and Lois Tysseling
- 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.



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