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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.

In a recent sermon, I talked about the balancing act I — and maybe we — do between our need to be perfect and correct while following Jesus' call to forgive and embrace grace. I have no illusions this is a life-long struggle. Jesus is also reorientating me to a deeper understanding as I follow him today. I have ideas and definite convictions for this in my life now, but one of the ideas that keeps popping into my head is my idea of 'my enemies'.

Who are my enemies? Where are my enemies? And can I get God to smite them, remove them, have them fall into the pit they dug for me, or inflict some other form of vengeance on my behalf? And like, soon, so I can witness their demise with a smug look on my face?

I read five Psalms every day, and other sections of scripture. Well look, I try my best. Some mornings, it just does not happen. The Psalmist writes honestly. Like, very honestly about feelings. There are passages of hurt, anger, fear, frustration, and hostility towards an 'enemy'. The enemy is usually never mentioned, but this is a general understanding where maybe one person or a group of people are or are perceived to be preventing the writer from living fully.

We get it. There are plenty of things in our lives that work to take our focus off Jesus. Not all those things are evil or sinful, but we have felt, experienced, or even suffered through difficult times and places where we have felt 'they' — whoever they are — are to blame. I acknowledge, there are times when we have legitimate reasons to blame others for our tragedy or pain. Abuse, fear, sexual aggression, oppression, exclusion, and other forms of violence toward another are sinful and require multiple levels of healing, restitution, and reconciliation. I am going to talk in a more general way in this article.

For instance, there are times when life does not go my way and my prayers, my talks with God are influenced by my irrational feelings toward 'them'. This is not to diminish my feelings, but to note that sometimes, my sense of right and wrong favors me generously. I might have correctly identified in these instances that I am different, hold an opposite view, or even disagree with 'them' or a situation. But is that enough to call them my enemies and desire God's vengeance in return?

Recently after I read Psalms 141-145, I turned to Luke 6. I found myself reading Luke 6:20-49, but I focused on verses 27-36. To paraphrase — please read these verses — Jesus says love your enemies and do good to them because everyone is nice and loving towards those who are like them. But to truly extend love and grace, love those who are not like you and give to them freely without expectation of anything in return. Jesus ends with be merciful just as God is merciful. Yes, I felt convicted. So again, I asked myself, who are my enemies so that I could either walk Jesus' talk or find a way to get even via God's justice.

As I prayed, this was my thought process — are my enemies those who disagree with me about sports? This was a hard one, but no. Are my enemies immigrants? No. Are my enemies those who come at a hot button topic or community issue from a different angle? No. Are my enemies from the other political party I don't identify with? No. Are my enemies politicians, other pastors I disagree with theologically, people of different ages, those of different sexuality, race, or social class? No. I may disagree, and ideas or postures may annoy me to no end, but an enemy, no. Then I thought about this internationally. Is Putin my enemy? Are Palestinians, Mexicans, Europeans — and I went through a detailed list in my brain — my enemies?

The answer was still no. Now this does not mean I support Putin, dictators or zealots. I realize that people do horrible things to each other, and I could qualify that no foreign person has done anything to me personally so that impacts my decision, but the answer is no.

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PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

- 25% retained by congregations to support peacemaking efforts in their local communities. This year we will be sharing this with our
- 25% retained by mid-councils to support peacemaking efforts at the regional level
- 50% supports peacemaking, reconciliation and global witness.



Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering help us pursue what makes for peace, and see the face of God in all people.

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING SEPTEMBER 7- OCTOBER 5, 2025

Missions Committee Quarter 2-3 Spending Update

\$1000 Courage to Change
\$1000 Underground Ministries
\$1000 Interfaith Shelter
\$2000 Presbyterian Education Board Pakistan - Education Fund
\$1000 Volunteers of American Food Bank
\$500 Domestic Violence Shelter (to be paid in October combined with the proceeds from the Peace and Global Witness Special Offerings)



Want to be in the “room where it happens”? We’re always looking for new members and welcome anyone to join us for a meeting to see how it works. Speak with Kari Nupen or any member of Missions for more information!

Welcome

to our new Director of Music Ministry,
Lorilee Brasseur!

Lorilee has worked in churches for the past 20 years, including North Creek Presbyterian Church, leading worship, directing choirs, organizing programs, and sharing her musical gifts. Lorilee comes highly recommended and is described as an authentic, warm, and joyful presence. Our search team, Personnel Committee, and Session are excited for her to join our staff. Her first official day is this Wednesday, October 1st, and she will officially lead in worship on October 19th. Stay tuned for choir rehearsal days and times. Let’s join together in welcoming Lorilee to our amazing church!

Looking Back in Gratitude, Looking Around in Wonder, Looking Forward in Hope In Our Worship, Our Hymns and Our History!

Looking Back: Rev. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr was pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA for 32 years! during which time he and his congregation initiated a movement that resulted in our celebration of **World Communion Sunday on October 5th.**



We here at FPCE join brothers and sisters from many denominations *around the world* at The Lord's Table,

Pastor Kerr was a hymn writer who wrote hymn #275 in our hymn book. *Pray this hymn as you come to the Table. Notice the three tenses: **Past, present, and future.** Make it your prayer.*

Our Hymns and Our History

God of Our Life #275

God of our life, through all the circling years, We trust in Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand: With us abide.

Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; Be Thou our guide.

With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown, We follow Thee;

When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; Our refuge be. Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,

Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Looking Back on our FPCE Everett History

We are blest to have a work, a beautiful 332-page history with many photos, facts, and an index. It was authored by our beloved Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. Ed Coon, and published in an 8-1/2" x 11" page-size book called "Steeple On The Hill" designed by FPCE member *Jeff Solberg*.

Dr. Coon was and is a creative, caring pastor but more than that, *a serious historian*. Our **gifted librarian, Shirley Solberg, can direct you to a copy**. She is pictured with five Solbergs, including Doreen, our church Office Coordinator, and Jeff, at the organ console on page 321.

To quote an article in the Everett Herald:

"Ed Coon didn't plan to write a history book while serving as the pastor of Everett First Presbyterian Church. But when others could no longer fulfill the position of church historian in 1990, the church board asked if he would compile the church's history for a centennial celebration. That gave him just two years to finish before the church's 100th anniversary."

The book is a fascinating narrative with many photographs that will capture your attention.

From the Organ Bench by Gary Norris: Benefiting from our Church Library as a Resource (continued from page 6)

For those who want to understand more, go to our church library and check this book out.

Read a short summary of the start of the church by Rev. Dr. Coon:

<https://firstpreschurch.com/our-story>

Read the full Everett Herald interview of Ed Coon: <https://www.heraldnet.com/news/pastor-tells-history-of-everetts-oldest-church/>

Ed Coon would be the first to say we cannot live in or go back to the past. He values the words of declared theologian and critic of the church Soren Kierkegaard. "Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards."

Looking Forward in Hope

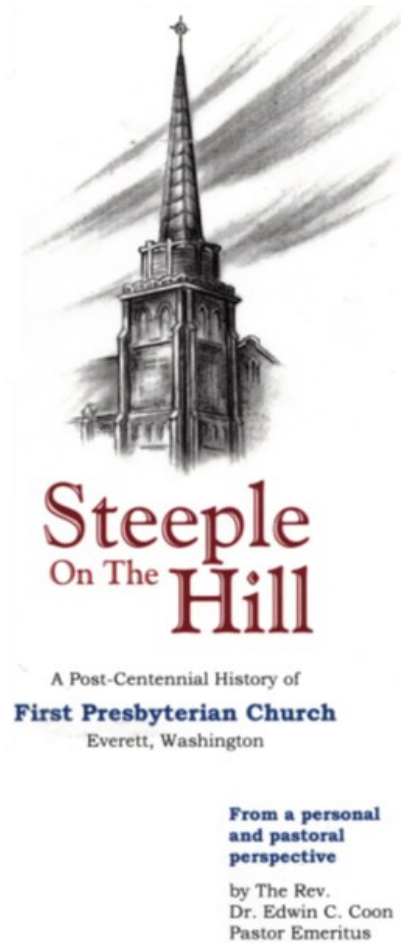
In a recent visit with Pastor Coon he shared the thought, *God is calling the church in every place to seize the opportunities before the congregation and make the most of each moment. As he wrote in a history, "it is time for us to create our own new narratives as the actions taken will shape and determine our future"*

Get started with visit with the Apostle Paul in **Corinthians 5:17**: *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, the new has come into being!"*

Then join in singing this hymn for today's times which can also be your prayer **"Create us New"**. This is set to a familiar Scottish melody, "O Waly Waly." — tune to hymn #94 and #335 in our hymn book. The late Rev. Dr. Rodney Romney, long time pastor, First Baptist Church, Seattle, wrote these lyrics.

You may pick up your own copy of text with music after worship at the organ bench.

"We lift our hearts, we bring our lives
Just as we are without disguise
O Spirit Come, *create us new*. That we may walk in peace with You."
O holy flame of God that burns
Within each heart that truly yearns
To claim each heart and make it new
That we may love ourselves in You
O Holy Word now sow your seed
Let new life grow to noble deed
O Spirit come, create us new
That we may love this world for You



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. on the 4th Monday morning of each month except as noted below.

In November we each share the author and title of 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

Historical fiction. 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 group sets for any of these titles. See their current catalog for sets they DO have. There are about 128 in all, many we have already used but many other promising titles we have yet to explore.**

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Library Update—Submitted by Shirley Solberg

A recent headline in the *Daily Herald* (September 10) caught my eye: “Reading skills of American high school seniors hits new low.” Depressing! We like to hear about scores increasing, things getting better. Disheartening news is often especially depressing because it seems there’s nothing we can do about it.

Not this time! We can, albeit on a small scale, take action; our little church library can chip in. The article suggests as one cause: “Over the last decade both adults and children began to replace reading time with screen time, social media, and increasingly streaming video.”

Reading skills can improve with practice reading, especially challenging materials. Each of us can sharpen our own reading ability as we read more, thus becoming role models for others. Here’s where the church library comes in. We make varied books easily accessible with the cart of choices on hand during coffee hour each Sunday morning - the beloved “burgundy bookmobile.”

Donations to our collection this summer allowed us to add new titles such as:

Something Beautiful for God: Mother Teresa of Calcutta (271.978 Mug);

Mozart's Starling (598 Hau);

Into the Light: a Simple Way to Pray with the Sick and the Dying (258.4 Del);

Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People (262.5 Kid);

Wouldn't Take Nothing for my Journey Now (Maya Angelou, 248 Ang).

Please speak up about additional titles or topics that would entice you or those you know to boost reading time. That’s important not only for high school seniors but for each of us. Even small steps can raise individual and cumulative reading acuity.

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Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, October 13th, in Calvin Lounge , at 11:30 a.m. We will be discussing chapter two in our study book. All women are welcome. A brown bag lunch is optional.

BREAKING NEWS

Potluck Lunch – Main Dish & Salad Only ~ SPAM will Provide Dessert



HAPPY



14th

BIRTHDAY S.P.A.M

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 3RD

FELLOWSHIP & PUNCH
BOWL 11:30 AM
LUNCH 12 PM

(continued from page 3) Off the Wall by Pastor Alan

Yes, there is a sermon and a bible study in this article that is still needed, but I could not think of one legitimate enemy. Have I been hurt, angered, betrayed, stunned, saddened, raged against injustice, disagreed passionately, felt another's rational brain was nowhere to be found or completely incompetent, and the list of my fears, anger, and frustrations allowed me to believe someone was my enemy? Yes. Are they an enemy? No. I did not want this to be my answer, but it was like a light bulb went off in my heart. Maybe this is where I can forgive and lean on grace to embrace the radical nature of the kingdom of God.

Then I thought about Paul's writings in Ephesians where he says, "put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm." (Ephesians 6:11-13)

Maybe my focus has been trained to look elsewhere than where my true enemy exists. Maybe those I label or think of as enemies are just human and true evil keeps me from working on the higher call of God, to see others as just like me. Maybe my enemies are truly just wrong, misguided, pursuing a plan away from Jesus, and acting in a way where others can tell violate or ignore God's command. Maybe if I begin to look better at another and they look closer at me, we will see that we may disagree or are totally different, but we are not each other's enemy. And then maybe, we could work together to get out of the way for God to truly gain a victory over evil as we take steps in forgiveness and grace.

True, this is not finished, and the Spirit always allows us to go deeper, to seek, and to knock as we pursue and follow Jesus.

Peace, *Alan*

The Gathering

We will be meeting for good food and fun vibes on the third Wednesday of the month. We will be gathering on October 15th at 5:30pm in Westminster Hall. All are welcome!

FPCE Note on Scam/Spam Emails and Letters

We live in a time where many shady emails, phishing schemes, spam phone calls, and fundraising letters are the norm. We get them every day in some form or another. Please note, the Session, Deacons, or staff are never in need of gift cards, money, or bank information. If there is a legitimate ask for donations, gifts, or special offerings, the ask will be on official letterhead, signed by the elders, deacons, and/or pastor, and be shared in various forms (e.g., as a letter, the bulletin, Carillon, or on the website). If you have any questions regarding a letter or email asking for money or other gifts for the church or a project at the church you are not familiar with, please contact the church office, an elder or deacon, or the pastor with questions before you donate or give. Thank you.



OCTOBER 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.

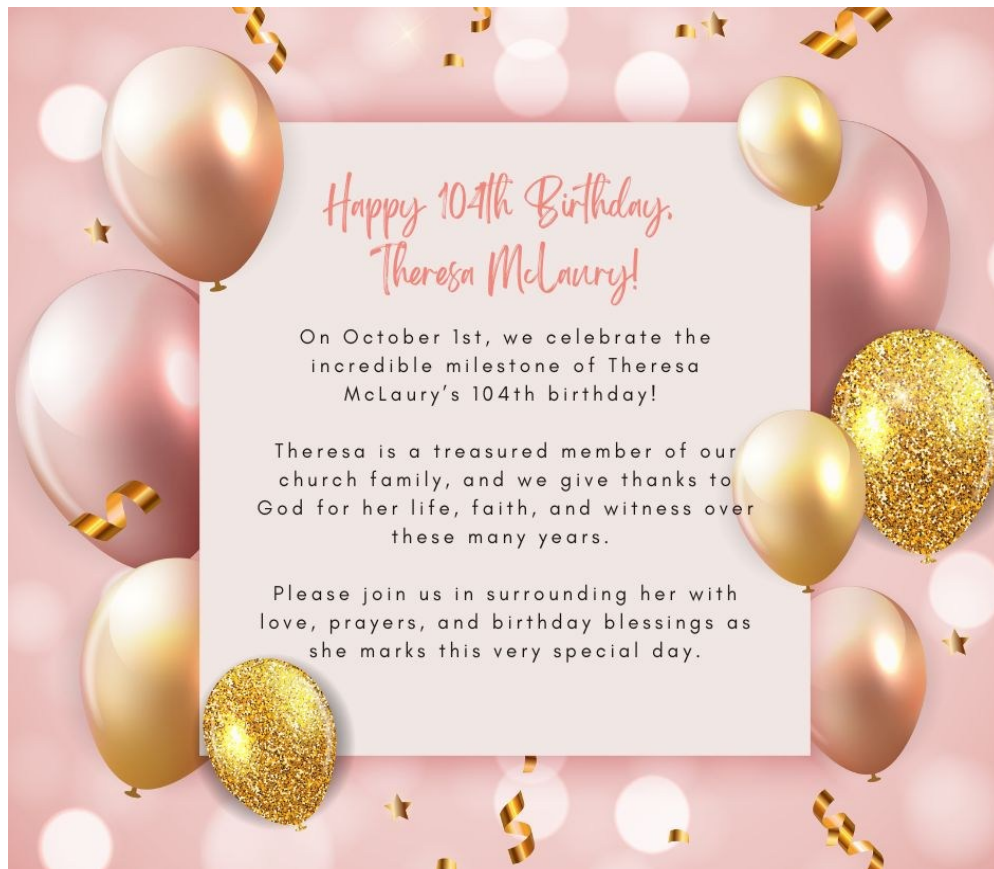
Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

- 10/4 Jered & Danielle Fowler
- 10/8 Ken & Donna Bosman
- 10/20 Steve & Peggy Ulvestad
- 10/22 Bob & Barbara Barren
- 10/26 George & Shirley Lockeman
- 10/29 Doug & Amy Farnham

Birthdays:

- 10/1 Theresa McLaury
- 10/3 Jay Kuhnhenh
- 10/3 Nancy Torrence
- 10/4 Joshua Miniken
- 10/5 Jamie Hunter
- 10/5 Jeff Solberg
- 10/7 Bob Barren
- 10/11 Al Findlay
- 10/11 Dorothy Nerison
- 10/12 Doug Farnham
- 10/13 Alan Villevik
- 10/17 Sarah Grosse
- 10/18 Marilee Richards
- 10/24 Vicki Dorway
- 10/24 Kathy Shubert
- 10/27 Jan Weakley
- 10/28 Judith Campbell
- 10/28 Teresa Miniken



Special Dates:

Pastor Appreciation Month
World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2025
Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday, October 12, 2025
Columbus Day, October 13, 2025
Indigenous Peoples Day, October 13, 2025
Canadian Thanksgiving, October 13, 2025
Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025
Reformation Day, October 31, 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:

October 12th

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



Our next in-person collection is October 6th
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.



2025 A Season of Peace Devotional

Every fall, the Peace & Global Witness Offering extends an invitation to join people of faith from around the country and the world for A Season of Peace, a month-long pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families and individuals. This season is a time of growth, encouragement, challenge, inspiration and education that invites you to consider your own relationship to peacemaking and justice. Although it did start a couple weeks ago, if you are interested in jumping in, the devotional can be downloaded from the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering website or reach out to Kari Nupen for assistance.



Once again, the Deacons will be serving up food and fellowship in Westminster Hall right after service.

Be sure and mark your calendar and come one, come all.

Don't miss the next **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, October 11th 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!

HONORING OUR



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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett warmly
invites you to a special worship service of prayer
and acknowledgment on:

Sunday, October 26th at 10:00 AM
2936 Rockefeller Ave. Everett 98201



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

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Joan Lyderson

Lisa Villevik

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Sam Capetillo

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Marilee Richards

