

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

November 27, 2022

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

Prelude                      *Sing We Now of Christmas* – Bish                      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell                      Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle      Based on Psalm 130                      Bob Barren

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

All nations, hope in the Lord!

**For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.**

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Hymn                      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*                      #2

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in the days to come, nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

**Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

Having hope means constantly expecting a different kind of future, even when history seems to confirm our fears. Hope is for those who feel the pain of the world. Hope is for those who agonize at human cruelty. Hope is for those who hear the cries of homeless and hungry children, and cry along with them.

*(The candle symbolizing Hope is lit)*

**In a world where hope seems so far away, we are a people of hope. We listen for the voice of angels in the wind. We stretch to see the first light of a new day on the horizon. We long for a new birth of grace in every human heart. We wait. We listen. We hope.**

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn                      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*                      #8

Prayer of Confession and The Lord's Prayer                      Bob Barren

God is our salvation. Have faith and do not be afraid. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God and Lord of all, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your hope. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

*Take a moment for silent confession*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. With boldness and together with all the saints, we pray the Lord's Prayer: **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.**

Choir Anthem                      *Emmanuel*                      Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture                      Romans 5:1-8, 15-17                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway  
This is the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                      *Gift: Hope*                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn                      *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*                      #210

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

*Toccata on St. Anne* – Swann

Gary Norris, Organist

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## **Announcements**

### **VOA Food Donations**

We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.



**Sunday, December 18** – Our choir will present *Christmas Cantata 2022: The Promise of Light* by Joel Raney.



# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 24, 5 PM

FPCE  
Sanctuary

2936 Rockefeller Ave.  
Everett, WA 98201

Candlelight Service

### **Deacons Gift Giving Offering**

Each year at this time the Deacons collect a monetary donation from the congregation to purchase gift cards to distribute to organizations that help those in need. You may use the green envelopes in the pews for your donation. Please note "Deacons" on your check. For the next two Sundays, through December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Deacons will be collecting money. We appreciate your support and thank you for your generous gifts.





### **Men's Breakfast – December 10**

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, December 10 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!

### **Priscilla Circle – December 12**

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge – all women are welcome. We will have a potluck and gift exchange. In place of the YWCA adopt-a-family for Christmas this year, money was collected and donated to the Presbyterian recovery effort in Puerto Rico.

Thank you to those who came out to support the Presbyterian Women on our cleaning day. It was a big job, but we were able to deep clean the sanctuary pews. We look forward to more cleaning projects in the future and would love to have you come and join us.

Thank you,  
Presbyterian Coordinating Team

## More Announcements

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
  - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.
- **Sunday School** today is 11:30am to 12:30pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom, led by Steve Hammond. This Adult Sunday School class is based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls 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.
  - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Lunch with Alan** has moved to Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Coffee will be provided but bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan on December 1st at 4pm using the Zoom platform. We will be looking at Chapter 50 of *We Make the Road by Walking*. However, you do not need the book. Our scripture references will be Psalm 90, Luke 20:27-38, Philippians 1:20-30.
  - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
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### *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.

## Prayer Updates November 27, 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 peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Please pray for Maggie Lamus as her cancer has returned. She has restarted treatment and we pray for peace, healing, and strength.
- Please pray for Arlene Mawudeku who has stage 4 kidney failure and needs a kidney transplant.
- Please pray for Dottie and Alan Villesvik, both have tested positive for COVID.
- Quinn Carpenter is having health issues and would appreciate prayers. From Marilyn Minch.
- Please pray for my friend Barbara and her parents. They all have COVID. From Lisa Comstock.
- Marilee Richards son-in-law, Galileo, had knee replacement surgery recently and now has a bad infection in the knee. He underwent emergency surgery. Please pray for healing and protection for his knee.
- Update: My friends Aaron and Alicia no longer have COVID but do struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Update: Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, had a doctor appointment on Tuesday and his bones are continuing to heal. He walks three times a day but isn't allowed to twist or bend. He is off all meds! He's disappointed that he can't begin physical therapy for a least another six weeks. Prayers for patience and continued healing will help greatly. Thank you for your prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Update: Don Collins had heart surgery to put in stents on November 18. He is one of our regular helpers at Dinner at the Bell every Wednesday. From Dottie Villesvik.
- Update: Tracy McLean (Martha Klingler's daughter) had a lung scan recently that showed a 35-50% reduction of all tumors and no new tumors. She is scheduled for another scan on November 30. They are thankful for our prayers. From Dottie Villesvik.
- Our son-in-law, Doug Schultz, has a long recovery ahead from a spinal cord injury. Prayers are requested for strength and mobility in his legs. From Annette and Wes King
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Kimberly, who has recently been placed on hospice.
- Update: Jim Iles' cancer treatment was successful. He is now on occasional check-ups. Thank you for your prayers. From Marilyn Minch.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen and for her doctors to find the best treatment. She is having difficulty speaking. Please also pray for her husband, Robert, and son, Steven, as this is difficult for the whole family.
- Janet Good is experiencing an unfortunate progression with Parkinson's disease, resulting in a decline in her health. Please pray for Teresa, and family as they seek strength, wisdom, and peace during this time.

- Rev. Karen Summers appreciates our continued prayers. From Shirley Solberg.
- Update: My friend Ida has died. Please pray for her family. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Lillian who has serious cardiac issues. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Larry O'Donnell still amazes us – PTL! Thank you for your continued prayers for his energy level improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's shortness of breath is still a concern. We appreciate your continued prayers. From Annette King.

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Dale Good
- Family of Dean Copeland
- Family of Ethel Geniesse
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Robert Henry
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Doug Paine – friend of Marilee Richards
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahan – 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
- 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 Janet Good.



# Poinsettia Order Form

Red Poinsettias are a beautiful addition to our Christmas Décor in the Sanctuary. If ordered, your poinsettia can be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service.

Please fill out the form below and enclose \$12.00 per Poinsettia. Drop it in the Collection box during Worship or at the Church Office no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. Only the amount purchased by December 15<sup>th</sup> will be ordered.

Please print clearly

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy  
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;  
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of  
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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Georg Weissel, 1642

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the  
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for  
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!  
 heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.

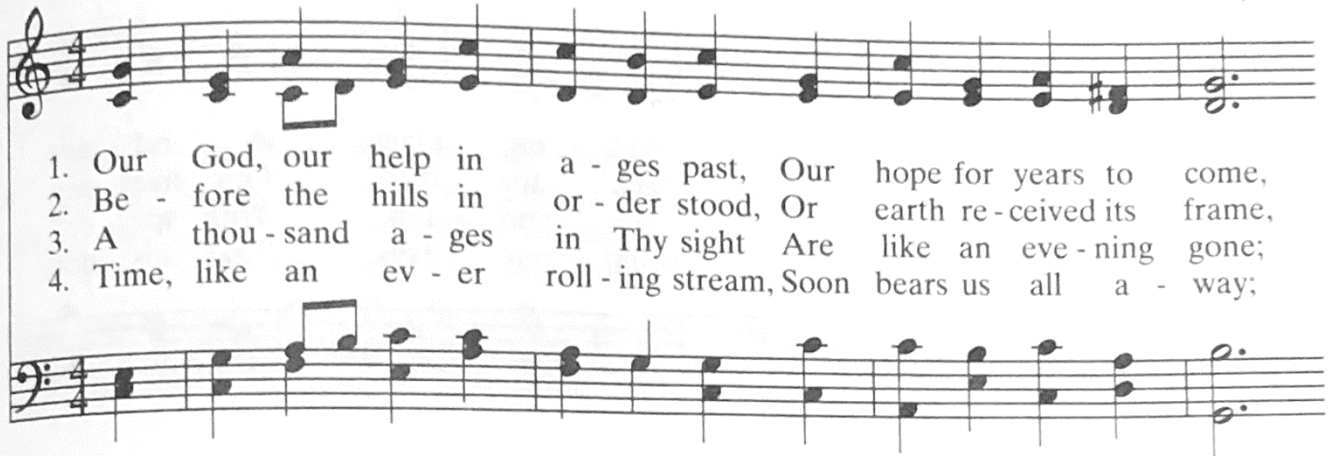
## Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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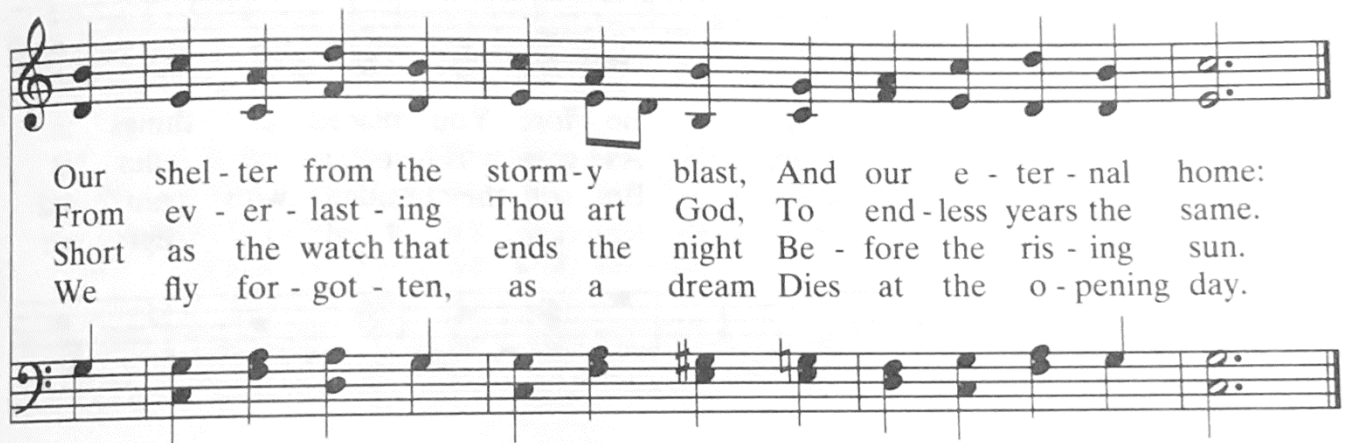
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;  
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
 And our eternal home.