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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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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. and wait for the live video to start. 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>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

Simple Joys

Yes, it is time to begin thinking about Advent. I have been praying and kicking around ideas for this year's Advent devotional and have decided upon the theme: Simple Joys. We may automatically think of the opening line 'tis a gift to be simple' from the hymn/tune of the Shaker Hymn "Simple Gifts". In our blue hymnal, we know the tune when we sing "Lord of the Dance". However, our theme is not limited to music. I have been struck by the need for simplicity or awareness in my life. I tend to move quickly whether walking or in my mind. Yet, the psalmist tells us to 'be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10) and part of Advent is 'treasuring all these words and pondering them in our heart' (slight paraphrase as Mary did this in Luke 1:29 and 2:19).

Our world, our lives, and our hearts/minds race or can be filled up quickly to the point we are not excited about Advent or the coming Christ-child. Instead, we can get anxious, overwhelmed, and find the 'season' tedious and frustrating. The good news to break the rush during Advent is to slow down in humble waiting. God invites us to pause, breathe, and take a moment to see miracles of hope, joy, peace, and love around us. I can think of many times when I actually stopped and found joy in watching children get excited about giving gifts to others, experienced joy in the company of another just sharing a coffee together and was startled by the joy of a gift given to me that I did not expect and realized was extremely thoughtful. We are going to say yes to joy this Advent season.

To do this, one of the meaningful parts we've celebrated Advent recently is by creating a devotional that YOU write. Your thoughts are profound and meaningful to me and the rest of the congregation. I invite you to write a story or create a poem about how joy brought you closer to Jesus in Advent.

Think about a favorite memory of Christmas that gave or gives you joy? Is there a tradition you love? Was there a surprise invitation leading to wonder and awe you can think about? What joy touched your heart and showed you the Christ-child again? What brings you joy just thinking about Christmas? Be creative and I'd totally be stoked if you shared those stories with us.

So... begin. I know Advent seems so far away, but it will be here sooner than we realize. The deadline for submitting a story (it can be long or short, don't worry, it will be great!) is Tuesday October 31st. Please submit a story via email (dorway@firstpreschurch.com) or bring a completed copy to me (Pastor Alan) before the deadline. Thank you!

Fall Thursday Bible Study: "Canon" Ball

Join Pastor Alan for our Fall Thursday Bible Study. We will be reading scripture, studying issues on how the Bible came to be, and the struggle over who, what, and when well-meaning Christian's claim 'authority'.

We will not solve everything, but we will endeavor to listen, share, and learn together. We gather via the Zoom platform on Thursdays at 4pm. See the schedule below:

28-Sep Here comes the BOOM!

Revelation 22:6-7; 18-21; John 21:24-25

5-Oct Right/Wrong

1 Timothy 6:3-16; Matthew 7

12-Oct Jesus drops the mic

Galatians 3:21-29; Matthew 5:17-20

19-Oct Reformed and Reforming

2 Timothy 3:10-4:8; Acts 15:22-35

26-Oct No Bible Study

2-Nov Conflict of Story

Deuteronomy 4:1-8; Luke 8:26-39

9-Nov National Canon

Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

16-Nov The Violence of Canon

Galatians 5:13-26; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

Priscilla Circle will have their next meeting on Monday, October 9th, at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. Sonya Beardsley will lead our discussion. Margaret Lillie will serve as hostess. You may bring your lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.



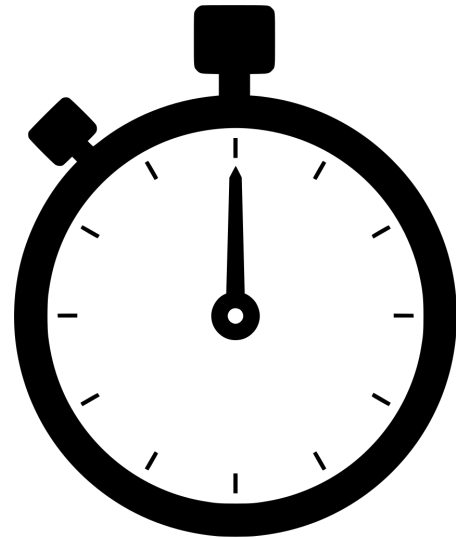
Priscilla Circle
WOMEN'S GROUP AT FPCE

Minute for Nominating Committee by Steve Hammond

Our church is our people. And we are blessed! We'd like everyone who worships and gathers with us to have an opportunity to participate in, and contribute to, our congregational church life! We have many faithful servants among us who have long provided a backbone of support and service, but we are always looking to give every member of our congregation an opportunity to be involved.

Our Nominating Committee works every year to be sure we have a full contingent of ordained church leaders: elders and deacons. We form a new Nominating Committee every year at the time of our church's annual meeting in January or February. If you would be interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, or if you know someone you think would be well-suited to serve, please let me, or Roy Yates (my Nominating Committee co-chair), or Pastor Alan know.

We also have a number of other committees and groups, Worship, Mission, Christian Formation and Discipleship, Facilities, SPAM, Presbyterian Women, and others, that partner with the Deacons, Session, and Pastor Alan to sustain a vibrant church life. Now that we're coming out of the Covid "hibernation" we have plenty of opportunity to resume a full menu of activities and programs. Please consider how you might participate. Not only is it good work; it's fun! If you're interested, please talk with me, Roy, Pastor Alan, or any deacon or elder. We would love to have you on board!



FPCE
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SCRABBLE WEDNESDAYS

Newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors and YOU are invited to play!

**SEPTEMBER 6 & 20
OCTOBER 4 & 18**

**1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall
North door will be open 12:50 to 1 p.m.**

JOIN US!

For more info contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling

SCRABBLE



DEACONS'
SOUPER
SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
AFTER WORSHIP IN WESTMINSTER HALL

Souper Sunday – October 8th, 11:00 am

Once again, the Deacons will be serving up food and fellowship. Be sure and mark your calendar and come one, come all.

Library Update - October 2023

Prayer is always timely. The church library enthusiastically supports this announced fall emphasis and offers a number of books that may be helpful. Look for them in the library on the shelves to the left of the window. Browse call numbers surrounding 242 - 248. Samples:

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| The Art of Prayer: A Pathway to Spiritual Growth | Meryl Doney | 242 Don |
| Dialogues with Silence: Prayers & Drawings | Thomas Merton | 242.802 Mer |
| Prayer-walking: Praying On Site With Insight | Steven C. Hawthorne | 269.2 Haw |
| [Re] understanding Prayer: A Fresh Approach to Conversation With God | Kyle Lake | 242.3 Lak |
| Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? | Philip Yancey | 248.3 Yan |
| Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers | Anne Lamott | 242.4 Lam |

Also check the Burgundy Bookmobile near the welcome center or in Westminster Hall on Sunday mornings. These books are just waiting for you to sign out.

October is also retirement month for books not needed in the circulating collection as well as those weeded after years of faithful service. Would you like to see - or even adopt - these unclaimed treasures before they leave our premises?

Good! They will be available throughout the month in the chapel Sunday mornings before and after worship. Drop by. Give one or more a forever home. Not a book sale, but optional monetary donations are welcome.

Curious about how it's decided which volumes are ready to retire? or are not needed for our collection? They are not chosen lightly. Some are obviously just plain worn out. Others are in prime physical condition but are duplicates of books already on the shelves. Still others look fine but contain dated information or just don't fit our needs.

Please note: the books on our own "Burgundy Bookmobile" are still part of the active collection, available for ordinary checkout. I plan to be on hand for the "retirement event" to answer any questions.

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Fourth Monday Book Group - October 2023

Book Group continues on Zoom. We convene virtually at 10:00 on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. Open to all; new participants welcome.

September 25 *The Healing of Natalie Curtis* Jane Kirkpatrick Leader: Dottie Villevik
Historical fiction about a very real woman who traveled with her brother from New York to the Southwest in the early twentieth century in search of healing.

October 23 *Dear Committee Members* Julie Schumacher Leader: TBA
Schumacher lays out this novel, first book in a just-completed trilogy, in a scant 180 pages of most unusual letters of reference. Jason T. Fitger, English professor in a small, undistinguished midwest college, sends these missives to a variety of prospective employers and department heads. The fictional frustrated professor swings between extolling the student supplicant and bewailing his own struggles. The English department is repeatedly passed over as other departments enjoy upgrades and amenities.. NPR's Maureen Corrigan writes: "*Dear Committee Members* deftly mixes comedy with social criticism and righteous outrage."

** For the first time in many months, **we have a set of 10 copies** from the Everett Public Library. Sign one out in the church library - self serve - or call me to make other arrangements.

November 30 We share individually: "What I am reading."
This tradition is a relaxing and often fruitful meeting in a busy month.

December X **WINTER BREAK - BOOK GROUP DOES NOT MEET**
Experience the simple joys of Christmas.

January 22, 2024 *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill* Robert Dugoni Leader TBA
No available book set but there's plenty of time to locate a copy of this memorable read offering a worthy start to a new year of literary exploration.

From the back of the book: "Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called 'Devil Boy' by his classmates; 'God's will' is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother's devout faith, his father's practical wisdom, and his two misfit friends..."

STILL TO COME: A **book set** for *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. We are next in line so will read it when it becomes available. Please be prepared for possible schedule changes.

To take part in book group discussions, log in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. Watch for the link. To be added to the list please contact me by phone or email.

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FPCE Call to Prayer

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Sept. 17 Matthew 6:1-15 <i>How to Pray</i> | Sept. 18 Psalm 1 Deuteronomy 4:1-14 | Sept. 19 Psalm 4 1 Samuel 1:1-20 | Sept. 20 Psalm 5 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11 | Sept. 21 Psalm 15 1 Kings 8:1-20 | Sept. 22 Psalm 16 1 Kings 8:21-61 | Sept. 23 Psalm 17 2 Chronicles 7:11-22 |
| Sept. 24 Ephesians 6:10-20; Philippi- ans 4:4-7 <i>Pray for Me</i> | Sept. 25 Psalm 24 Job 42:1-10 | Sept. 26 Psalm 32 Proverbs 15:8, 28-33 | Sept. 27 Psalm 34 Isaiah 58 | Sept. 28 Psalm 40 Jeremiah 29:4-14 | Sept. 29 Psalm 46 Jeremiah 42:1-12 | Sept. 30 Psalm 51 John 17 |
| Oct. 1 Isaiah 56:1-8 <i>World Prayer</i> | Oct. 2 Psalm 56 Matthew 5:43-48 | Oct. 3 Psalm 61 Matthew 26:36-46 | Oct. 4 Psalm 65 Mark 1:29-39 | Oct. 5 Psalm 66 Mark 9:14-32 | Oct. 6 Psalm 69 Luke 18:1-8 | Oct. 7 Psalm 71 John 17 |
| Oct. 8 James 5:13-20 <i>Prayer for Healing</i> | Oct. 9 Psalm 86 Acts 1:12-14; 2:42-47 | Oct. 10 Psalm 91 Romans 8:18-27 | Oct. 11 Psalm 95 Romans 12:9-21 | Oct. 12 Psalm 102 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 | Oct. 13 Psalm 103 Ephesians 3:14-20 | Oct. 14 Psalm 111 Philippians 1:1-11 |
| Oct. 15 2 Chronicles 30:1-5, 23-27 <i>Return to Prayer</i> | Oct. 16 Psalm 116 Colossians 1:1-14 | Oct. 17 Psalm 122 Colossians 3:12-14; 4:2-6 | Oct. 18 Psalm 130 1 Thessalonians 5:1-22 | Oct. 19 Psalm 133 1 Timothy 2:1-8 | Oct. 20 Psalm 138 1 Timothy 4:1-12 | Oct. 21 Psalm 139 1 Peter 3:8-18 |
| Oct. 22 Guest Preacher Rev. Judy Lang | Oct. 23 Psalm 141 1 Peter 4 | Oct. 24 Psalm 143 Jude 17-25 | Oct. 25 Psalm 145 Revelation 5 | Oct. 26 Psalm 146 Romans 15:22-33 | Oct. 27 Psalm 148 Luke 9:28-36 | Oct. 28 Psalm 150 Acts 16:16-34 |
| Oct. 29 Deuteronomy 34 Matthew 22:34-40 <i>Legacy: Equip and Engage</i> | November Focus: | | | | | |
| Being Grateful through Stewardship | | | | | | |

Week of September 17

Lord's Prayer

Week of September 24

JOY Prayer

Focus on intercession—Pray daily for *one* specific family member, friend, or other individual God places on your heart.

Week of October 1

Pray for our World

Pray for a country or situation in our world; pray for a heart of service and support toward those working for peace in the areas of your prayers.

To help you focus, note the place or area you are praying for: _____

Week of October 8

Pray for Healing

Pray for a person, situation, relationship, etc. that needs healing.

Week of October 15

Pray for our Church

Pray for our members, those who come into our sanctuary, and those who use our space.
Pray for growth, a deepening desire for discipleship, and renewed passion for service.
Pray for those who are not here yet, asking God to bring them here and for us to welcome them in a kind, authentic manner.

Week of October 22

Lord's Prayer—with a daily focus

Monday—City of Everett;

Tuesday—Schools in your district (administrators, para-educators, teachers, students, volunteers);

Wednesday—Churches in our area, pray for specific churches to share the good news of Jesus to our community;

Thursday—Downtown Everett: the businesses, neighbors, government, people who live, work, and play here;

Friday—Pray for those traveling, for those participating in sports, for those who feel lost even though they desire the freedom of the weekend;

Saturday—Take time to pray for your family and friends with extra time to listen to what the Spirit is reflecting to your heart;

Sunday—Join us for worship at 10am

Week of October 29

Prayer for the Saints

Pray for those who have nurtured your faith . Take time to reflect on those saints who taught you, disciplined you, led you in mission service, you encountered along your faith journey, challenged or inspired you, and you consider a mentor in your walk with Jesus. Give thanks for them.

The background features a watercolor illustration of autumn-themed elements. At the top left, there are several leaves in shades of purple, red, and orange. To the right is a large, light-colored pumpkin. Below these, there are more leaves in yellow and green. On the right side, there is a vertical branch with small yellow leaves. In the bottom right corner, there is a cluster of small, round, purple berries. At the bottom center, there are more yellow leaves. The overall style is soft and artistic, typical of watercolor painting.

Presbyterian Women

PUMPKIN PATCH

*Fall
Luncheon*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Starts at 11:30 a.m. / Bring a Friend

LUNCH & CRAFTS
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
FALL APPAREL

RSVP by October 20 at
(425)259-7139 or at
Welcome Booth!



Your Senior Ministry Team (SMT) announces that S.P.A.M. (Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry) gatherings will be on the second Friday of October, November and December.

SAVE THE DATE: On October 13th, we will have a program by Alli Paul and her dog Stella: “Search and Rescue, not just on a mountain side, but in your own back yard!”.

Alli and Stella are with the Search and Rescue Team and Alli will share how dogs play a vital part in rescuing people.

Join us:

11:30am: Fellowship Punch Bowl

12:00pm: Luncheon \$7.50

12:30pm: Program

A sign-up sheet will be available in September. The sign-up deadline is October 8th.

RSVP to: janweakley@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

I greatly appreciate all your kindness in our family's recent loss. Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, and hugs. Your support has meant everything to us.

With sincere thanks,

Marilyn Minch

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:

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| 10/1 Mary Grosse | 10/27 Jan Weakley |
| 10/1 Theresa McLaury (102) | 10/28 Judith Campbell |
| 10/3 Jay Kuhnhenh | 10/28 Teresa Miniken |
| 10/3 Nancy Torrence | |
| 10/4 Joshua Miniken | |
| 10/4 Judy Pitcher | |
| 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 Villesvik | |
| 10/17 Sarah Scoringe | |
| 10/18 Marilee Richards | |
| 10/24 Vicki Dorway | |
| 10/24 Kathy Shubert | |

Special Dates in October

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2023
- Columbus Day, October 9, 2023
- Indigenous Peoples Day, October 9, 2023
- Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023



Newsletter Deadline

E-Newsletter If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to:
sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadline:

October 5, 2023

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 15, 2023

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



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VOA Food Collection



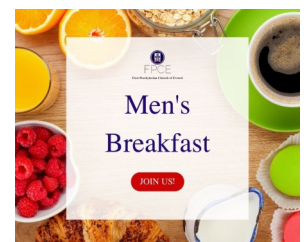
Our next drive-through collection is Monday, October 2nd from 10am to 12pm.

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.

Men's Breakfast – October 14

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, October 14th from 8:30 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!



The FPCE Chili Cook-Off Returns

Our Chili Cook-Off is back on Sunday, October 29th!

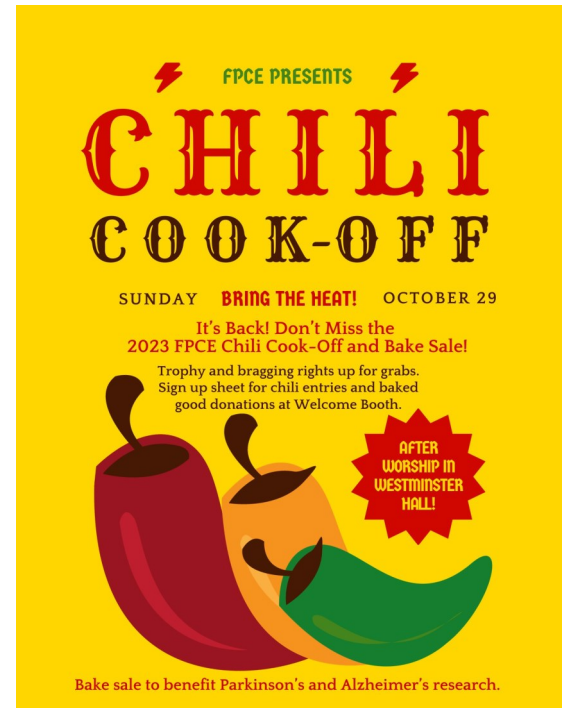
We will be having our famous and award winning chili cooks bringing their amazing creations for tasting right after worship. Our trophy has been polished and bragging rights are on the line.

If chili is not your expertise, come to satisfy your sweet tooth. We'll also be having a bake sale to benefit Parkinson's and Alzheimer's research during the cook off. If you would like to donate a dessert, make sure your item is on a plate you do not want back, it is completely wrapped, and marked with a description of your treat.

There is a sign-up sheet for chili entries and baked good donations at the Welcome Booth.

This will be a great event, free chili and desserts to purchase!

Questions ?? Contact Teresa Good or Marne Larson.



Memories from Past Chili Cook-offs





SAVE THESE DATES

Deacons' Soup'er Sunday



Sunday, October 8th

CFD Reformation Sunday Celebration



Sunday, October 29th

Advent Potluck & Sing-along



Sunday, December 3rd

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

| Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
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| Elizabeth Nelson | Steve Hammond | Marne Larson |
| Debbie Roberts | Jamie Hunter | Steve Ulvestad |
| Roy Yates | Jan Weakley | John Gebert |

Deacons

| Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sonya Beardsley | Susan Davis | Lisa Comstock |
| Amy Farnham | Ed Pearson | Bob Barren |
| Mike Davis | Doris Pearson | Joan Lyderson |

