

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

April 7, 2024 – 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 *Just As I Am* – Ritter Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Spotlight on CFD Bake-Off Marne Larson

Spotlight on Presbyterian Women Retreat Leslie Sutin

Call to Worship Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14 Kory Kanter

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes – they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

God will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #316

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayer of Confession Kory Kanter

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

Lord God, we are not like the first witnesses of the Resurrection. We do not pursue you as the true center of our lives. We do not treat the good news with utmost importance. We do not share it with others. We do not trust the Resurrection to change our lives and see no urgency in the redemption you raise up. In fact, we can even let early mornings deter us

from being willing servants of Jesus. Lord, we have become disconnected and we are not ready for your Glory. Forgive us Lord for the sins we know, save from the sins we hide. Now calm us as we turn our hearts to you in silence and confession...

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Kory Kanter

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:7-11) Friends, believe the good news, God's love has set us free from death. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

FPCE Sings *Make Me a Blessing*

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Communion

Prayer

Singing of the Lord's Prayer

Led by Steve Torrence

Scripture John 20:19-31

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Choir Anthem *If God Be For Us*

Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon *Effects of the Resurrection: Belief*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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Affirmation of Faith (Book of Common Worship)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen

Opening Day of Song

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

(words on screens)

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

Recession on Llanfair – Ashdown

Gary Norris, Organist

Today's Choir Anthem

If God Be For Us

If God be for us, who can be against us? God is our refuge. God is our strength! God is love, and from our sin redeems us. God's mercy shall never end.

God alone is our foundation. God lone is our salvation. I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us.

If God be for us, who can be against us? God is our splendor, God is our light! God will shine the glory all around us. Then, why should we fear the night?

God alone is our sustainer. God lone is our defender. I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us?

The Lord of life is with us. The Lord is ever near. God's mighty arm will save us, release your doubt and fear. What pow'r could ever take us? We're safe in His embrace. No word can sound against us, for we are saved by grace.

If God be for us, who can be against us, be against us? Who can be against us? Who can be against us? Who can be against us? If God be for us, who can be against us? If God be for us, who can be against us?

God is a rock in a weary land! God is strong and by His pow'r defends us. He shelters us in His hand. God alone is our Creator. God alone is our sustainer. I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us?

If God be for us, who can be against us? Who can be against us? Amen

Announcements

Youth Sunday School

Today, we are kicking off youth Sunday school. All children are invited to come to the youth room on the second floor during the Passing of the Peace.

S.P.A.M.

(Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry)

RAFTING DOWN THE COLORADO RIVER

WHEN: April 19

FELLOWSHIP PUNCH BOWL: gathering time 11:30

LUNCH: 12 pm (\$7.50)

WHERE: FPCE, Westminster Hall

Sign up at the Welcome booth by April 14th

Earth Care Program – Today after coffee time

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH. After four years of Covid, the Estuary Angels Committee is excited to present another Earth Care program. Today, after coffee time, in Calvin Lounge, Sara Holzkecht will talk and show slides on Climate Change. Sara is Director of Sustainability at Bellevue College. Previously, she ran the Washington State campaigns for Oceana, an international ocean conservation NGO, where she worked to address plastic pollution, offshore drilling, and build sustainable fisheries at the state, federal, and local levels. Prior to her work with Oceana, she co-founded local climate advocacy non-profit 350 Eastside, where she organized local decarbonization efforts and community education. She holds a Master's in Energy and Climate Policy from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's in Business Administration from University of Washington, Bothell. Please join us for this special event.

CFD First Annual Bake Off – April 14th During Coffee Hour

Do you love to bake? Or just want to give it a try? Join us for the CFD First Annual Bake Off and bring a treat in one of these categories: cookies/bar cookies, cake/pie/cupcakes, fancy pastries, or 'other'. Please bring 30-50 samples either premade or ready to serve by 11 am. Bring a sign to identify your entry (please state if it contains nuts) and don't forget to encourage tasters to vote for your treat. Sign up at the welcome booth by April 7th. Contact Teresa Good or any CFD member with any questions.

REPAIRING THE BREACH – One Great Hour of Sharing 2024

We are collecting our first Special Offering of the Year - One Great Hour of Sharing. Funds collected from this offering are split between three PC(USA) ministries: Presbyterian Disaster Relief (32%), Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), & Self-Development of People (32%). These three programs all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. This year, we will be collecting this offering through April 7th, although later gifts will still be welcomed. Simply use the envelopes in the pews, choose the "One Great Hour of Sharing" fund on the online giving platform, or note "OGHS" on the memo line of your check. For more information, scan the QR code on the back of the insert or speak with Kari Nupen or Dottie Villesvik after church.



Priscilla Circle – April 8

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, April 8 at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing Chapter 8 in our study book. Brown bag lunch is optional All women are welcome.

Deacons

On Easter, we had a time of reverence and food. There was food at the brunch before the service and there were snacks when the service was over. But where does this all come from? It is from the Deacons with contributions from a few “civilians”.

Deacons serve the church. You are the church. There are biblical passages that describe the role of Deacons and Elders. Both groups form the working body of the church. It is a commitment. Most of the food and snacks are gifted. The labor is voluntarily given without thought of reimbursement, return, or recognition.

Thank a Deacon. Thank an Elder. These are people voluntarily working on your behalf. There are “green envelopes” in the pews marked “Deacon’s Fund”. This money is used to fund activities within and outside the church. Feel free to contribute. It will further the effectiveness of all of us.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

CFD is looking for volunteers to work in the nursery on a rotating schedule. If you are interested, please contact Teresa Good.

Men’s Breakfast – April 13th

The Men’s Breakfast is Saturday, April 13th 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!

SCRABBLE

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on April 17th 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. Hope to see YOU there!

VOA Food Donations

We donated 254 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett this month! Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is tomorrow 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. Thank you for your donations.

Musicians Request

Do you play or have a musical gift that you would be willing to share with the congregation? If so, then please contact Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries or talk with Pastor Alan. We would love to have you add your gifts to our worship experience.

Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.

This Week...

- **Adult Sunday School** – Today at 11:30 am - Earth Care Program in Calvin Lounge.
- **Lunch with Alan** – is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** – is on break for a couple weeks. We will resume this month.
- **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...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- 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 April 7, 2024

- We pray for peace and the cessation of war in Israel/Palestine. While there are historical and political complexities and layers to this conflict, we boldly pray for Israeli and Palestinian families who have been caught in the middle and torn apart. We pray for those grieving, for those suffering, for those confused, and for those whose only reaction is to seek revenge. We pray for comfort, relief, healing, and release. We seek your peace that defies understanding to settle on families, individuals, and leaders on all sides. We pray, fully knowing we do not have the answers, knowing we are weak and sometimes prejudiced, but trusting our Lord Jesus knows the answer, is working, and is present there.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Prayers for health, safety, and clarity for the Frontier Foundation Vision Team to North India April 7-20. From Katherine Campbell.
- Judy Pitcher thanks everyone for their wonderful support. She appreciates the cards, calls, and prayers.
- **Update:** Please pray for Judy Pitcher who is on hospice. Judy is home and we pray for comfort and peace for her and her family.
- **Update:** Jean Kanter is doing much better after some health challenges and a fall. She thanks everyone for their prayers and concern. God is great.

- **Update:** Jay Kuhnenn's back surgery went well, almost immediate relief. Taking it slow and easy, which is hard. What a glorious Easter. I'm so blessed. Thank you for your prayers, as mine are also with you.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer who is having memory issues. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.
- **Update:** Joseph Williams, brother of Sondra Santos, had a second surgery and continues to heal. The healing process from the surgery will determine what happens next. Continued prayers for healing are appreciated.
- Elizabeth Nelson's good friend Heather Burke, who has on occasion sung soprano at our church, has a sister Angie who is battling cancer. Angie is a wife, mother to a 13-year-old, and a very talented business owner. She was diagnosed with uterine cancer and is now being treated with chemotherapy. Heather appreciates our prayers.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- **Update:** Thank you for praying for our friend's mom. Your prayers are appreciated. She received good results from her most recent scan. Please keep praying as this is an aggressive cancer. Thank you. From Vicki Dorway

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Marilyn Carter
- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde Pitcher
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Dale Collver – from Tom & Pat Erickson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans

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.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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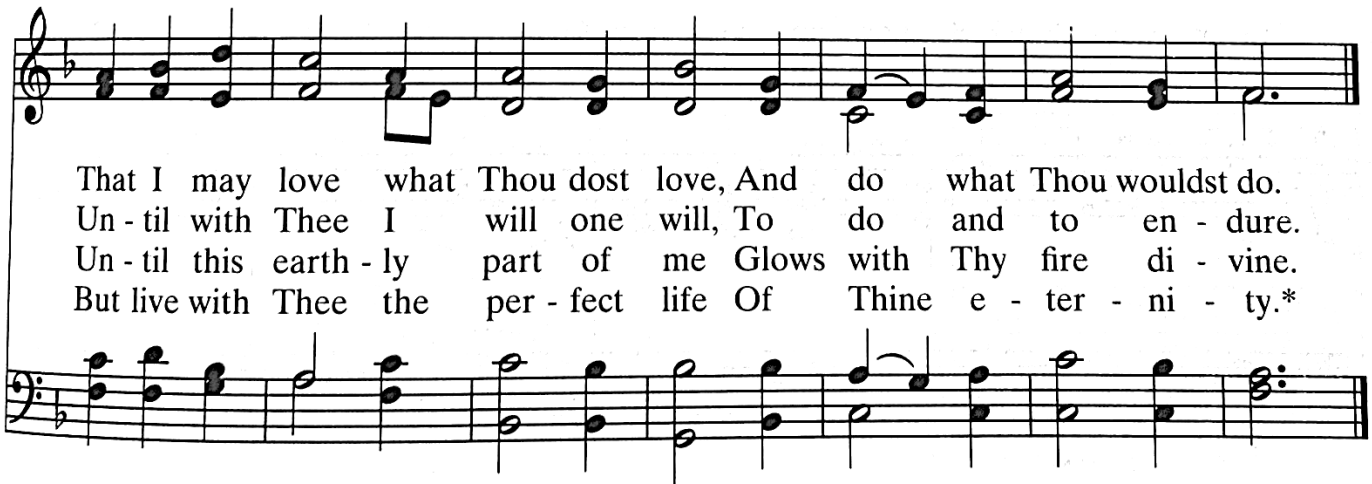
Edwin Hatch, 1886

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Robert Jackson, 1894



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,



That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.*

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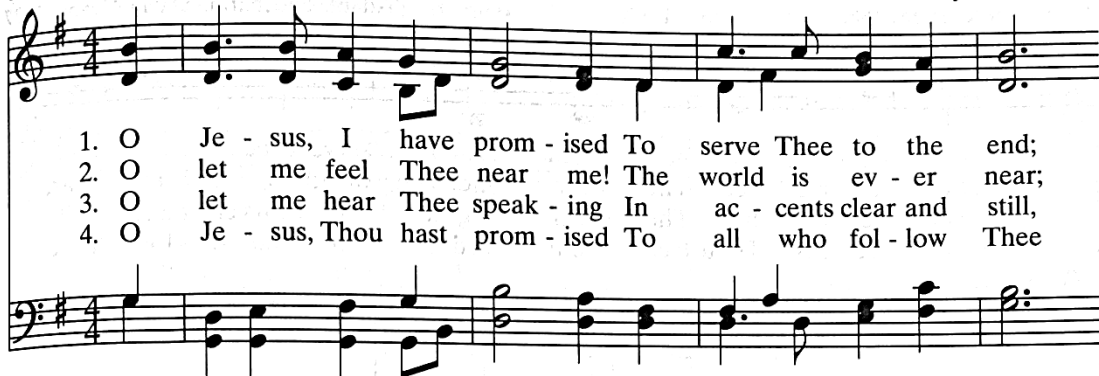
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John Ernest Bode, 1868

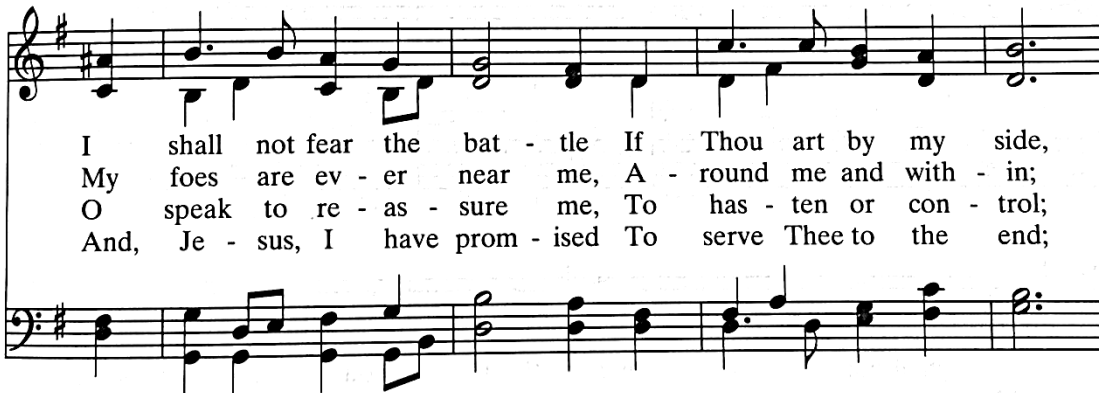
Arthur Henry Mann, 1881



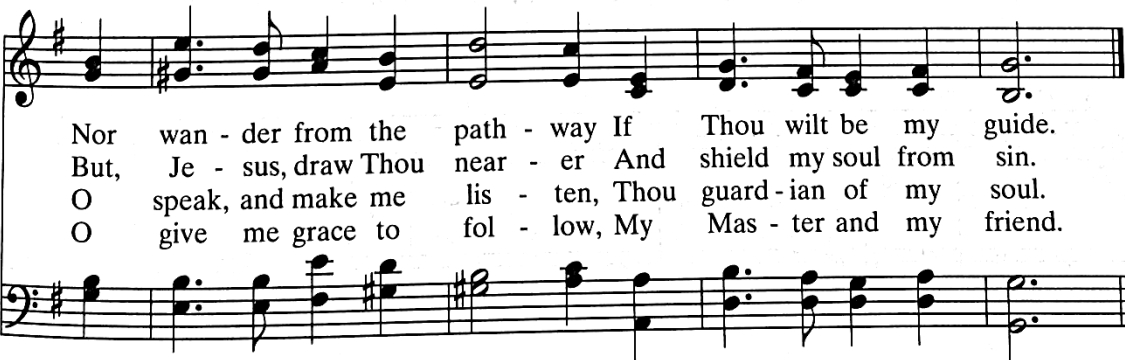
1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,
 4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er And shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my friend.