

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

October 30, 2022

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

Prelude                      *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* – Bish                      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell                      Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship                      Psalm 119:105-112                      Lisa Comstock

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

**Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.**

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

**The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

**I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

Hymn                      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*                      #422

Unison Prayer of Confession                      Lisa Comstock

We can no longer flatter ourselves about how good we are. We do not need to make grandstand plays to get God's attention. We only need to confess our lives, as God makes good on the promises of grace and mercy. Join me as we ask God to reform us into God's children, praying together,

**Lord of All, we have known your hopes for us, and disappointed every one of them; we have heard your words of faithfulness and forgotten every one of them; we have seen your dreams for us, and turned every one of them into ashes.**

**Forgive us, Lord Jesus. Silence every blustering word, so we may hear your mercy; still every feeble attempt to justify ourselves, so we may be made right with you; melt every frozen heart, so we might be drenched in your river of joy. May Jesus Christ continue to live in us, so we might be free to live forever with you.**

*Silence is kept*

## Assurance of Pardon

Be still and know the good news: God has not forsaken nor forgotten us, but redeems us.  
**Why should we be afraid? God is in our midst; forgiving, restoring, sending. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ we lift our prayers up to you, Lord. Hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying,

**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                      *Anthems of Love*    Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture                      Luke 19:1-10    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway  
This is the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn                                      *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*    #260

Sermon                                      *Seek and Save*    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn                                      *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*    #280

Benediction    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude                                      *Toccata – Boellman*    Gary Norris, Organist

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## Announcements



**Daylight Savings Time Reminder** – Clocks go back one hour on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00am. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

**Presbyterian Women's Interior Cleanup/Freshen up** – Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
The Women's Association is hosting a cleaning event. Some of the things we are planning to tackle are:

Pew cleaning

Furniture polishing

Westminster kitchen cleaning/organizing

Closet straightening

Silver polishing

Calvin Lounge kitchen cleaning

We hope you can join us!! Come for a bit or stay the day!! Many hands make light work!  
Please bring rags, a bucket and anything you like to use for cleaning. Our priorities will be the sanctuary and Calvin Lounge/kitchen. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

## **VOA Food Donations – November 7**

Our next non-perishable food donations will be collected on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. We will continue to accept food on Sundays, but we will also provide another avenue to donate and serve those who are food insecure in our community.

## **Men's Breakfast – November 12**

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, November 12 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!

**Dorcas Circle** will meet on Thursday, November 10 at 6:30pm, in Calvin Lounge. We will continue our bible study using the Horizons Bible Study: "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". All women are welcome. Please contact Debbie Roberts or Leslie Sutin for more information.

**Priscilla Circle** will meet on Monday, November 14 at 11:30am, in Calvin Lounge. The hostess will be Marilyn Nalbach. We will discuss plans for Christmas giving. All women are welcome.

**Advent Devotional** – Our Advent theme this year is The Gift. Over the past two years, we've worked to put together an Advent Devotional. This thematic devotional has blessed us as we've read God's word and reflected on stories, memories, and poetry. I invite you to begin thinking about how Jesus is not just the gift on Christmas, but how his love, his grace, and his presence is a gift for us every day. If you would like to submit a reflection to our devotional, write down your thoughts and email them to Pastor Alan (or you can drop them off to him at church) by Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like a scripture to contemplate before writing a reflection, just ask Pastor Alan. Otherwise, here are some prompts:



What was a favorite gift you received and why?

When you think of gifts at Christmas, where does Jesus fit in?

What gift have you given that meant more than receiving one?

What does Jesus being a gift (or his love or God's presence) mean to you?

## **Save the Date - November 27<sup>th</sup> Advent Potluck**

Join the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee in celebrating the first Sunday in Advent! On November 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a potluck to kick off our Advent season right after worship. We will be passing out our Advent Devotional, singing Christmas songs, and

building community. Sign-ups for bringing a main course, salads, and desserts can be found at the Welcome Center.

## 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 November 3rd at 4pm using the Zoom platform. We will be looking at Chapter 47 of *We Make the Road by Walking*. However, you do not need the book. Our scripture references will be Ephesians 5:15-6:9, Philemon 1:8-19, Hebrews 13:1-8, James 5:1-6.
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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 October 30, 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.
- Marilee Richards son-in-law, Galileo, had knee replacement surgery recently and now has a bad infection in the knee. He underwent emergency surgery on Thursday. Please pray for healing and protection for his knee.
- Please pray for my friend, Corrine, who had a double lung transplant and is having serious problems. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for my friends Aaron and Alicia, who are very sick with COVID. From Lisa Comstock.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling. He has turned the corner of post operative recovery and should soon be on his way to the long-term recovery and rehabilitation. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Update: After a valiant four-year battle with lung cancer, our much-loved friend and special neighbor Doug Dawson passed away peacefully into a new life with Jesus. Thank you, FPCE, for your many prayers for him. From Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Please pray for Don Collins who is having some health issues dealing with his heart. He is one of our regular helpers at Dinner at the Bell every Wednesday. From Dottie Villevik.
- 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: 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.
- Update: Please pray for Tracy McLean, Martha Klingler's daughter in Portland who has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. She started chemo on September 8. From Dottie Villevik.
- 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 Jim Iles who has cancer. From Marilyn Minch.
- 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
- Genevieve Heuer – friend of Jimmy Sharp
- 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.

# 422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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Robert L. Edwards, 1961

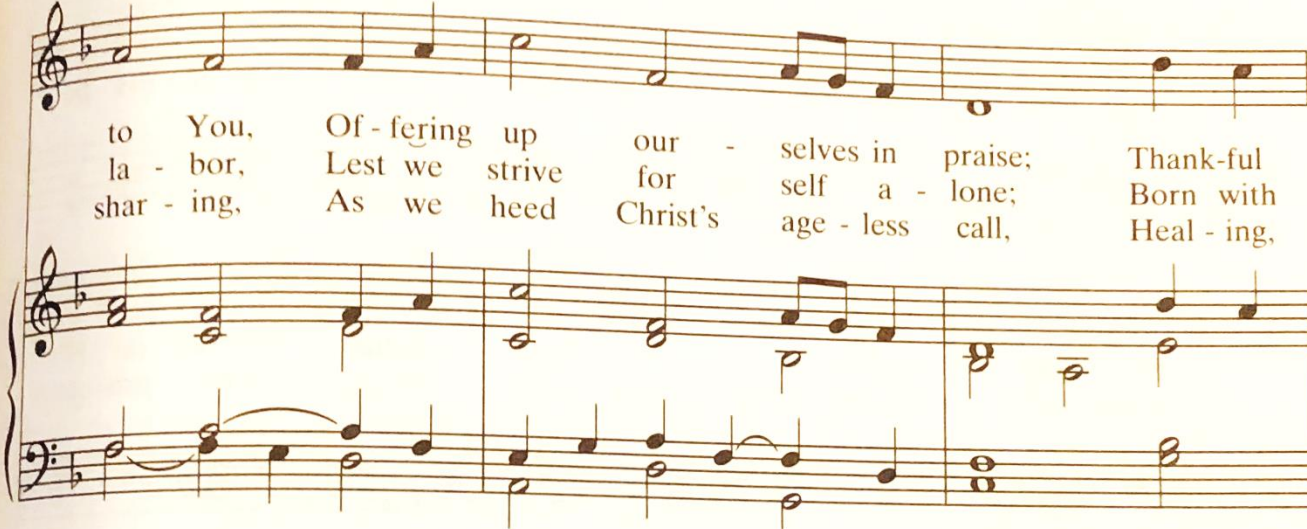
*The Sacred Harp, 1844*  
Harm. James H. Wood, 1958

1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From Your rich and  
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the goals of  
3. Trea - sure too You have en - trust - ed, Gain through powers Your

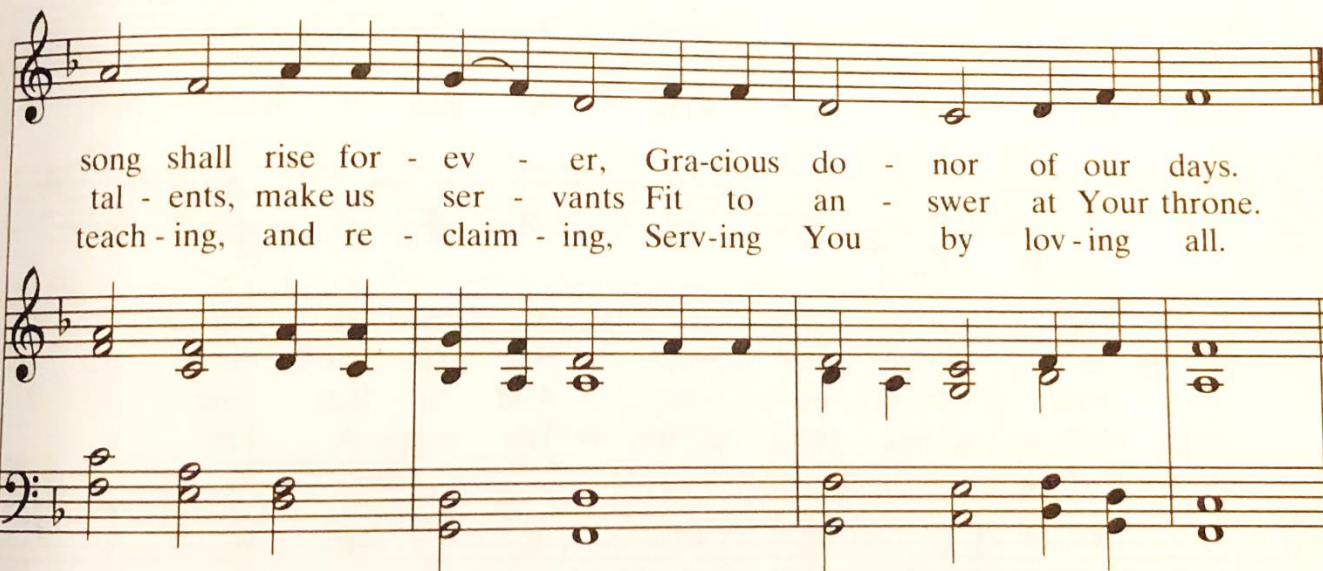
end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
Christ, Your Son: All at peace in health and free - dom,  
grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred,

Cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: Gift-ed by You, we turn  
Rac-es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
And to spread the gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands, in





to You, Of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful  
la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone; Born with  
shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing,



song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Your throne.  
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, Serv - ing You by lov - ing all.

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## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7

Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



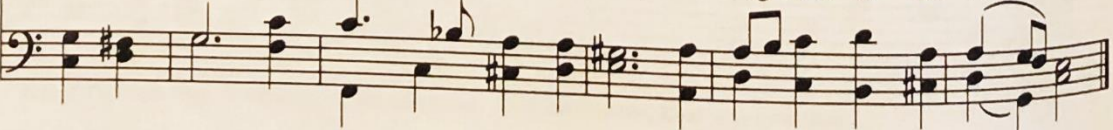
Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -  
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.





# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779  
 Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

*Virginia Harmony*, 1831  
 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand  
 years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we'd first begun.

*Choctaw*  
 Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 Is pi yukpalashke

*Kiowa*  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.  
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

*Cherokee*  
 Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.  
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.  
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,  
 E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

*Creek*  
 Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 Ah non ah cha pa kas  
 Cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 Um e ha ta la yus.

*Navaho*  
 Nizhónígo jooba' diits' a'  
 Yisdáshítinigí,  
 Lah yóóiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,  
 Doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.

*Text:* Phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;  
 Navaho: phonetic transcription by Albert Tsosie.