

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
February 26, 2023 – 10am

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

Prelude *Largo* – Elgar Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 32 Mike Clemans

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Hymn *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* #483

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations, and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Help us to empty ourselves of that which teases and tempts us to turn from you and turn toward idols of comfort that don't satisfy and don't last. We pray for you to open us to your truth and guide us in Christ's path. Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us.

Take a Moment for Silent Person Confession

Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:32, "If you continue in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides. **Amen.**

Together, with sisters and brothers in Christ, we pray together, **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 *I Wonder Why?*

Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Exodus 4:18-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Holy Moses*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Affirmation of Faith (from Colossians 1:15-20)

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,**

**the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

Hymn	<i>Though I May Speak</i>	#335
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
Postlude	<i>Rondeau – Mouret</i>	Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

VOA Food Donations

We donated 233 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this past week. Awesome job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be March 6th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

Priscilla Circle – March 13th

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, March 13th, at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter 7. Don't forget your homework assignment. Carol Gresham will serve as hostess. You may bring a lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

Work Party – March 18th

Join the Facilities Committee for our March Work Party on Saturday March 18th at 9am. We are hoping to work outside to prepare our grounds for the Easter season. All skill levels can help, just bring good shoes, and gloves. You can bring your own garden tools or there will be some provided. Yes, donuts and coffee will be there!

Save the Date – May 6th Presbyterian Women Women's Retreat

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a women's retreat here on Saturday, May 6th. More details will be coming soon.



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. Pastor Alan will be leading a Lenten study in a new Sunday School series.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Lunch with Alan** is Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan is March 2nd using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Amos chapters 1 and 2.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

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

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 Updates February 26, 2023

- We pray for the people in Turkey and Syria after their devastating earthquakes.
- 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.
- Bruce Russell, friend of Lisa Comstock, died Thursday morning. We continue to pray for his extended family and for Lisa.
- Jean Rankin fell and broke her arm. Prayers for healing.
- Carol Venables fell and fractured two vertebrae in her neck. She is doing a little bit better and will be having more surgery. Prayers for her, her family, and her doctors. From Jay Kuhnhenh.
- Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King, pray that the Revlimid chemotherapy continues to work. Also, for healing from the prostate procedure so he can return to physical therapy. From Annette & Wes King.
- Bong, Alan & Judy Hutchison's daughter's brother-in-law is in ICU on a ventilator and appreciates prayers. From Judy Hutchison.
- Update: Rev. Dr. Ed Coon appreciates continued prayers. He has a follow-up next week with the surgeon who implanted his pacemaker. He is hopeful to be free to start his walks again. From Dottie Villevik
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Jay Kuhnhenh's mom, Thelma, after her cancer surgery.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.
- We pray for Teresa Good and family after the death of Dale and Janet Good.
- Alzheimer's prayer: Sue and Art Hermansen. Art is now in a memory care situation. Prayers for both as they journey through this. From Lois Tysseling.
- Please pray for my sister, Pamala Talley who has been diagnosed with NPH (Hydrocephalus) and is awaiting surgery to correct the problem. We appreciate your support. From Bob & Barbara Barren.
- Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, is in physical therapy a few times a week. The main focus is the alignment of his torso, which will be ongoing for several months. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.

- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Maggie Lamus
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Ashley Tomlin
- Larry O'Donnell
- Florence Day
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Wes King
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde 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
- 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.

483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675
Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
 2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
 4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
 keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful
 tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
 prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right:
 gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 soul and bod - y take your part:

*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7

Though I May Speak

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English folk melody
Harm. John Weaver, 1988

Hal Hopson, 1972

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, And have the
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, And striv - ing
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spir - its

gift to all in - spire, And have not love, my
so my love pro - fess, But not be given by
long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide

words are vain; As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
love with - in, The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
ev - ery deed; By this we wor - ship and are freed.

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