

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin  
August 31, 2025 – 10:00 am

<b>Welcome to Worship Today!</b> Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.	<b>Nursery Care</b> Nursery care is on summer hiatus and will resume on September 14 <sup>th</sup> .
For our liturgy this morning, <b>BOLD</b> text invites all to join in the reading.	

Prelude

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell

Leslie Sutin

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 111

Lisa Villesvik

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**God has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

Hymn

*To God Be the Glory*

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Prayer of Confession

Lisa Villesvik

Our God is a generous God, bestowing grace immeasurably, loving us beyond what we can imagine, and forgiving us before we know to ask. To this God of generosity, love and forgiveness we now turn as we confess our sins.

**Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits.**

*Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Lisa Villesvik

God alone has the authority to judge, and by the grace of Jesus Christ, God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin. **Thanks be to God!**

Doxology                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      #591

## Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings                      *Wonderful Words of Life*                      #218

Scripture                      Luke 24:36-53

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

Sermon                      *Beyond Our Walls*                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

## Prayers of the People and 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.**

Hymn                      *Though I May Speak*                      #335

Benediction                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude                      Gary Norris, Organist

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## Announcements

### **Hearing Assistance**

A limited number of hearing devices are available to amplify the worship service. To use one, please ask a greeter or Pastor Alan.

### **Work Party – September 6<sup>th</sup>**

It's time to party! All are welcome to join the Facilities Committee on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the library for coffee and donuts before we start. We have gardening and other projects for all ages. Bring gloves and we'll have a great time!

### **Priscilla Circle – September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attention ladies! Priscilla Circle will have their first meeting this fall on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. This year, our study book is "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ". All women are welcome.

## **Adult Sunday School – Augustine’s City of God**

Augustine is the second most influential Christian thinker and writer, at least in the Western Church, just behind the Apostle Paul. Augustine’s City of God is his longest written work, and is a very great book, written from the viewpoint of an ardent Christian luminary living in the late Roman Empire around the year 400 AD.

The upcoming Adult Sunday School class, starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, will be review and discussion of a 24-lecture Great Courses course on The City of God (COG for short). It is masterfully taught by Professor Charles Mathewes of the University of Virginia. Mathewes is obviously passionate in his appreciation and love of Augustine’s grand opus, and this is infectious for the listener. Each lecture is about 30 minutes long, which allows plenty of time for group discussion in the Sunday School class.

Lest you think that ancient setting was long ago and far away and not relevant to our lives today, think again. You will recognize many similarities between the issues at play in the Roman Empire and those in today’s world. The great contrast highlighted in COG is between the city of man and the City of God, between the pagan worldview of the Roman Empire, or the secular worldview of our modern world, and the Christian view of God’s Kingdom, the City of God.

Participating in this class will provide much to consider about how the Christian believer can understand and participate in the city of many, yet maintain the divine perspective afforded to us through faith, hope, and love, God’s Grace, and Christ’s teachings, life, death, and resurrection.

Please consider joining us, either for the entire class or whenever you can drop in and join us.

## **Men’s Breakfast – September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Don’t miss the next Men’s Breakfast on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study. We hope to see you!

## **Nursery Volunteers & Youth Sunday School**

The Christian Formation & Discipleship Committee is looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service and to help lead youth Sunday school for this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good or Pastor Alan.

## **This Week...**

**Adult Sunday School** – There is no Sunday School today. Sunday School will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup> on Augustine’s City of God. See class information in this bulletin.

**Lunch with Alan** – Lunch with Alan is on summer break. Lunch will resume on September 8.

**Thursday Bible Study** – Thursday Bible Study is September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm on Acts 12.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86014705926?pwd=n6i55oXfRmZBhub3gbKPaf4JZARsW5.1>

Meeting ID: 860 1470 5926

**Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

- All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

### **Book & Puzzle Sale Collection**

The Women's Association will be hosting a book and puzzle sale in October. If you would like to donate, please place items in the totes by the stairwell at the Rockefeller entrance. Thank you.

### **SCRABBLE**

Scrabble meets September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

### **VOA Food Donations**

We donated 153 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America this month. Great job! Our next in-person collection is on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm.

### **Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun!**

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at: [www.firstpreschurch.com](http://www.firstpreschurch.com).

### **Lay Leadership**

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

### **Calling New Members**

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR code or talk with Pastor Alan.



Pastor's QR Code

### **Prayer Requests August 31, 2025**

- Beverly Brandt's memorial will be here on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please keep Bev's family in your prayers.
- **Update:** Margaret Lillie's daughter, Rita, was not tolerating her cancer treatments and was unable to keep her weight up to 100 pounds, so the doctors have stopped treatment for 4-6 weeks to try to help her gain weight and get stronger as she will be having surgery at the end of September. Please keep her in prayer and thank you so much. From Lisa Villevik.
- Please pray for our daughter, Monica, as she recovers from arthroscopic knee surgery. From Mike & Martha Clemans.

- Please keep Adison & Ainslee, grandchildren of Mike & Martha Clemans, in your prayers. Adison is in Ohio to attend college and play baseball. Ainslee is in Austin to teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade math. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Lisa, daughter of a friend of Elizabeth Nelson, has a spider bite wound that is not healing and now threatens to require a foot or partial foot amputation. Please pray for a turnaround in her symptoms. From Elizabeth Nelson.
- Ari & Robin Kohler's sister-in-law fell and injured her knee and leg. Please pray for healing.
- We pray for Stephen Moore as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Jay Kuhnhenh and his mother continue to have back issues. **Update:** Jay's fusion on his back is now scheduled for November. His mother received an injection and has had some relief. Marcia's dementia continues to progress. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Ron. Ron was a friend of Ray Smith who died unexpectedly. Ron was a teacher of English and a missionary in Vietnam. We pray for comfort and peace during this difficult time.
- **Update:** Sandy was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation along with her battles with spinal stenosis and neuropathy. Please keep praying for less pain, more comfort, mobility and good test results. She is very grateful for your continued prayers. Thank you from Annette King.
- Alan Villevik's sister, Mary Rogers, was diagnosed with an aggressive type of cancer. She chose not to proceed with surgery or chemotherapy. Please pray for comfort and freedom from any pain and for our nephew, Bob Rogers, who is caring for her. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.
- Please pray for Mary Margaret Villevik who is living in an abusive relationship in Europe and desires to leave but needs the strength and courage to leave safely. We appreciate prayers on her behalf. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.
- Our friend has been diagnosed with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). She needs a liver transplant. Please pray for a donor and as she waits, pray for strength and healing. From Alan & Vicki.
- We pray for Jean Kanter for healing, strength, peace, and happiness. Thank you.
- We pray for Carol Gresham who fell and broke her hip. She is slowly recovering.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, has very painful involuntary muscle contractions due to an illness. Prayers for pain relief and healing are appreciated. From Lisa Villevik.
- The father of a friend of Ari & Robin Kohler was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. Prayers for his healing and for his daughter Meredith are appreciated. From Ari Kohler.
- Please pray for Ari Kohler's sister, Lolita, as she deals with health issues.
- Please pray for my daughter and son-in-law, Joanna & Jason and their 2½ year old daughter, Violet. Violet has been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Prayers for their ability to manage Violet's high blood glucose levels, a new baby, and Joanna's continuing recovery from a C-section. From Diane Preston.
- **Update:** Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Alan Villevik. The two issues that are a challenge to him currently are his eyesight and his hearing loss. He wants to remain positive through all of this. From Dottie Villevik.

- **Update:** Jade, our grandson, is doing outpatient dialysis three times per week. Sight problems from diabetes continue. He has cleared the first hurdle for a kidney transplant. Please continue all prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- **Update:** LeAnne, Mike's great granddaughter, is home from a two-week hospital stay. After so much chemo she had a reaction that caused a lot of pain and resulted in seizures. After treatment, the pain is finally manageable, and the seizures seem to have declined. The doctors remain highly optimistic. This will be a very long battle with last "scheduled" chemo treatments sometime toward the end of 2026. Please keep LeAnne in all your prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Our nephew, Ben, is in dire need of a new kidney. Please pray for a donor and visit and share this website with all: <https://www.kidneyforben.com/>. From John & Lisa Gebert.
- Please pray for Robin & Ari Kohler's niece, Lola, as she deals with health issues.
- We pray for Marsha Lueth who has health issues that are preventing her from doing the things she would like to. She is comfortable, but we pray for healing and peace from the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray for my father-in-law, Richard Alfrejd, who continues to battle stage four cancer. From Emily Alfrejd.
- Monica's husband, Robby, is still struggling with the effects of his stroke. Prayers are appreciated. From Mike and Martha Clemans
- Aaron, a friend of Lisa Villesvik, has been very ill and has gone through dozens of tests. The cause of his illness has not been identified, and he is very discouraged. Please pray he will be restored to health and hope.

### **Continued Prayers**

- Family of Tracy Klingler
- Family of Marilyn Larsen
- Family of Barbara Yates
- Family of Mary Grosse
- Family of Michael Goza

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## To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!  
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

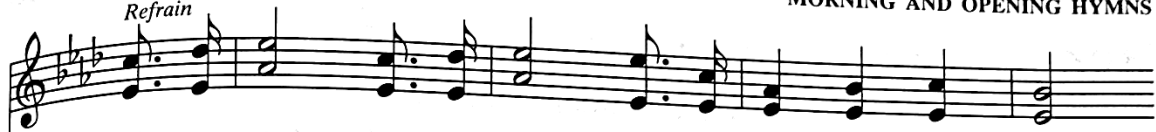
Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice part and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS

*Refrain*



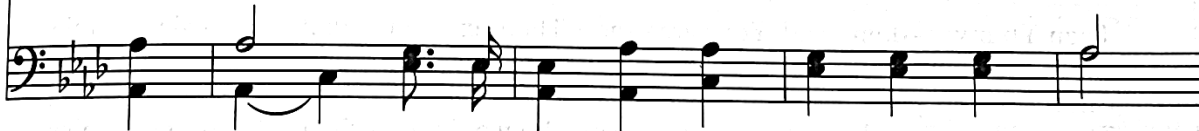
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!





# Though I May Speak

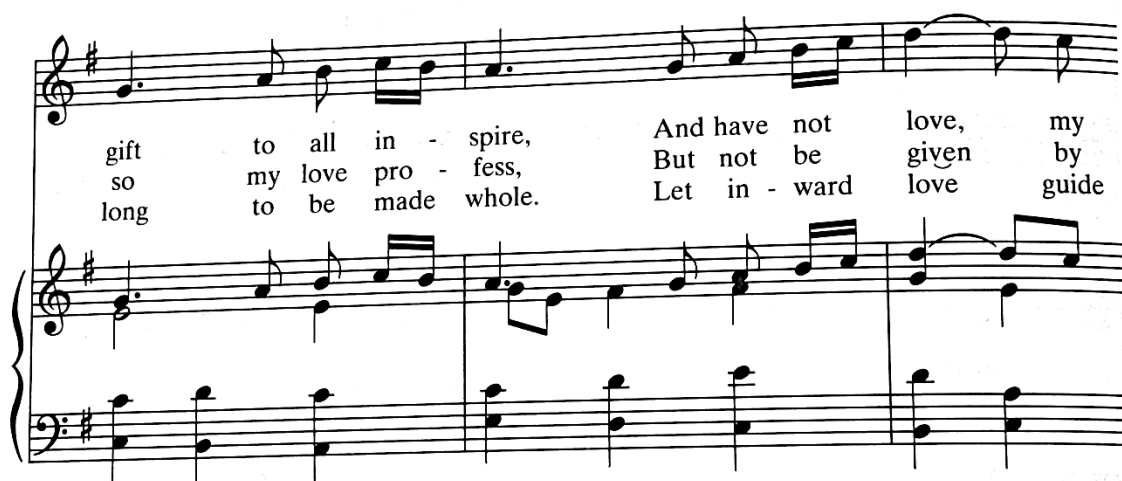
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English folk melody  
Harm. John Weaver, 1988

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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