

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

December 13, 2020

Prelude – *Variations on O Come All Ye Faithful* – Variation #2 Arr Dethier

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell – Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome – Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Opening Hymn – *In the Bleak Midwinter* #36

***All hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin**

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:1-7

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn – *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* #5

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

On this third Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of joy.

When Christ comes into our lives, He brings the fullness of joy. He anoints our hearts with the oil of gladness. (Isaiah 61:3)

When Jesus was born, the angels said that His coming was good news of great joy for all people. (Luke 2:10)

Because Christ has come to us, we can live every day in the joy of the Lord.

Let us pray:

We come, O Lord, with adoration and praise for you. Our anticipation grows as we continue the journey to the day of great celebration of the birth of your Son. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing “Joy to the World, the Lord is come!” We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us. Open our hearts that we may truly receive the gift of your Son, and know that the joy of life is found with you. Amen.

Prayer of Confession and the Lord’s Prayer from the Book of Common Worship 2018

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.
(Matthew 3:2-3)

God of our future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgement. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your joy and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Hear our hearts as we take a moment in quiet reflection.

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. (Isaiah 35:1,10) In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and able to pray with all the saints in heaven and on earth...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Quartet – *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
Featuring Anna Prewitt on the clarinet

Jean Rankin, Tony Tysseling,
Leslie and Rob Sutin
Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture – Isaiah 61

Sermon – *Everlasting Joy*

Hymn – *In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born* #34

Benediction

Postlude – *Angels We Have Heard on High* – Arr Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Announcements

*Today we continue our Sunday School Class on Advent! Pastor Alan will be leading a study on **The Journey** a DVD teaching series from Adam Hamilton beginning at noon. This is a modern look at the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We have a new Zoom link below.*

Advent Coffee and Study Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87538650879?pwd=eVNrbUxxRGRWcWVGa2Z0ZFVFaFc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 875 3865 0879

Passcode: 046421

- Virtual Coffee Time at 11:30am today! Use the link above to join for a relaxed time of greeting and talking to each other.
- Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan this week is on Tuesday at 12pm.
- We have a Zoom Bible Study this Thursday, December 17th at 4pm. We will be looking at Isaiah 35:1-10.

Tomorrow is our non-perishable canned food drive for the Volunteers of America on Monday December 14th from 11am to 1pm. Just drive on down the alley where Ken Newman and Pastor Alan will greet you and safely collect any donations. Thank you!

Join us for a special Christmas Caroling livestream this Saturday December 19th at 7pm! We will be singing fun Christmas songs as well as traditional carols. Just tune in, grab your *Songs We Sing at Christmas*, and be prepared to sing.

Prayer Updates December 13, 2020

- Prayers for Kathy Hammond, a cancer survivor twice and again diagnosed with cancer, stage 3 from Jan Weakley, friend.
- Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece Leanne, diagnosed with Berger's Disease. This kidney disease is incurable, but manageable. Treatment disables the immune system, and she has to be isolated till at least next June, due to risk of Covid.
- Tricia Meier Countryman was readmitted to Providence Hospital with pulmonary embolism. She has several blood clots, including her lungs. Please keep her and her doctors in prayer for correct diagnosis & treatment. From Annette King
- Update from Marilee Richards, her grandson, Cody Richards, is back home safely stationed in the US. Thank you for your prayers!
- Prayers for Bev Fox as is on new medication. We pray for Florence, Pete, and Jeanie.
- Prayers for Sam and Rose Capetillo and their family as their son Kristopher died. We lift them up during this difficult time.

- Judy Campbell thanks us for prayers for her daughter Mary and grandchildren, Joe and Kailee McBride. All tested positive for COVID-19, but are now negative.
- Roy Gresham received good news as his Lymphoma has not spread, but is localized. He is doing well and anticipates five more rounds of chemotherapy. We are grateful for this news and continue to pray for Carol and Roy.
- Prayers for Benny Romana as she recovers from pancreatic surgery. She is resting at home.
- Prayers for Jay Kuhnhehn's mom who has breast cancer. The cancer has not spread and surgery to remove the lump is scheduled for December 17th.
- Marilyn Minch had surgery for her broken wrist and is home healing. Thank you for continued prayers from Shirley Solberg and Marilyn.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel. She finished her chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer and received a clear CT scan and her blood work showed no sign of cancer. Now she will get CT scans every 3 months. Jan is feeling healthy and very thankful! From Judy and Clyde Pitcher
- Pray for Susan Finkbinder, she is a co-worker of my daughter and was taken to the hospital in serious condition - Thank you Judy Hutchison
- Prayers for Marilee Richard's family. Her sister-in-law died after battling cancer.
- Pray for Pat Stanley and her husband Dennis as Pat is battling cancer and in hospice care. From Bob and Barbara Barren
- Prayers for Mike Gresham, his family is moving to Colorado soon. From Carol and Roy Gresham
- Thank you for praying for my sister-in-law, Nicole as she continues her chemotherapy.
- Update on Leslie Sutin's nephew Jason. He is no longer in need of a liver transplant. The new medication is working. Praise God and we continue to pray.
- Pray for Lisa Comstock's Aunt Mary and Uncle Len. Mary had a surgery and was in the hospital for longer than expected. She is now home. However, Len fell and is in the hospital with a broken elbow, cuts and swelling on his face.
- Update: Tim and MaryAnne LeCompte. MaryAnne is slowly recovering from her stroke and is in long term rehab – Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Gregg DeSchepper died. Terrie appreciates continued prayers. – from Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Our daughter Jessica Rozal completed chemo and started radiation. Thank you for your prayers and support – from Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Marilee Richards' friend Kim. Kim has Covid-19 and is ill with underlying health problems.
- Update: Bonnie (Miller) Ronan is under home hospice care. Continued prayers for her pain management and comfort. No visitors. From Annette King
- Prayers for Maureen, Judy Hammond's mother. We lift up all families who are apart from each other. We pray for health, safety, and comfort.
- Celia Gordon asks for prayers as she begins cancer treatment again.
- Jim White, prayers for cancer recovery from Celia Gordon.
- Prayers for Stephanie, daughter of Renee Lambert, for Crohn's related surgery and her

hospitalization three times in the last month – from Diane Preston

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhenh
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray

- Annette King's Grandson, Matt & Family appreciate and ask for continued prayer he will always continue to be free from alcohol.
- Please continue praying for Larry O' Donnell's health and stamina as he still remains home from Hospice and amazingly is able to get around with only 20% of his heart working. From Annette King
- Bev Fox
- Hugh Minor
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Jay Gano – Jan Weakley
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Bonnie (Miller) Ronan – Annette King.
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- 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.

- Don and Joan Lyderson
- Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister
- Dale and Janet Good

In the Bleak Midwinter

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CRANHAM Irregular

Christina Rossetti, c. 1872; alt.

Gustav Theodore Holst, 1906

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, Frost - y wind made moan,
2. Our God, heaven can - not hold Him, Nor earth sus - tain;
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there,
4. What can I give Him, Poor as I am?

Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone;
Heaven and earth shall flee a - way When He comes to reign:
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Thronged the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf - ficed
But His moth - er on - ly, In her maid - en bliss,
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a - go.
The Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
Wor - shiped the be - lov - ed With a kiss.
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

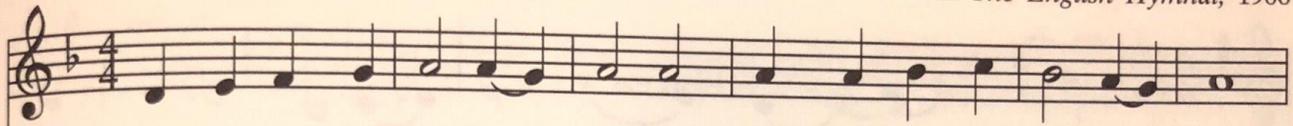
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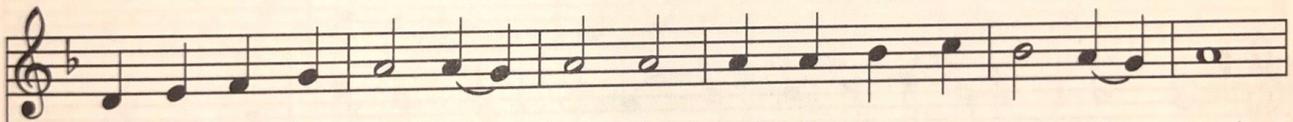
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From Liturgy of St. James, 4th century
Trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

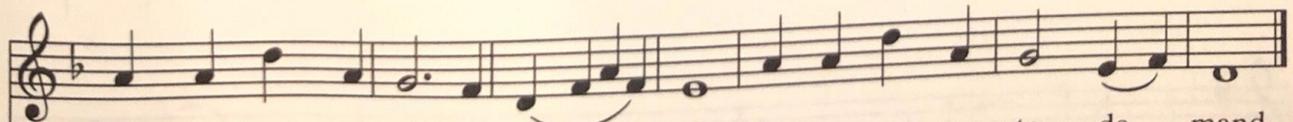
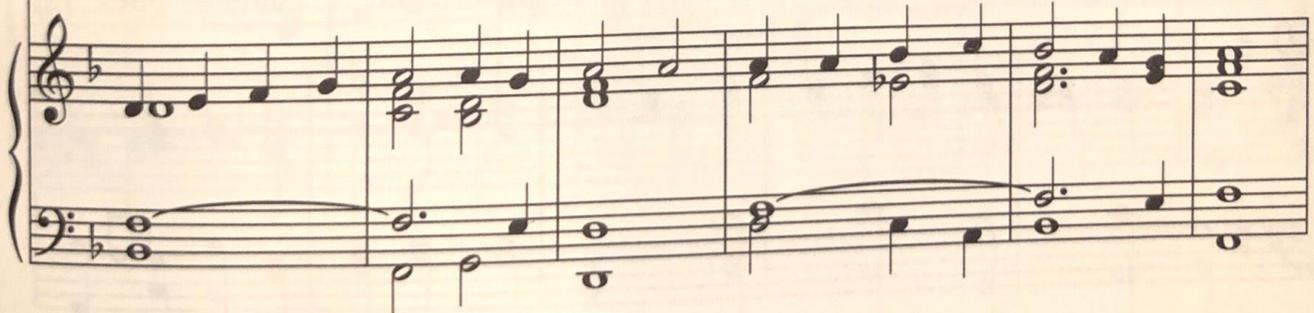
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Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906



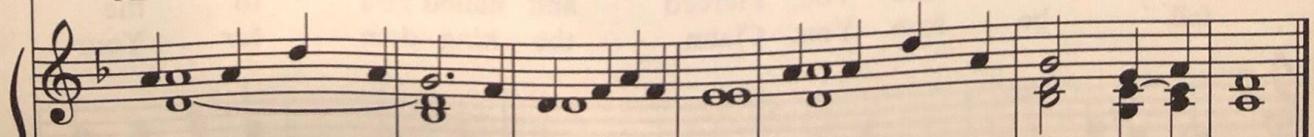
1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and trem - bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, As of old on earth He stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard on the way,
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph; Cher - u - bim, with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed, For with bless - ing in His hand,
Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture, In the bod - y and the blood,
As the Light of Light de - scend - eth From the realms of end - less day,
Veil their fa - ces to the pres - ence, As with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
He will give to all the faith - ful His own self for heav - en - ly food.
That the powers of hell may van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!



In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born

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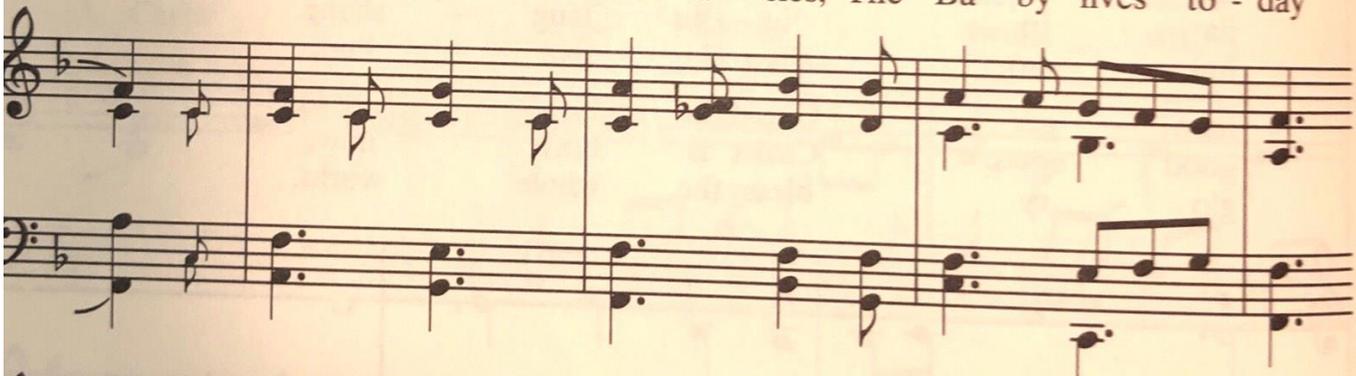
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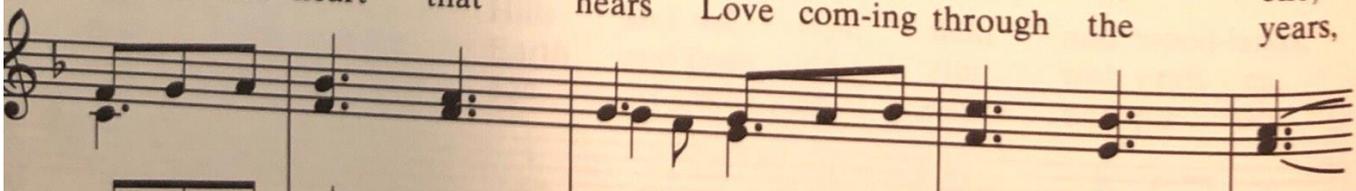
1. In Beth - le - hem a Babe was born With love e - nough for all.
2. Roy - al - ty and shep - herds came To wor - ship from a - far,
3. The mys - ter - y of Beth - le - hem Was long a - go, they say,



While king - doms slept, the Lord came down To grace a man - ger stall.
 Guid - ed through the long cold night By one per - sis - tent star.
 But, mir - a - cle of mir - a - cles, The Ba - by lives to - day



And with a glo - rious light An - gels ap - peared that night,
 As each be - held the Son, Strang - ers be - came as one,
 In each new heart that hears Love com - ing through the years,





Sing-ing, "Come, come, Christ is born! Come, come, world for-lorn.



The Child of peace and sac - ri - fice is wait - ing to be found."

