



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026 – 10am

Welcome to Worship Today! 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.

Supervised Nursery Care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our 2nd floor nursery room. Please pick up children by 11:05 or 10 minutes after service.

Hearing Devices are available to amplify the worship service. Please see ushers.

*For our liturgy, **BOLD** text invites you to join in the reading*

<u>Prelude</u>	<i>Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing – Healey Willan</i>	Gary Norris, Organist
<u>Ringing of the Bell</u>		Leslie Sutin
<u>Welcome</u>		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
<u>Introit</u>	<i>Because He Lives</i>	Chancel Bells Directed by Jan Weakley

Call to Worship Adapted from Jeremiah 31:31-34 Lisa Villevik

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with my beloved people.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with them before, a covenant broken, though I was their faithful father.

But this is the covenant that God will make with us: I will put my law and love within them, and I will gracefully write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall we teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for in the mystery of the empty tomb:

We shall know God, from the least of us to the greatest. All of us, welcomed, loved, accepted.

Through Jesus our iniquity is forgiven and our sin marks us no more.

Celebrate this day of days!

Shout hosanna!

Let all creation be amazed!

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today – #123*

Prayer of Confession

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17) Friends, believe the good news: **In Jesus, we are forgiven. Amen!**

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – 592

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* – #169

Choir Anthem

See What a Morning

Dir. by Lorilee Brasseur

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.**

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

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

Anthem

No More Night

Dir. by Lorilee Brasseur
Elizabeth Nelson,
Accompanist

Sermon

Really, What Is There to Fear?

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!– #104

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

*When invited, feel free to come down to participate in communion.
Pastor Alan will offer communion to those sitting in the pews.*

Prayer after Communion

Singing of the Lord's Prayer

Lorilee Brasseur

Easter Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Christ is Risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Christ is Risen!

JESUS IS ALIVE!

Love has conquered death and darkness!

ALLELUIA!

Alleluia, Christ is Risen, let us go in peace!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA, AMEN!

Postlude

Toccata – Widor

Gary Norris, Organist

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Today

Adult Sunday School – No Adult Sunday School today. Happy Easter!

Worship Next Sunday will be at 10am (also available online on our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel).

Upcoming

Lunch with Pastor Alan – tomorrow (Monday) at noon in the library.

Thursday Bible Study – April 9th at 4:00 pm. We will continue in Genesis studying Genesis 37-41. Join Zoom with Meeting ID: 858 8957 8184, [click here](#), or scan the QR Code:



Men's Breakfast – Saturday, April 11th at 8:30am in Stocker Hall. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study.

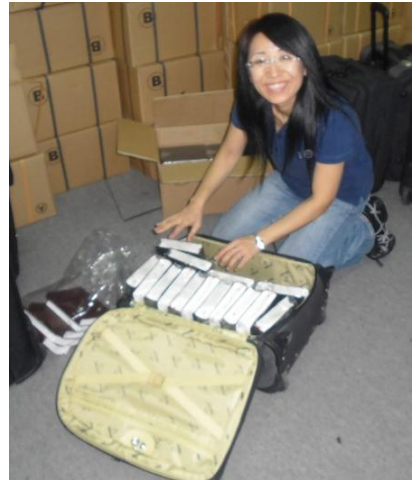
Priscilla Circle – Monday, April 13th at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying lesson eight in our study book. All women are welcome. You may bring a lunch if you desire.

Scrabble – April 15th at 1:00pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

SPAM Luncheon – April 17th

Punchbowl at 11:30am; lunch at Noon.

Dr. Steve Hammond will share “Carrying Bibles into China: A Story from Another Time, Not So Long Ago”. Don't miss this powerful and engaging story from a remarkable journey of faith. All are welcome! Invite a friend and sign up at the Welcome Booth. The cost is \$7.50.



Announcements

Save the Date!

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, we are worshipping outside at the Snohomish Amphitheater. We will be joining with the First Baptist Church and the United Church of Christ for a meaningful time as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. More information to follow.

One Great Hour of Sharing **Special Offering**

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering began as a radio broadcast in 1949 as U.S. Protestant churches appealed to the nation in support of relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by war, primarily in Europe and Asia. Today we continue the tradition of helping those in need by collecting the OGHS special offering, which benefits the

causes of Disaster Relief, Hunger, Poverty, Immigration/Migration and Refugees, and Climate Change. Ready to get involved? We are collecting this offering between now and Easter (and a week or so later if needed) – simply use the OGHS envelopes in the pews or notate OGHS on your check. Thank you for joining us in supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering that responds directly to the call to do justice in Michah 6:8.

VOA Food Donations

We gathered 273 pounds of food for the Volunteers of America this month! Great job! Let's keep up the good work by bringing in non-perishable food items throughout the month for our next collection on April 12th.

RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S CALL TO MINISTRIES OF
COMPASSION FOR THE WORLD'S MOST VULNERABLE.



ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING

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

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.



Please Pray for...

Teresa McLaury's memorial service will be June 6th at 11:00am. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Marilee Richards and **George Aldrich** who have both been dealing with health challenges the last few weeks.

Update with praise – **Seraphina** had her 3-month checkup and her lung function is back to very healthy levels. Her weight continues to climb (she keeps making her mom, my niece, call me for cookies!). From Barb Roetcisoender.