

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

October 1, 2023 – 10am

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

Prelude *Great is Thy Faithfulness* – Arr Miller Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Minute for Mission – Peace & Global Witness Offering

Opening Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #276

Call to Worship Psalm 25:1-9 Emily Roberts

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

Do not let us be put to shame; do not let our enemies exult over us.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you!

And also with you!

Praise Song *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* (see screens)

Scripture Isaiah 56:1-8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *For the World*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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Communion Liturgy

People will come from east and west,

From north and south,

and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

Savior God, you are the bread of life, and we are a hungry people. You gather us from east and west, from north and south for nourishment at your table, to fill our empty cups, to meet the longing of our hearts. On this World Communion Sunday, we gather with our global siblings, remembering the breadth of our Christian community.

Choir Anthem *Communion Invitation (You Are Forgiven)* Directed by Steve Torrence

As your bread is broken and your cup is shared, we remember the people of the world who are suffering and struggling, those in particular need of your love and grace, and the planet entrusted to our care. As we participate in your kingdom feast, we also praise you for the blessings you have bestowed upon us.

Ground us in your good news, Lord, and strengthen us with your hope-filled promise of redemption through Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the ways you are active and at work in our world and we revel in your presence. Keep us steady on Christ's path, following his teachings, loving as he loved. **Amen.**

Celebration of Communion

Prayer

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Singing of the Lord's Prayer

Led by Steve Torrence

Postlude *Sheep May Safely Graze* – Arr Bach

Gary Norris, Organist

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*Prayer is a blessing
To others and to oneself
Pray much, with gusto!*

*Praying from my heart
like sending loving kindness
to all, near and far.*

Prayer Hikus by Susan Davis and Linda Senter

Today's Choir Anthem
Communion Invitation (You Are Forgiven)

Come, not because you are perfect; come now because you are forgiven, you are forgiven. Come eat, partake of His body. Come drink, this is His precious blood. You are forgiven, you are forgiven.

All are welcome at His table. This is the feast of victory. All who believe in Him, come, taste eternity, come taste eternity.

Come, share this meal with your Father. Come now into His very presence. You are forgiven. Come join in life's celebration. Come, lifted up into His kingdom. You are forgiven, you are forgiven.

All are welcome at His table. This is the feast of victory. All who believe in Him, come, taste eternity, come taste eternity.

Come, not because you are perfect; come now because you are forgiven, you are forgiven. You are forgiven. You are forgiven.

Simple Joys

Yes, it is time to begin thinking about Advent. I have been praying and kicking around ideas for this year's Advent devotional and have decided upon the theme: Simple Joys. We may automatically think of the opening line 'tis a gift to be simple' from the hymn/tune of the Shaker Hymn "Simple Gifts". In our blue hymnal, we know the tune when we sing "Lord of the Dance". However, our theme is not limited to music. I have been struck by the need for simplicity or awareness in my life. I tend to move quickly whether walking or in my mind. Yet, the psalmist tells us to 'be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10) and part of Advent is 'treasuring all these words and pondering them in our heart' (slight paraphrase as Mary did this in Luke 1:29 and 2:19).

Our world, our lives, and our hearts/minds race or can be filled up quickly to the point we are not excited about Advent or the coming Christ-child. Instead, we can get anxious, overwhelmed, and find the 'season' tedious and frustrating. The good news to break the rush during Advent is to slow down in humble waiting. God invites us to pause, breathe, and take a moment to see miracles of hope, joy, peace, and love around us. I can think of many times when I actually stopped and found joy in watching children get excited about giving gifts to others, experienced joy in the company of another just sharing a coffee together and was startled by the joy of a gift given to me that I did not expect and realized was extremely thoughtful. We are going to say yes to joy this Advent season.

To do this, one of the meaningful parts we've celebrated Advent recently is by creating a devotional that YOU write. Your thoughts are profound and meaningful to me and the rest of the congregation. I invite you to write a story or create a poem about how joy brought you closer to Jesus in Advent.

Think about a favorite memory of Christmas that gave or gives you joy? Is there a tradition you love? Was there a surprise invitation leading to wonder and awe you can think about? What joy touched your heart and showed you the Christ-child again? What brings you joy just thinking about Christmas? Be creative and I'd totally be stoked if you shared those stories with us.

So... begin. I know Advent seems so far away, but it will be here sooner than we realize. The deadline for submitting a story (it can be long or short, don't worry, it will be great!) is Tuesday October 31st. Please submit a story via email (dorway@firstpreschurch.com) or bring a completed copy to me (Pastor Alan) before the deadline. Thank you!

Announcements

S.P.A.M. Gathering – October 13th

Our Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry resumes this fall on October 13th with an exciting and informational program: "**Search And Rescue, not just on a mountain side, but in your own backyard!**" Alli Paul from Oak Harbor, and her dog Stella, will share how dogs play a vital part in rescuing people. We will begin at 11:30 with a Fellowship Punch Bowl followed by a luncheon at noon (\$7.50) and program. Please sign up at the Welcome Booth before October 8th.

Souper Sunday – October 8th, 11:00 am

Once again, the Deacons will be serving up food and fellowship. Be sure and mark your calendar and come one, come all.



Church Work Party – October 7th

Mark your calendar for our next church work party, happening Saturday, October 7th from 9am to 12pm. Yes, the usual coffee and donuts will be provided, and we will meet in the library to get started. We will be weeding and preparing for the coming winter. We hope you can join us and bring a friend!

Men's Breakfast – October 14th

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, October 14th 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!



Presbyterian Women Pumpkin Patch Fall Luncheon – October 28th

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a fall luncheon at 11:30 am on Saturday, October 28th in Westminster Hall. Wear your favorite fall apparel. We will be doing a craft project. RSVP by October 20th at the Welcome Booth sign-up sheet or to the church office. Bring a friend!

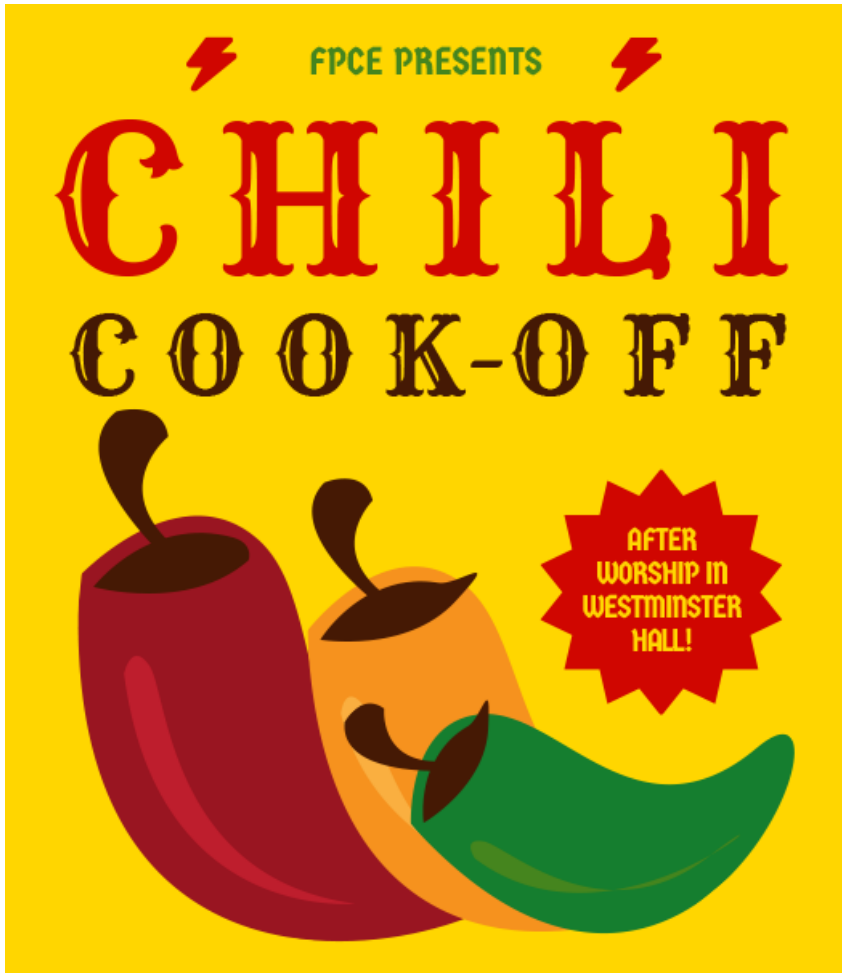
Chili Cook-Off Returns – October 29th

Our Chili Cook-Off is back on Sunday, October 29th! We will be having our famous and award-winning chili cooks bringing their amazing creations for tasting right after worship. Our trophy has been polished and bragging rights are on the line.

If chili is not your expertise, come to satisfy your sweet tooth. We'll also be having a bake sale to benefit Parkinson's and Alzheimer's research during the cook-off. If you would like to donate a dessert, make sure your item is on a plate you do not want back, it is completely wrapped, and marked with a description of your treat.

There is a sign-up sheet for chili entries and baked good donations at the Welcome Booth. This will be a great event, free chili and desserts to purchase!

Questions ?? Contact Teresa Good or Marne Larson.



Presbyterian Women – Kitchen Towel Drive

The Presbyterian Women are hosting a kitchen towel drive to replace aging towels in the Westminster and Calvin kitchens. If you would like to contribute, you may drop off a new kitchen/tea towel or a new dishcloth over the next few Sundays in the Westminster kitchen. Thank you for your donation!

Fall Thursday Bible Study – “Canon” Ball

Join Pastor Alan for our Fall Thursday Bible Study. We will be reading scripture, studying issues on how the Bible came to be, and the struggle over who, what, and when well-meaning Christian’s claim ‘authority’. We will not solve everything, but we will endeavor to listen, share, and learn together. We gather via the Zoom platform on Thursdays at 4pm. Below is the schedule.

October 5 - Right/Wrong

1 Timothy 6:3-16; Matthew 7

October 12- Jesus drops the mic

Galatians 3:21-29; Matthew 5:17-20

October 19 - Reformed and Reforming

2 Timothy 3:10-4:8; Acts 15:22-35

October 26 - No Bible Study

November 2 - Conflict of Story

Deuteronomy 4:1-8; Luke 8:26-39

November 9 - National Canon

Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

November 16 - The Violence of Canon

Galatians 5:13-26; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

VOA Food Donations

We donated 290 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this month. Great job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, October 2nd from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door. Your donations support those in need here in Everett. Thank you for your donations.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble is on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on October 4th and 18th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.

This Week...

- **Sunday School** today is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Steve Hammond is leading a lecture series “Great Figures of the New Testament”.
 - Join Zoom using this new link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85803311791?pwd=RXZmczdqZjNWeWVyT2gvU1BvNEFIQT09>
 - Meeting ID: 858 0331 1791
 - Passcode 880175
- **Lunch with Alan** – is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** –
 - Join Pastor Alan on October 5th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Timothy 6:3-16; Matthew 7.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

To all worshipping with us...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. Ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Use the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

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 Requests October 1, 2023

- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Cindy Rowlands died September 26th. Please keep her husband, Dennis, and her family in your prayers during this time. Cindy’s celebration of life will be here on Saturday, October 7th at 2:00 pm.
- We pray for Gary Norris’ health.
- **Update:** Marsha Lueth – We are grateful to learn she does not have brain cancer. Marsha had a stroke but is thankful for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for Marsha for strength with her on-going health concerns.

- **Update:** Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette King. Praises to God! The reoccurrence of tumor has been diagnosed as benign! Besides the improvement in his balance and muscle tone as he is again working with a physical therapist, he has started the 'chemo for life' which will help the blood cells continue to do the good job they were intended for. He still has a long road ahead to regain good overall health and once again get his driver's license. Doug & all the family are very grateful for your years of prayers. Please keep on praying! From Annette King.
- **Update:** Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel. She has been on a trial for a new drug through Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. It looks very promising. Jan appreciates your thoughts and prayers. From Judy & Clyde Pitcher.
- Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece, Leanne, whose IgA Nephropathy (Berger's Disease) is attacking her kidneys again. **New Update:** After many tests and doctor approvals, her husband's kidney is a match for transplant! Surgery will be October 4.
- **Update:** Karen, daughter of Marilee Richards, is making progress with her health challenges and the family is grateful for the prayers. Please continue to pray for ongoing improvement.
- Prayer request for our granddaughter, Melissa Mobeck. (She was our son's stepdaughter, but she has always been a part of our family). She has struggled with addiction and trauma issues over her life but is clean and healthy. She is married to Chris Butterfield, and they have two precious children: Tina 2 years old and little Amy 3 months old. They are active in a little church. Alan and I communicate with them daily by text or video chat so would also appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we continue to love and support them. From Alan and Dottie Villevik.
- We would like to ask for your prayers for our friends Tom and Pat Dotson. Tom has pancreatitis and has been hospitalized in poor condition. Pat has dementia and is not sure where she is. Pray also for their daughter Jennifer who has suddenly assumed a great responsibility. **Update:** Tom was released from the hospital to home. He had a heart attack and is back in the hospital awaiting open heart surgery. Thank you. From Bob and Barbara Barren.
- **Update:** On our friends Mike and Jeannine Schone. Mike was diagnosed with brain cancer and is involved in special cancer research with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Society and is in the third phase of one in which he may be getting the trial medicine or a placebo. He reports that he is feeling great and is hopeful that he may be getting the real stuff. Doctors seem pleased with his progress. They appreciate our prayers and believe his situation is due to the many prayers that have been offered on his behalf. From Alan and Dottie Villevik
- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Wes King
- Family of Peter Boonstra
- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Susan Klingler
- Cody, grandson of Marilee Richards
- Art & Sue Hermansen
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- 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 Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- 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.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God Are sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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