



First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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I SHALL NOT DIE,
BUT I SHALL LIVE AND
RECOUNT THE DEEDS
OF THE LORD.

PSALM 118:17



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**The Carillon
March 2024**

Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Worship bulletins are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
PALM SUNDAY CANTATA:
"THY WILL BE DONE"
MARCH 24 AT 10AM
SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY
SIMPLE MEAL & WORSHIP
MARCH 28
MEAL AT 5:30PM IN
WESTMINSTER HALL
WORSHIP AT 7PM IN SANCTUARY

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE
MARCH 31 AT 6:30AM
LIGHTHOUSE PARK, MUKILTEO, WA

DEACONS' EASTER
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
MARCH 31 AT 9AM
WESTMINSTER HALL

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
MARCH 31 AT 10AM
SANCTUARY



2936 Rockefeller Ave. Everett, WA 98102

More information at: www.firstpreschurch.com/lent-2024



Join Us!

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PRAYER BREAKFAST

ON

MARCH 29, 2024

Gather together on Good Friday on March 29, 2024 at 7am for our annual prayer breakfast.

- Honor the purpose of Good Friday.
- Pray for elected officials & the community you live in.
- Learn about ministry opportunities in our area.
- Enjoy motivational speaker, Bill Paige.

RSVP:

www.snocoprayerbreakfast.com



Good Friday: Prayer Breakfast

The Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast returns on Good Friday, March 29 at 7 a.m. at the Everett Events Center.

This unique Christian-based event has a long tradition in our community, allowing all to join together for a time of prayer, music, fellowship, and Holy Week observance. Although the event is explicitly Christian in nature, all are welcome in the spirit of Christian love.

We have reserved two tables with 10 seats each. First Presbyterian Church of Everett congregants will have first priority to reserve these seats, free of charge.

We will start signups for seats at our tables on Sunday, Feb. 25, and signups will continue through Holy Week, on a space-available basis.

Look for more details in the weekly worship bulletins. You may contact Steve Hammond if you have questions.

We look forward to participating as a congregation in this blessed event for our community!

Lent 2024: Soul Check

The theme for Lent is **Soul Check**. The idea of during Lent we can reassess, recharge, and renew our souls as the Spirit leads as we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus.



Here is out Lenten outline for March:

3-Mar Ps. 104:24-35	Matt. 6:25-34; Luke 22:7-13	Eating Well
10-Mar Ps. 25:1-10	John 15:1-11	Quiet Prayer
17-Mar Ps. 95:1-7	Luke 6:1-9	Welcoming Worship
24-Mar Palm Sunday	Cantata	
28-Mar Maundy Thursday	Ps. 139; 1 Cor. 11:23-34	Preventing Burnout
31-Mar Easter	1 John 3:1-2; Mark 16:1-8	A New Plan

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a rustic wooden cup. Water is being poured into the cup from above, creating a splash and bubbles. The lighting is warm and focused on the cup and hands.

SAVE THE DATE

PW Spring Women's Retreat

Theme: "Our Cups Runneth Over"

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

The logo for Presbyterian Women, featuring a stylized blue and yellow figure with arms raised, set within a circular frame. Below the figure, the words "PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN" are written in a small, sans-serif font.

Library Update - March 2024

March already! Another busy month, the days leading us through the season of Lent culminating as Lent does, in a glorious early Easter on March 31.

As we continue personal or shared Lenten disciplines, may each of us locate in our church library books that inform, sustain, and enrich our spiritual path. A few possibilities:

Devotional materials are often broken into digestible daily segments. For poetry worth pondering, check out the classic collection by Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Jerusalem* (811.54).

Poetry not your thing? Try *Neglected Voices: Biblical Spirituality in the Margins* by John Indermark (242.34) or *Show Me the Way: Readings for Each Day of Lent* by Henri Nouwen (242.34 Nou).

If you favor a meditation that focuses on your love of music, consider Luke Powery's *Were You There? Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals* (242.34 Pow). Prefer the visual? Try *Places Along the Way: Meditations on the Journey of Faith* by Martin E. Marty and Micah Marty (242.34 Mar) with its striking photographs of scenes in the Holy Land.

Are you more a doer than a reader? You will find creative ideas in Martha Bettis Gee's *More Things to Make & Do for Lent and Easter* (CE 268.4 Gee). Remember that the CE at the beginning of a call number indicates that the book is located in the young people's library on the third floor near the Sunday School rooms.

While you're there, take time to look at Brian Wildsmith's gorgeous picture book *The Easter Story* (E 236.92 Wil) as well as other nearby titles intended for the youngest believers but inspiring for everyone.

For additional choices, visit the Burgundy Bookmobile in Westminster Hall before or after worship. The canvas bag on the bookmobile is for your convenience in returning books. Or see what awaits on the library's display shelf next door to the church office.

As always, please contact me if I can be of help with these or other interests.

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Fourth Monday Book Group - March 2024

Book Group continues to convene virtually at 10am on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. New readers are always welcome. The road ahead:

March 25 *The Round House* Louise Erdrich Leader: Alan Dorway

We have a book set from the Everett Public Library (EPL).

Set on a North Dakota reservation where a woman has been raped; her young teenage son seeks healing and justice for her amid complexities of law and custom. Emotionally challenging reading; timely themes. Pastor Alan has kindly agreed to lead the discussion.

For the next 2 months, please be flexible as we encounter a couple of challenges:

First challenge: Memorial Day falls on the fourth Monday of May. I suggest that we gather a week early, on May 20.

Second challenge: I would like our next two books to be *Horse* (Geraldine Brooks) and *Tom Lake* (Ann Patchett). EPL has a book set for the former; I'm just not sure when we can have it. (Sound familiar?) Thus, April and May selections may be reversed.

April 22 *Tom Lake* Ann Patchett Leader: TBA

“Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. As in all of her novels, Ann Patchett combines compelling narrative artistry with piercing insights into family dynamics. The result is a rich and luminous story, told with profound intelligence and emotional subtlety...”

May 20 *Horse: A Novel* Geraldine Brooks Leader: TBA

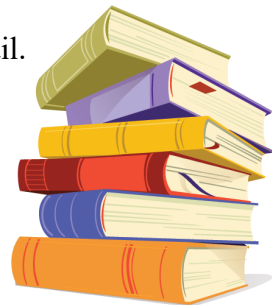
Book group set is available from EPL if we don't mind waiting our turn.

“Every character is carefully and believably explored, including Lexington, the horse, an excellent racehorse ... whose closest relationship is with his enslaved caretaker and exercise rider,... [Brooks] reveals a lot about racing art and biological science. Best horse book I've ever read, including all of my own.” —Jane Smiley, *The New York Times Book Review*.

In following months, we look forward to *Rough Sleepers* (Tracy Kidder) and *Prophet Song* (Paul Lynch); plus several other enticing titles.

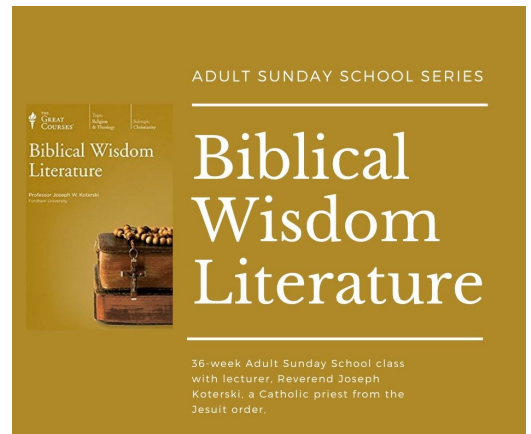
To take part in monthly discussions, log in via Zoom at 10 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. Watch your email for the link. To be added to the email list please contact me by phone or email.

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Adult Sunday School Study: Biblical Wisdom Literature

We've started a new 36-week Adult Sunday School class based on a lecture series titled Biblical Wisdom Literature. This will be a deep dive into the section of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) called the Ketuvim, or "the writings". The lecturer is Reverend Joseph Koterski, a Catholic priest from the Jesuit order, who presents the material in a very accessible manner. This course will provide an opportunity not only for you to learn more about the Bible, but also to love it more, and to make God's Word an even greater blessing on your life.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE:

There will be no adult Sunday school on March 3rd.

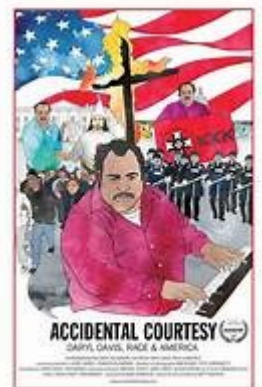
Documentary: Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America – March 10th

On Sunday March 10th, Kory Kanter and Pastor Alan will be showing the documentary Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America.

This film follows Daryl Davis, an African American musician, who for two decades has been going out of his way to befriend members of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist groups in the hopes of persuading them to recognize their common humanity. After a chance meeting with a member of the KKK, Davis began to reach out to members of hate groups, and he found that the more willing he was to hear them out, the more open they became to embracing him. More than two dozen white supremacists have since renounced their ideology of hate in part because of Davis's peace offering.

We will begin this movie at 11:30am and then have lunch and a discussion afterwards.

All are invited to attend.





Thursday Bible Study has started a new study on Job. This series runs through March 21st. Our Thursday Bible study schedule is as follows:

February 29 Job 32-37 Who is Elihu?

March 7 Job 38-40:5 God's 1st Answer

March 14 Job 40:6-41:34 God's 2nd Answer

March 21 Job 42 Last Words

REMINDER: We spring ahead on Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m. Remember to move clocks ahead one hour.



Preludes and Postludes submitted by Gary Norris.

Before I begin this newsletter, I invite you to take a moment of silence to remember the death of our Carillon on March 1, 2015. It was donated to our church by the Heath Family in 1992 and is the namesake of our great newsletter.

In this issue, I wanted to discuss the meaning of the prelude and postlude in our service.

Have any of you wondered what purpose, if any, the prelude and postlude have in our worship service? I have played approximately three thousand preludes and postludes—most Sundays—for over 56 years. Most of the time, the prelude accompanies pre-service chatter. I have asked myself at times, why am I doing this? Does it mean anything to anyone? If I were to slip a little of Bow Down to Washington into the prelude would anyone notice?

To help me understand the background on preludes and postludes, I did a little research on how the tradition began. To my surprise, in the 17th century, the Dutch Reformed church forbade music of any kind in the church. Although there were organs in these churches, a remnant of Catholicism, the churches were not allowed to play organ music during the Sunday worship. However, the Dutch enjoyed organ music. As a compromise, the city councils, who owned the organs, hired organists to play concerts to entertain the people before and after worship. As music became integrated into reformed worship, the tradition of music before and after the service continued, but with a very different purpose.

In my opinion “pre-lude” and “post-lude” are unfortunate terms to describe these musical moments in worship. These words imply that this music takes place before and after the act of worship. In reality, the prelude and postlude are the first and last acts of worship.

The prelude sets the tone for what is to follow, inviting the congregation to gather, to transition from their busy lives into a sacred place of communion with God and with each other. Some use this time of preparation to greet and re-connect with their friends and fellow worshippers. Others prefer to prepare in quiet introspection. Regardless of how one uses this time, the prelude is not background music, but music with the specific intent of inviting people into worship. I try to select music that will match or compliment scriptural and sermonic themes or other music offerings in the service. At the same time, I attempt to provide a variety of styles and moods—from introspective to exuberant, from classical to as contemporary as an organ can get.

I had a pastor note when he suggested the congregation remain seated for the postlude. A member objected, “Why? It is just marching music!” Unfortunately, that is how many view the postlude. At FPCE, I appreciate the congregation remaining seated during the postlude. This is NOT for the purpose of marveling at the organist’s skills, though admittedly, the postlude is usually loud, often fast, and sometimes flashy. It IS for this reason that worship is not yet finished. The postlude is the loud and enthusiastic “AMEN” to worship! Worship ends at the last note of the postlude, just as it begins at the first note of the prelude. The postlude provides the transition from sacred worship back into our varied lives and activities, equipped with a renewed courage, energy, and a commitment to serve God and others, until we can meet again, as a community, in worship.

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I offer these thoughts for your consideration. Although we are Presbyterian, some of us come from different worship traditions, and it's important that we remain mindful and respectful of that. If this tradition of the prelude and postlude is something foreign to you, give it a chance for a few Sundays. Perhaps you will find something that resonates within you. If that happens, I will have accomplished my goal.

In closing, I would like to offer a prayer of thankfulness for those who serve in the choir:

With hearts filled with joy, we turn to you, O God with our prayers of thanks for all our church's music. We especially ask that your presence and life-giving Spirit bless each choir member as they bless our congregation each Sunday in worship. May we all, with them, fulfill the mandate of the Psalmist in Psalm 150:6: "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"



Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, March 11th, at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter six in our study book. Judy Hutchison will serve as hostess. All women are welcome. You may bring a lunch if you desire.



CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

If you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

- 3/11 Travis & Veronica Bacon
- 3/17 Rick & Barbara Johnson
- 3/21 Tom & Pat Erickson
- 3/23 Michael & Carolyn Goza

Birthdays:

- 3/7 Gary Norris
- 3/8 Jaques Kwaku May
- 3/9 Susan Lynn
- 3/10 Dottie Hawkins
- 3/14 Tyler Angell
- 3/17 Craig Bosman
- 3/17 Jack Striker
- 3/25 Susan Davis
- 3/26 Nancy Kniest

Special Dates in March

- World Day of Prayer, *March 1, 2024*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 10, 2024*
- First day of spring, *March 19, 2024*
- Holy Week, *March 24-31, 2024*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 24, 2024*
- Maundy Thursday, *March 28, 2024*
- Good Friday, *March 29, 2024*
- Easter Sunday, *March 31, 2024*

Newsletter Deadline

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

March 10

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.
ON DUE DATE.**



In February, we donated 305 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank. Great job!

Our next drive-through collection is Monday, March 4th 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.

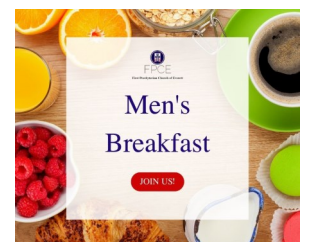
Upcoming Donation Dates:

March 4

April 8

Men's Breakfast – March 9th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, March 9th, from 8:30 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!



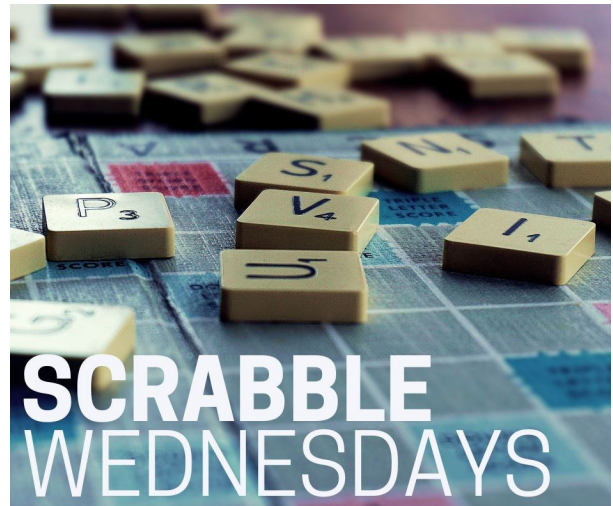
Scrabble Wednesdays in 2024

Scrabble continues in March on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on March 6th and March 20th from 1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE.

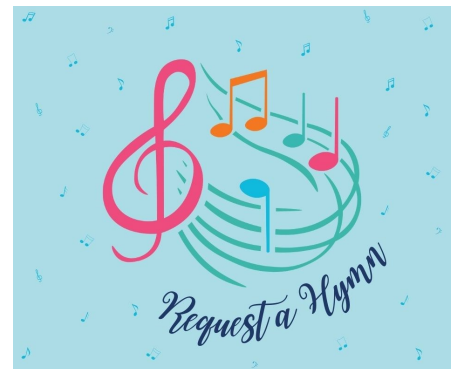
The north door will be open from 12:50 to 1 p.m.

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.





*Lunch
with
Alan*

**Mondays
12-1 p.m.
Library**

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.

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Steve Hammond	John Gebert	Kari Nupen
Jamie Hunter	Marne Larson	Randy Fehlhaber
Jan Weakley	Steve Ulvestad	Susan Lynn

Deacons

Class of 2024	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Bob Barren	Lisa Comstock	Rose Capetillo
Doris Pearson	Susan Davis	Sam Capetillo
Ed Pearson	Joan Lyderson	Mike Davis

