

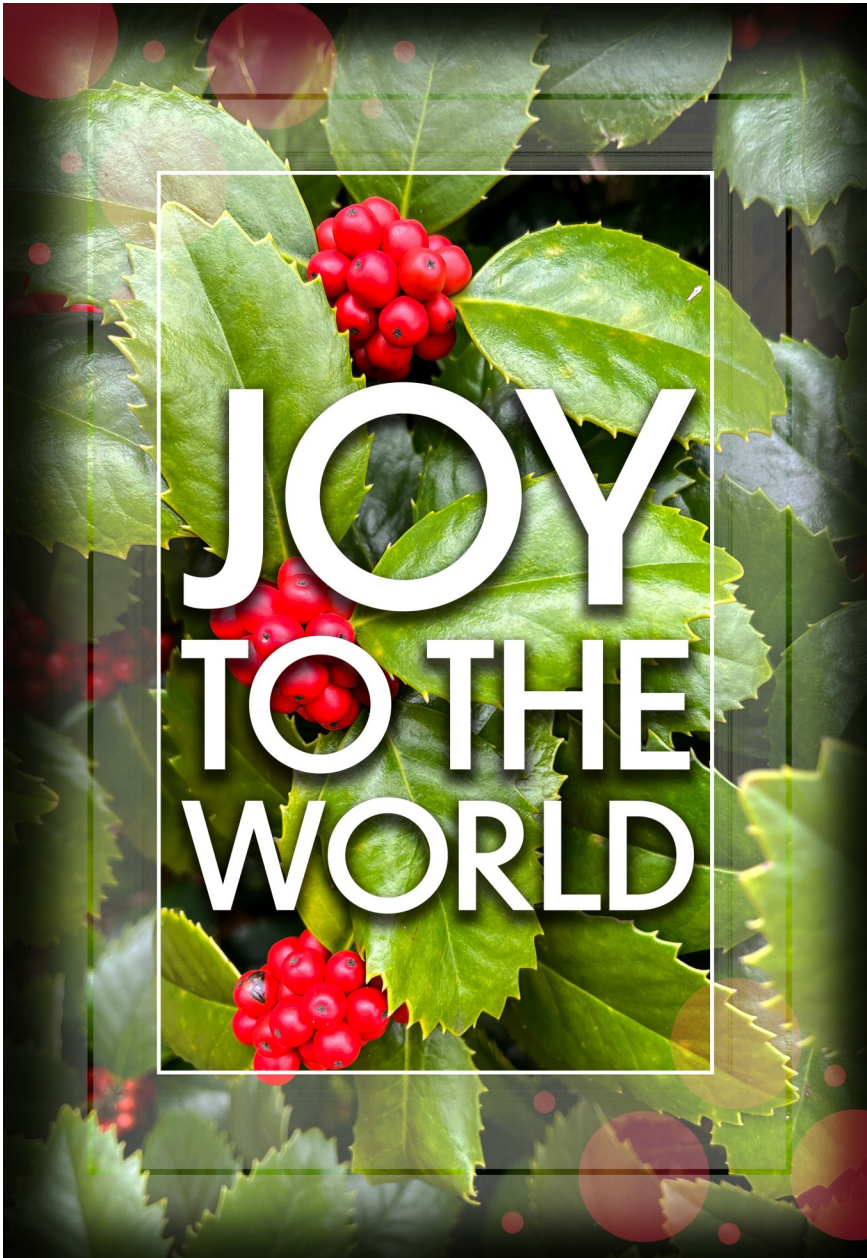
December 2023



First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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**The Carillon
December 2023**

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

You Are Invited To Our

CHRISTMAS EVE

*Candlelight
Worship*



Sunday, December 24th

7:00 PM

First Presbyterian
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2936 Rockefeller Ave.
Everett, WA 98201



2023 Advent Potluck

Join the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee and the Deacons as they host an Advent Potluck after worship on Sunday December 3rd.

We will be kicking off Advent with festive music, Advent wreaths, and the good food you bring to share! We are asking you to bring a salad/veggie, main dish, or dessert.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth for you to let us know you're coming and what kind of dish you will be sharing.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP

Advent Potluck

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD



Simple



Joys

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, December 11th, at 11:30, in Calvin Lounge. Sonya Beardsley will lead chapter four of our lesson. We will be having a potluck lunch. All women are welcome.



Priscilla Circle
WOMEN'S GROUP AT FPCE

The Greater Everett *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.* COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

It Starts With Me...

Not A Commemoration, It's A Continuation

SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAY

JAN 14

Sunday Service

1st Presbyterian Church of
Everett
3pm - 5pm

MONDAY

JAN 15

March & Rally

Everett Memorial Stadium
to Carl Gipson Center
11am - 2pm



Library Update - December 2023

Another year is rapidly closing, as usual leaving mixed feelings for many of us: satisfaction for accomplishments; wistfulness for goals yet future; trepidation and enthusiasm for what lies ahead. In that vein, here's where your library stands.

Accomplishments

Week by week we have added new books both by purchase and donation.

Circulation is slow but steady as in most church libraries.

The fall "retirement party" for tired, duplicate, or otherwise unneeded books has left the library workroom a bit more workable.

The "Burgundy Bookmobile" is generating both Sunday morning circulation and interesting conversations.

Wistfulness

Shelves are still quite full with a number of books hoping to retire soon. Help will be appreciated in identifying them.

Authors are writing new books faster than we can read and absorb them!

Trepidation

Even with all your help, it will be no easy task to keep up with advances in technology and the availability of enticing new titles.

Our lovely if limited collection of children's books will continue to be underused.

Enthusiasm

You as members and friends of the congregation are often ahead of me and generous about sharing newly-trending books.

MANY THANKS to all who participated in the book retirement process. If you missed it, don't worry. There will be other opportunities!

THANK YOU also for the conversations about books - and life - that have occurred during the year.

END OF YEAR SPECIAL: This is the perfect time to seek out a new daily devotional book for 2024. You may keep the book for the entire year to savor the words of wisdom it offers.

May such books support stewardship's theme: Equip and Engage!

As always, please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Have a simply joyful Christmas and move boldly into a New Year!

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REMINDER: Submissions for the 2023 Annual Report are due by January 5, 2024 . Please submit to Pastor Alan at : dorway@firstpreschurch.com

Fourth Monday Book Group - December 2023

Book Group continues on Zoom. We convene virtually at 10 a.m. on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. Open to all; new participants always welcome.

We are coming to the end of a very enjoyable year of reading a wide variety of both fiction and nonfiction. Several new folk have begun to take part. We have enjoyed varied leaders and leadership styles to keep us on our toes.

Will 2024 be the year we partially transition to hybrid format? Zoom has delightfully expanded our ability to attract and enjoy new readers. Still, it's nice to see some participants face to face and be able to look at actual books, not just images of books. We can talk.

A variety of new potential titles for the coming year is emerging. Let's keep the Everett Public Library book sets in mind as we plan.

As previously announced:

December: **WINTER BREAK - BOOK GROUP DOES NOT MEET**
Savor the simple joys of Christmas.

January 22, 2024 *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill* Robert Dugoni
Leader: David Dorway

From the back of the book: "Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called 'Devil Boy' by his classmates; 'God's will' is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother's devout faith, his father's practical wisdom, and his two misfit friends..."

No book set but there's plenty of time to locate a copy of this memorable read which offers a worthy start to a new year of literary exploration.

STILL TO COME: a **book set** for *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Please be prepared for possible schedule changes to accommodate its availability.

To take part in book group discussions, log in via Zoom at 10:00 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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Deacons Contribution Drive

The Deacons are collecting donations for the many activities they provide to our congregation and community throughout the year. Some of these activities include pizza parties, blanket drives, Easter brunch, Souper Sunday, graduating high school senior gifts, and donations to local organizations during the holiday season (food bank, Cocoon House, Millenia Ministries, YWCA gifts for families). They also provide coffee hour every Sunday, are responsible for communion the first Sunday of each month, and perform outreach to church members through calls, notes, and visits. If you would like to contribute to the Deacons, please use the green envelopes in the pews or you may submit a check to the office (please note Deacons on your check). Thank you for your support and generosity.



FPCE DEACONS

CONTRIBUTION DRIVE

NOVEMBER 2023

Thank you for your support and generosity.



Wes King was interned with US Navy Honors at Tahoma National Cemetery on October 24th. His Christian Celebration of Life will take place on his 100th birthday, Saturday, December 9th at 1:00 pm in our sanctuary with a reception following. Those wishing to honor him with a donation, please consider our First Presbyterian Church of Everett mission outreach, the Everett School District Scholarship Fund established by the Class of 1955, or a charity of your choice.

SPAM Christmas Gathering

You're invited for some holiday cheer to
celebrate this special time of year!

Friday, December 8th

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Punch Bowl
12 p.m. Lunch (\$7.50) followed by
a Christmas Sing along with
Ed Pearson

Westminster Hall



FPCE

*CHRISTMAS
CANTATA*

“CITY OF HOPE”

DECEMBER 24, 2023

10:00 A.M.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT
2936 ROCKEFELLER AVE.
EVERETT, WA 98201**





MERRY

Christmas

DECEMBER 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:

12/11 Steve & Nancy Torrence

12/16 Roy & Barbara Yates

12/28 Hugh & Jackie Minor

Birthdays:

12/4 Renée Angell

12/7 Lisa Comstock

12/15 Michole Mattix

12/16 Judy Hutchison

12/16 Anna Mockler

12/17 Evan Roberts

12/18 Chris Sievers

12/20 Ken Bosman

12/20 Joan Copeland

12/21 Lou Denney

12/21 Kathryn Scoringe

12/25 Carolyn Goza

12/27 Barbara Barren

12/28 Judy Baker

12/30 Julie Kuhnhenh

12/31 Donna Stanton

Special Dates in December

- First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023
- Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023
- Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023
- First day of winter, December 21, 2023
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023
- Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023
- Christmas Day, December 25, 2023
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, December 31, 2023



Newsletter Deadline

E-Newsletter If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to:
sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadline:

December 7, 2023

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:

December 17, 2023

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



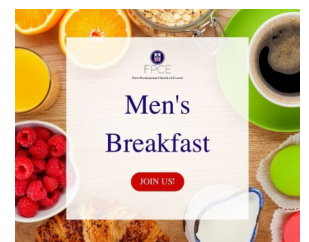
We donated 410 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in November. Great job!

Our next drive-through collection is Monday, December 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.

Men's Breakfast – December 9th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, December 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!



Christmas Joy Special Offering

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us – past, present and future – who have pointed us to God. We honor and celebrate retired pastors and church workers and their families. We also honor and celebrate emerging leaders as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world.

This special offering will be collected throughout the month of December. Donations can be made online to PCUSA or here at First Presbyterian Church Everett. Envelopes are available in the pews.

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we come together to support past, present, and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.

Thank you,

Your Mission Committee



Christmas Eve Coffee Time

Join Pastor Alan before worship, at 5:45pm. We invite you to bring cookies to share. Store bought or homemade, bring a dozen or as many as you'd like. We will provide delicious coffee and cocoa to round out this community time.

The best part—you can take leftover cookies home to eat on Christmas day! We will provide cookie carriers. All friends and family are welcome to join.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

... you will be called by
a new name that the mouth
of the LORD will bestow.

ISAIAH 62:2, NIV



Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Elizabeth Nelson	Steve Hammond	Marne Larson
Debbie Roberts	Jamie Hunter	Steve Ulvestad
Roy Yates	Jan Weakley	John Gebert

Deacons

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Sonya Beardsley	Susan Davis	Lisa Comstock
Amy Farnham	Ed Pearson	Bob Barren
Mike Davis	Doris Pearson	Joan Lyderson

