THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin September 24, 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 Christians, We Have Met to Worship – Joyce Jones Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Jan Weakley

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Four Minutes for CFD Marne Larson

Call to Worship Psalm 146 Jamie Hunter

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

We will praise the Lord as long as I live; we will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Hymn O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #466

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Jamie Hunter

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your love with thanksgiving and joy. We can harbor grudges and turn from our neighbors rather than seeing them as your children. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace. Guide us to walk closer with you as we welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom. Forgive us, Lord, speak to our hearts, and restore us by your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Take a moment in silent confession and personal reflection.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. (Psalm 145:9 and Ephesians 2:8-9) Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Now with believers everywhere, we pray the Lord's Prayer, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you!

And also with you!

Hymn Blest Be the Tie That Binds #438 (words on screens)

Choir Anthem Beautiful Savior Directed by Jan Weakley

Scripture Ephesians 6:10-20; Philippians 4:4-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Pray for Me Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers for Others

Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus #403

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – Benny Hammel Gary Norris, Organist

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Today's Choir Anthem Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee; Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown!

Fair are the meadows; Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer. He makes our sorrowing spirits sing.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forever, forever more be Thine!

Now and forever more be Thine!

Announcements

Flowers this morning are from Judith Campbell in loving memory of Jack Campbell

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.

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!



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.

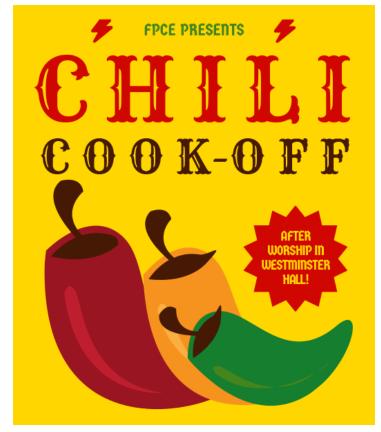


Chili Cook-Off Returns – October 29th

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.

Fall Thursday Bible Study – "Canon" Ball

Join Pastor Alan for our Fall Thursday Bible Study beginning Thursday September 28th. 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.

September 28 - Here comes the BOOM!

Revelation 22:6-7; 18-21; John 21:24-25

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
 - o Meeting ID: 858 0331 1791
- 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
 - o Join Pastor Alan on September 28th using the Zoom platform.
 - o Join Zoom using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902
 - o Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - o 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 September 24, 2023

- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- We pray for Gary Norris' health.
- **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.
- 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 Villesvik.
- 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 Villesvik

- We pray for Marsha Lueth's severe chronic cerebral microvascular disease as it is causing even more weakness. We also pray for her health and spirit as she deals with other medical issues.
- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

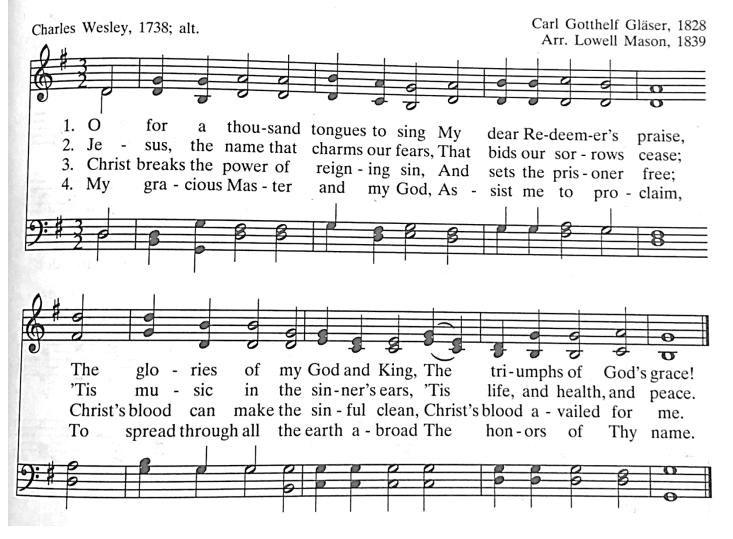
- Family of Wes King
- Family of Peter Boonstra
- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Arlene Mawudeku for kidney transplant
- Susan Klingler
- Cody, grandson of Marilee Richards
- Karen, daughter of Marilee Richards
- Art & Sue Hermansen
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon 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
- Cindy Rowlands
- 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.

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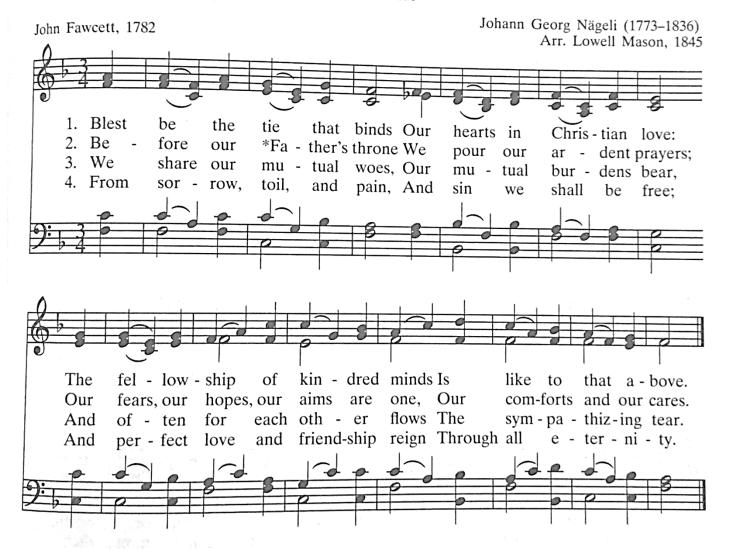
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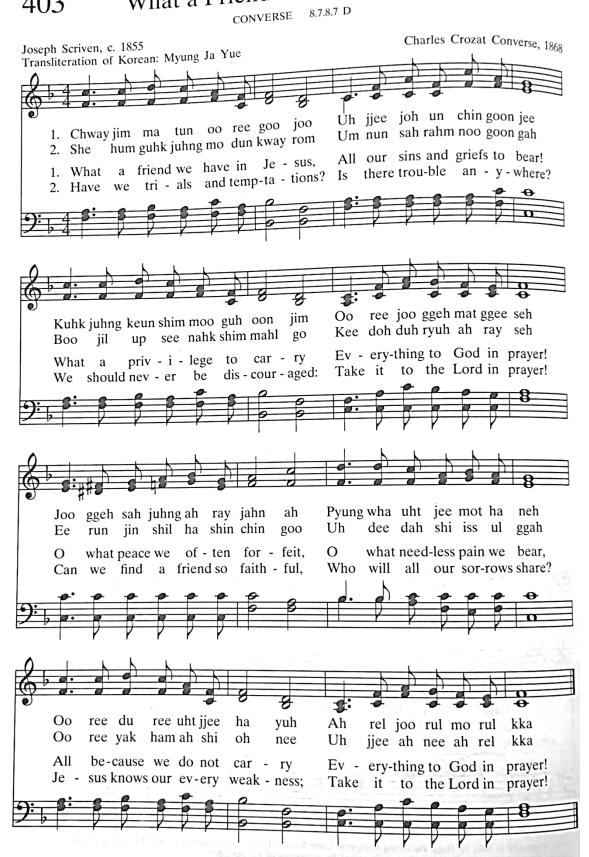


*Or "Maker's."

LIFE IN CHRIST

Jin Shil Ha Shin Chin Goo What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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3. Kuhn shim guhk juhng moo guh ooh jim
Ah nee jin jah noo goon gah
Pee nahn chuh nun oo ree Ye su
Joo ggeh kee doh duh ree seh
Seh sahng chin goo myul see ha go
Nuh rul joh rong ha yuh doh
Joo eh poo meh ahn gee uh suh
Cham dwen wee ro baat get neh.

That is a literal

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.