

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

November 29, 2020

Prelude – *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* – Steve Torrence Solo Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell – Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome – Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship – Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (NIV)

One: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

All: You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.

One: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

All: How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

One: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

All: You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.

One: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

All: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

One: Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

All: Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Hymn – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #2

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(Source: John Birch, *Faith and Worship*)

The Advent season reminds us that we live by hope.

Hope in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah,

the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation,

the expected one who will establish justice for all who are in need,
the liberator who will free us from our estrangement.
For the Messiah will bring a new day for all God's people.
We await the day of salvation, of justice and of liberation.
We await the new day where all people will proclaim God's goodness
and will know the fulfillment of God's will for all the creation.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Let us pray together:

**God of hope,
who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.**

**God of hope,
who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.**

**God of hope,
who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.**

**God of hope,
the rock we stand upon, be the center,
the focus of our lives always,
and particularly this Advent time.
Amen.**

Hymn – Live Into Hope #332

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Quartet – *Come, Emmanuel*

Jean Rankin, Tony Tysseling,
Leslie and Rob Sutin
Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture – Mark 13:32-37

Sermon – *Hope Keeps Awake*

Hymn – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #9

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
And pierce the clouds and bring us light!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and discord cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Benediction

Postlude – *It Is Well with My Soul* – PP Bliss, Solo by Steve Torrence Gary Norris, Organist

Announcements

*Today we begin a Sunday School Class on Advent! Pastor Alan will be leading a study on **The Journey** a DVD teaching series from Adam Hamilton beginning at noon. This is a modern look at the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We have a new Zoom link below.*

Advent Coffee and Study Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87538650879?pwd=eVNrbUxxRGRWcWVGa2Z0ZFVFafFc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 875 3865 0879

Passcode: 046421

- Virtual Coffee Time at 11:30am today! Use the link above to join for a relaxed time of greeting and talking to each other.
- Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan this week is on Tuesday at 12pm.
- We have a Zoom Bible Study this Thursday, December 3rd at 4pm. We will be looking at Isaiah 2:1-5.
- We will have another food drive for the Volunteers of America on Monday December 14th from 11am to 1pm.

Prayer Updates November 29, 2020

- Prayers for peace and calm for Bev Fox as she struggles with dementia. We pray for Florence, Pete, Jeanie, and health care workers as they seek direction for care.
- Prayers for Sam and Rose Capetillo and their family as their son Kristopher died. We lift them up during this difficult time.
- Prayers for our incarcerated friend Jessie who has tested positive for COVID. He and others are being isolated as they heal.
- Judy Campbell thanks us for prayers for her daughter Mary and grandchildren, Joe and Kailee McBride. All tested positive for COVID-19, but are now negative.
- Roy Gresham received good news as his Lymphoma has not spread, but is localized. He is doing well and anticipates five more rounds of chemotherapy. We are grateful for this news and continue to pray for Carol and Roy.
- Prayers for Benny Romana as she recovers from pancreatic surgery. She is resting at home.
- Prayers for Jay Kuhnenn's mom who has breast cancer. She is having tests to determine treatment.
- Marilyn Minch had surgery for her broken wrist and is home healing. Thank you for continued prayers from Shirley Solberg and Marilyn.

- Prayers for Lin Davis as he had a heart procedure this past week. He is home recovering.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel. She finished her chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer and received a clear CT scan and her blood work showed no sign of cancer. Now she will get CT scans every 3 months. Jan is feeling healthy and very thankful! From Judy and Clyde Pitcher
- Pray for Susan Finkbinder, she is a co-worker of my daughter and was taken to the hospital in serious condition - Thank you Judy Hutchison
- Prayers for Marilee Richard's family. Her sister-in-law died after battling cancer.
- Prayers for Clyde and Judy Pitcher. Clyde is home recovering.
- Pray for Pat Stanley and her husband Dennis as Pat is battling cancer and in hospice care. From Bob and Barbara Barren
- Prayers for Mike Gresham, his family is moving to Colorado soon. From Carol and Roy Gresham
- Thank you for praying for my sister-in-law, Nicole as she continues her chemotherapy.
- Update on Leslie Sutin's nephew Jason. He is no longer in need of a liver transplant. The new medication is working. Praise God and we continue to pray.
- Pray for Lisa Comstock's Aunt Mary and Uncle Len. Mary had a surgery and was in the hospital for longer than expected. She is now home. However, Len fell and is in the hospital with a broken elbow, cuts and swelling on his face.
- Update: Tim and MaryAnne LeCompte. MaryAnne is slowly recovering from her stroke and is in long term rehab – Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Gregg DeSchepper died. Terrie appreciates continued prayers. – from Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Our daughter Jessica Rozal completed chemo and started radiation. Thank you for your prayers and support – from Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Marilee Richards' friend Kim. Kim has Covid-19 and is ill with underlying health problems.
- Update: Bonnie (Miller) Ronan is under home hospice care. Continued prayers for her pain management and comfort. No visitors. From Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell is doing well and has been home for several months now. He takes short walks and is working on a local history book. He appreciates our continued prayers – from Annette King
- Update: Grandson Matt remains alcohol free nine months after his rehab graduation in November. Continued prayers are appreciated. – from Annette King.
- Prayers for Elizabeth Nelson with ongoing health issues.
- Prayers for Maureen, Judy Hammond's mother. We lift up all families who are apart from each other. We pray for health, safety, and comfort.
- Cody Richards as he is being shipped to the Middle East, from grandmother Marilee Richards.
- Celia Gordon asks for prayers as she begins cancer treatment again.
- Jim White, prayers for cancer recovery from Celia Gordon.
- Prayers for Stephanie, daughter of Renee Lambert, for Crohn's related surgery and her hospitalization three times in the last month – from Diane Preston

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhenh
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray

- Bev Fox
- Hugh Minor
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Jay Gano – Jan Weakley
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher’s daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Bonnie (Miller) Ronan – Annette King.
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- Bob Salinas, brother of Rose and Sam Capetillo
- 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.

- Don and Joan Lyderson
- Suzan, Judy Kutz’s sister
- Dale and Janet Good