



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – September 27, 2026 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship Today! Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.

Supervised Nursery Care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our 2nd floor nursery room. Please pick up children by 11:05 or 10 minutes after service.

Hearing Devices are available to amplify the worship service. Please see ushers.

*For our liturgy, **BOLD** text invites you to join in the reading*

Prelude

Gary Norris, Organist

Ring of the Bell

Leslie Sutin

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 25:1-9

Marne Larson

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

Do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me 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 my youth or my 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.

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – #376

Prayer of Confession

What burdens your spirit? What regret or hurt do you carry today?

Together, let us confess that which does not give us life and take up, instead, the love and grace of God.

Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news with our lips but don't change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we believe. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us there is still work to be done.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Choir Anthem

Here is Love
(Rees/Lowry/Forrest)

Dir. by Lorilee Brasseur

Assurance of Pardon

God gives mercy and more grace than we can begin to imagine. Jesus redeems us in love. The Holy Spirit creates in us a new heart.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Special Music

O Love
(Hagenberg/Brasseur)

Jean Rankin, solo
Lorilee Brasseur,
accompanist

Welcoming of New Member – Dee Foreman

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

FPCE Sings

I Love You Lord – #50

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
worship you; O my soul, rejoice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Scripture

Matthew 21:23-32

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Not In Order

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People and 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.

Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised – #388

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

Gary Norris, Organist

Today

Adult Sunday School – 11:30am in Calvin Lounge (and on Zoom). Join us for a review of a recorded lecture series titled *The History of Christian Theology*. Join Zoom with Meeting ID: 831 6855 5529 [click here](#)

Worship Next Sunday will be at 10:00 am (also available online on our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel)

Upcoming

Lunch with Pastor Alan – tomorrow (Monday) at noon in the library.

New Members Class – Begins today

If you have been worshipping with us and want to learn more about the First Presbyterian Church of Everett, are interested in what does it mean to be a presbyterian, have some questions about the church, or have wanted to become a member, then join Pastor Alan for a New Member's Class beginning today and continuing on October 4, and October 11th. Over these three weeks, Pastor Alan will talk about our church, membership, and our denomination. This class will be at 11:30 am in Westminster Hall.

Women's Association Fall Gathering 'So Many Hats' – Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Calvin Lounge/Westminster Hall. Lunch provided. Sign-up sheet at the welcome booth or call/email the church office.

Priscilla Circle – October 12th

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, October 12th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge and all women are warmly invited to join us! We will be studying from our book “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other”. You can bring your lunch if you desire. We hope you’ll join us!

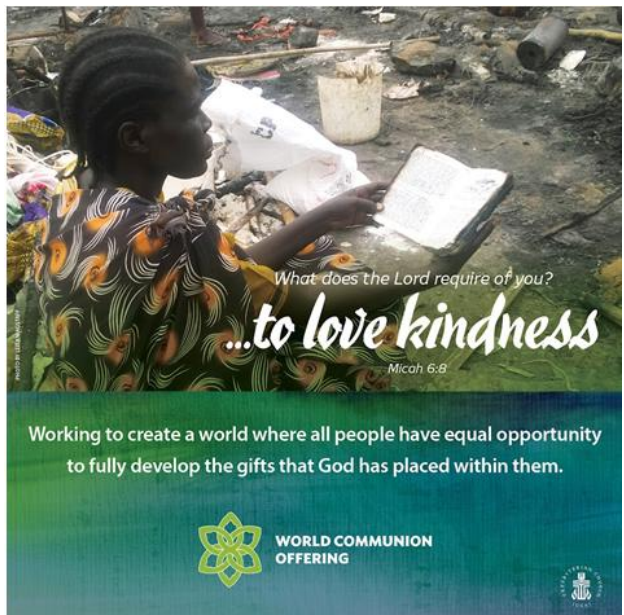
Scrabble – October 7th and 21st at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Announcements

World Communion Special Offering

“What does the Lord require of you ... to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God ...” Micah 6:8

Loving kindness is one of the most beautiful threads woven throughout the Old Testament. Again and again, we are reminded that the people we meet are not strangers or enemies, but beloved children of God. The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome, and to make room at the table for all God’s children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment.



It means making sure there is a place for everyone at Christ's communion table, at the tables in our homes, among our friends and families, and here in our life together as a church. Loving kindness is the work of making sure every person is seen, every person knows they are loved by God, and every person has what they need to flourish — because that is what God desires for all of us.

This year marks the first time congregations across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to receive the World Communion Offering. Through this new Offering, we join with other congregations in supporting the wider Church in the work for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet. Please give generously; when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Join the Choir!

Calling all singers! Choir rehearsals are on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to sing, you're invited to help lead worship through music. Talk with Lorilee for more information.

Volunteers of America Food Donations

We gathered 552 pounds of food for the VOA this month! Great job! We collect food donations every week at the baskets at both sanctuary doors. If you have a large donation or a heavy one, Ken Newman will be glad to help with collecting it before or after service on any Sunday. Thanks to all who donate food to help those in need in our community.

EvCP Pie Sale

Just in time for the holidays!



Sunday, Sept. 27
10:45 AM–11:15 AM

Sunday, Oct. 11
10:45 AM–11:15 AM



Pies delivered November 16th.

All proceeds support Everett
Cooperative Preschool.

Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at: www.firstpreschurch.com.



Please Pray for...

Ed Coon, as his cancer has spread and he has begun hospice.

Ryan & Emily Alfrejd, on the death of Ryan's dad, Richard.

Arlene, Ablu, Rose, and the Mawudeku family on the death of their sister, Evelyn.