



Call to Worship

Elizabeth Nelson

You are the Good Shepherd, Lord, we hear your call;

**We know your voice; we follow your paths. You lead us beside still waters. You guide us to the springs of life.**

You shelter us and restore our souls. In you we find life everlasting.

**We come humbly into your presence this day, in praise, worship, and adoration.**

Our hearts run over with your unfailing goodness and never-ending love.

**Great is your faithfulness, O God!**

Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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Prayer of Confession

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**Savior, Shepherd, Messiah — we know you by many names, Lord. Your presence fills our lives — all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we sometimes can wonder where you are; and may even wonder who you are. How quickly we can forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray.**

*Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.*

Words of Assurance

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Even in the darkest valley, though death's shadow may threaten us,

**We need not fear, for the Lord is with us.**

God's grace is abundant. Receive the good news: through Christ our sins are forgiven

**Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

As Peter gave his hand to Tabitha in prayer and healing, so Christ extends a loving hand to us. Share the peace of Christ with your neighbor. Greet one another in the Lord. May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

FPCE Sings

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

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Gospel Reading John 10:22-30

New Testament Reading Acts 9:36-43

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

Choir Anthem

*A Mother's Love*

Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon

*Faith at Work*

Rev. Ann Lewis

Hymn

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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Benediction

Rev. Ann Lewis

Postlude

*The Rejoicing – Callahan*

Gary Norris, Organist

## Today's Choir Anthem

### *A Mother's Love*

For the words of truth and wisdom sown like seeds into our hearts, leading us to turn in time and place our trust in Who You are.

For the arms of calm and comfort; how they helped to dry our tears. For belief to dream big dreams and strength to overcome our fears.

Thank you for the strong and tender heart of Heaven that's above, and the picture here on earth we see in a mother's love.

For the way we've seen how love is; humble joyful sacrifice, and the way that it's forever left its mark upon our lives.

Thank you for the strong and tender heart of Heaven that's above, and the picture here on earth we see in a mother's love.

Love that's patient, love that's kind, love that holds us close. Love unfailing, love unchanging, love that let us go.

Oh, how You've protected us from dangers that we never knew, when You answered her heart's cries as faithfully she prayed us through.

Thank you for the strong and tender heart of Heaven that's above, and the picture here on earth we see in a mother's love.

A mother's love.

## **Announcements**

Pastor Alan is on vacation and will return to the office on Thursday, May 23. Lunch with Alan will take a three-week break (May 13, 20, and 27 Memorial Day) and Thursday Bible Study will take a two-week break (May 9 and 16). During this time, we are blessed to have the Rev. Ann Lewis preaching. Ann is a gifted leader who has co-pastored with her husband at Snohomish Presbyterian Church.

### **Youth Sunday School**

All children are invited to come to the youth room on the second floor during the Passing of the Peace.

### **Calling New Members**

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR code or talk with Pastor Alan.



**Pastor's QR Code**

## Lay Leadership

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, then please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

### Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry (S.P.A.M.)

May 17, 2024 - Westminster Hall - 11:30am - Lunch \$7.50

#### AGING EXUBERANTLY

Are you afraid of falling?

Do you have balance issues?

Please attend and you will receive a gift that keeps on giving and giving and giving...  
presented by Cass Owens

Sign up at the Welcome Booth by May 12th

## Priscilla Circle – May 13<sup>th</sup>

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, May 13, at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. We will have a salad potluck and discuss chapter 9 in our study book. We will also be discussing our future plans.

## Graduation Sunday – June 16<sup>th</sup>

We will be honoring and celebrating the Class of 2024 on Graduation Sunday June 16 during our worship service. Are you or someone you know graduating this year? Tell us about it! We would like to honor all graduates on Graduation Sunday. Please complete and submit a graduate information form to the church office by June 2. Graduate information forms are available at the welcome center. You may also submit information on-line through our website:

<https://firstpreschurch.com/graduation-sunday>

## Pentecost Special Offering – "I am coming to you" (John 14:18b)

This year we are again collecting the Pentecost Offering between now and Pentecost (May 19th, although later offerings will be accepted). The Pentecost offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start - A solid foundation of Faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. The Pentecost Offering is unique from the other special offerings, in that a full 40% of funds collected are kept by our congregation to further ministries with children and youth in our community. Your Mission Committee has decided these funds will again go to Dawson's Place here in Everett (<https://www.dawsonplace.org/>). The remaining funds are divided between the Young Adult Volunteers experience (25%), PC(USA) Youth Ministries (25%), and the remaining 10% goes to the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" initiative. To give, simply notate "Pentecost Offering" on your check or use the envelopes in the pews. For additional information, visit [www.pcusa.org/Pentecost](http://www.pcusa.org/Pentecost) or speak with Kari Nupen or Dottie Villevik after church.

## **Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed**

We need cookies and people to assist in preparing and setting up coffee hour. If you would like to contribute cookies or labor, please contact Bob Barren or any Deacon. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you.

## **Summer AquaSox Baseball Game – July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Join Pastor Alan for a fun night of summer baseball! We have group upper reserved tickets for the AquaSox game on Wednesday July 31st at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased over the next few weeks. We have 20 tickets but can get more. Funko Field is a fun stadium, with easy parking, great views, and decently priced food. Plus, Roberto the Magnificent will make a special appearance during the game. Sign up at the welcome booth, talk with Pastor Alan or you may use this link to purchase with a credit card: <https://subspla.sh/qccfnjh/>

## **Thursday Bible Study**

Our next Thursday Bible Study focus will be on the book of Revelation. Have you ever wondered about the end times? Have you been concerned when fellow Christians start pointing out ‘signs’? Do you think the last book of the bible seems crazy and not understandable? Then join Pastor Alan as we take an 8-week dive into Revelation. We will gather via Zoom to study the “Who, What, When, and Why?” of Revelation and then over the course of our study, dive into the symbols, confusion, faith, and witness of Revelation. See Thursday Bible Study under This Week for Zoom meeting information.

## **SCRABBLE**

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on May 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Hope to see YOU there!

## **VOA Food Donations**

We donated 279 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett this week. Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you for your donations.

## **Musicians Request**

Do you play or have a musical gift that you would be willing to share with the congregation? If so, then please contact Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries or talk with Pastor Alan. We would love to have you add your gifts to our worship experience.

## **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...**

- **Adult Sunday School** – There will be no Adult Sunday school today and on May 19. It will resume on May 26.
- **Lunch with Alan** – There will be no Lunch with Alan on May 13, May 20, and May 27. It will resume on June 3.
- **Thursday Bible Study** – There will be no Thursday Bible Study on May 16 and May 23. It will resume on May 30.
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
  - 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 May 12, 2024**

- We pray for peace and the cessation of war in Israel/Palestine. While there are historical and political complexities and layers to this conflict, we boldly pray for Israeli and Palestinian families who have been caught in the middle and torn apart. We pray for those grieving, for those suffering, for those confused, and for those whose only reaction is to seek revenge. We pray for comfort, relief, healing, and release. We seek your peace that defies understanding to settle on families, individuals, and leaders on all sides. We pray, fully knowing we do not have the answers, knowing we are weak and sometimes prejudiced, but trusting our Lord Jesus knows the answer, is working, and is present there.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Please pray for those affected by the devastating floods in my hometown of Brazil and the larger community. From Rosemary Cassady.
- Judy Pitcher died Thursday, May 9. She was surrounded by her family and was at peace. Her memorial will be Saturday, June 29 at 2pm in the sanctuary. Please keep the extended Pitcher family in your prayers.
- Please pray for our friend's sister and husband who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Pray for strength and healing as he begins radiation treatments. From Alan & Vicki Dorway.
- **Update:** Thank you for the prayers for our friend's mom. She is responding well to her cancer treatments and appreciates your prayers. From Vicki & Alan Dorway
- Richan Jensen, sister of Dariel Norris, is terminally ill with cancer.
- Luke (6 years old), grandson of Carol Gresham, is recovering from dog bites.

- **Update:** We pray for Sophia, Sam & Rose Capetillo's niece, who is in the hospital going through tests. The doctors believe that with some antibiotics she will have the vision in her one eye restored. The family appreciates our prayers.
- **Update:** Thank you for your ongoing prayers. My brother is doing well. He is continuing with treatment and physical therapy. He recently returned to work; thanks be to God. From Sondra Santos.
- We pray for Jack Cooper who is having health issues with his foot. He had surgery on Wednesday. Darcie and Jack appreciate our prayers.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer's son, James, who had a heart attack and will be put on a pacemaker. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Prayers for healing for Jean Kanter after a TIA.
- **Update:** Prayers for LeAnne, Mike & Martha Cleman's great granddaughter, who is beginning phase 2 of her chemo treatment for leukemia. Prayers for healing, strength, and wisdom.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, is homeless and needs stability in her life.
- Marilee Richards' grandson, Cody, needs direction and wisdom.
- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.
- Elizabeth Nelson's good friend Heather Burke, who has on occasion sung soprano at our church, has a sister Angie who is battling cancer. Angie is a wife, mother to a 13-year-old, and a very talented business owner. She was diagnosed with uterine cancer and is now being treated with chemotherapy. Heather appreciates our prayers.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Family of Marilyn Carter
- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde Pitcher
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Dale Collver – from Tom & Pat Erickson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans

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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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. \*Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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# Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636  
 Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.  
 Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648  
 Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voice,  
 2. O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,

Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;  
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;  
 To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.

Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
 And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
 The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,

With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
 The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.