

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

January 8, 2023 – 10am

\*For our liturgy this morning, **BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading.

Prelude                      *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* – J.S. Bach                      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell    Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship                      Isaiah 42:1-9a    Merle Kirkley

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

**He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.**

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

**Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:**

I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people,

**A light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

**See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare.**

Hymn                      *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*                      #477

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer    Merle Kirkley

Those who know God and love God are called to righteousness. We are called, through God, to open the eyes of the blind and establish justice on earth. Yet, we turn time and time again away from this calling. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

**Lord God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.**

Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

**We are known and loved and forgiven. And together we pray, 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.**

Choir Anthem                      *We Are Not Alone*                      Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture    Matthew 3:13-17  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                      *Why Me?*                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn                      *Lord, When You Came to Jordan*                      #71

Benediction                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude                      *Prelude in Classic Style – Young*                      Gary Norris, Organist

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**GREATER EVERETT**

# MLK

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

**THE URGENCY OF NOW; FROM DREAM TO REALITY**

**FEATURING PRODIGIES FOR PEACE AWARD WINNERS**

**JAN 13TH**

**MARCH & RALLY**

**11:00AM - 2:00PM**

**EVERETT MEMORIAL STADIUM TO CARL GIPSON CENTER**

**JAN 15TH**

**SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

**3:30PM - 5:30PM**

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# Announcements

## **VOA Food Donations**

Our next non-perishable food donations will be collected tomorrow January 9th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. We will continue to accept food on Sundays, but we will also provide another avenue to donate and serve those who are food insecure in our community.

## **Priscilla Circle**

Priscilla Circle will meet tomorrow January 9th, at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing Chapter 5 in our study book. Barbara Barren will serve as hostess. All women are welcome.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, January 14 from 8:30 am 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!

## **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Our annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, February 12, 2023. This will take place immediately after worship and then our Deacons are planning a pizza party. This will be a fun and good Sunday.

## **More Announcements**

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
  - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.
- **Sunday School** today is 11:30am to 12:30pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom, led by Steve Hammond. This Adult Sunday School class is based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls and is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology. There is no requirement for preparation for this class, and you can drop in at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights.
  - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Lunch with Alan** is tomorrow Monday, January 9 at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan is on break. Study will resume on January 19, 2023 using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Daniel chapters 1 and 2.
  - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

***To all worshipping with us:***

- Masks are optional in our facility
- The first six rows of the sanctuary are open seating
- The back rows are every other pew for more spacing

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 Updates January 8, 2023**

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Janet Good died on December 29. Please keep Teresa and the Good family in your prayers during this time.
- Alzheimer's prayer: Sue and Art Hermansen. Art is now in a memory care situation. Prayers for both as they journey through this. From Lois Tysseling.
- Howard Garner is recovering from knee surgery. He is home and doing well. Howard and Rosemary appreciate your prayers for continued recovery.
- Bruce Russell, friend of Lisa Comstock, is in the hospital undergoing treatment on his esophagus. Please pray for healing and strength.
- Please pray for my sister, Pamala Talley who has been diagnosed with NPH (Hydrocephalus) and is awaiting surgery to correct the problem. We appreciate your support. From Bob & Barbara Barren.
- Update: Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling, has been cleared for physical therapy and has a regimen of stretches and exercises. He really appreciates and thanks you for your prayers as he makes slow and steady progress. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Please pray for Maggie Lamus as her cancer has returned. She has restarted treatment and we pray for peace, healing, and strength.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer's extended family: Bobby and John Heuer, both have cancer and cousin, Paul. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Please pray for Arlene Mawudeku who has stage 4 kidney failure and needs a kidney transplant.
- Quinn Carpenter is having health issues and would appreciate prayers. From Marilyn Minch.
- Please pray for my friend Barbara and her parents. They all have COVID. From Lisa Comstock.

- Marilee Richards son-in-law, Galileo, had knee replacement surgery recently and now has a bad infection in the knee. He underwent emergency surgery. Please pray for healing and protection for his knee.
- Update: My friends Aaron and Alicia no longer have COVID but do struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Update: Tracy McLean (Martha Klingler's daughter) had a lung scan recently that showed a 35-50% reduction of all tumors and no new tumors. She is scheduled for another scan on November 30. They are thankful for our prayers. From Dottie Villesvik.
- Our son-in-law, Doug Schultz, has a long recovery ahead from a spinal cord injury. Prayers are requested for strength and mobility in his legs. From Annette and Wes King
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Kimberly, who has recently been placed on hospice.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen and for her doctors to find the best treatment. She is having difficulty speaking. Please also pray for her husband, Robert, and son, Steven, as this is difficult for the whole family.
- Rev. Karen Summers appreciates our continued prayers. From Shirley Solberg.
- Update: My friend Ida has died. Please pray for her family. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Lillian who has serious cardiac issues. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Larry O'Donnell still amazes us – PTL! Thank you for your continued prayers for his energy level improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's shortness of breath is still a concern. We appreciate your continued prayers. From Annette King.

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Dale & Janet Good
- Family of Dean Copeland
- Family of Ethel Geniesse
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Robert Henry
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- Doug Paine – friend of Marilee Richards

- 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 and Judy Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher’s daughter
- 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 for Suzan, Judy Kutz’s sister.

## Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim 477

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Charles Wesley, 1744

Attr. William Croft, 1708  
*A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms, 1708*

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3. "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne,"  
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give Him His right,

And pub - lish a - broad His won - der - ful name;  
 And still He is nigh— His pres - ence we have;  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son;  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol;  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion His tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 All hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

His king - dom is glo - rious, He rules o - ver all.  
 As - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 Fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 And thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love.



# 71 Lord, When You Came to Jordan

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Genevan Psalter, 1542

Brian Wren, 1979

1. Lord, when You came to Jor - dan And asked to be bap - tized,  
 2. Was this God's crown-ing mo - ment Of all You had be - come,  
 3. Faith rests con - tent with ques - tions Of when and why and how,

What was Your vow and vi - sion Of love and sac - ri - fice?  
 The Spir - it's power and bless - ing: "Go now, You are My Son"?  
 But craves the gift of see - ing What God is do - ing now.

Was there a sud - den splen - dor Of proph - ets, priests, and kings,  
 Did scrip - ture join with scrip - ture In words of sharp sur - prise:  
 Lord, bring us to our Jor - dan Of new - ly o - pened eyes,