

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

December 19, 2021

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

Prelude

Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle and Call to Worship

(From Office of Theology and Worship PC(U.S.A.))

We light this candle in hope. *Light the first candle.*

We light this candle for peace. *Light the second candle.*

We light this candle in joy! *Light the third candle.*

We light this candle with love. *Light the fourth candle.*

Let us pray:

God of hope, God of peace,

God of joy, and God of love,

Teach us how to love one another

as reflections of your light in the world.

**God of promise, God of love,
into our darkness come. Amen.**

Hear the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 9:2, 6-7:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness —

on them light has shined.

**For a child has been born for us, a son is given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness

**From this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
Glory to God in the highest!
Alleluia! Amen!**

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(words at end of bulletin)

Prayers of Confession 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.

Scripture

Luke 1:39-45

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

What Has God Accomplished?

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Cantata

The Promise of Light

By Joel Raney

Performed by the Chancel Choir

Directed by Steve Torrence

Narrated by Marne Larson and Roy Yates

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Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

**Our donation to VOA this month totaled 803 pounds! We surpassed the goal of 777 pounds, so we raised over 3 Tons of donated food to bless our community in 2021.
*Awesome job!***

INTRODUCING ONLINE GIVING

Our church website and app are great ways to stay in touch with our community. You can listen to sermons, read our weekly worship guides and The Carillon, see upcoming events and important announcements, and more. And now, we have added a new online giving option.

Our staff has been working with our website provider (Subsplash) to add their online giving platform - Subsplash Giving - to our website and mobile app. This platform allows for quicker one-time gifts, supports easier regular giving, and provides more transparent giving receipts.

It takes just a minute to set up and then just a few seconds each time you give. If you have not already downloaded our church app to your mobile device, we encourage you to do so. It's like having our church in the palm of your hand and allows you to give with just a tap on your screen. You can find our app in the app store on your cell phone. And remember, you can visit our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/give> to give today.

Your financial support is a blessing and a gift. Thank you for giving to our ministry.

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan is Tuesday December 21st at 12pm. Our zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTd09>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
 - Passcode: FPCE21!
- Thursday Bible Study is on December 23rd at 4pm. We will be studying chapters 17 and 17a from the *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren. Our verses are Psalm 34:1-18; Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 2:8-20; Isaiah 60:1-3; John 1:1-5, 9-10; 3:19-21; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35-36, 46. Our zoom link is:

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- Sunday School class today at 11:30am by Pastor Alan on *Sing Advent*. We will be learning about the history and meaning of selected favorites. We will be gathering in Calvin Lounge and via Zoom (see link below) at 11:30am. Come prepared to discuss, laugh, learn, and even sing. Our Zoom link is:
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Upcoming Dates

Christmas Eve Service Live and Online at 7pm on December 24th

Cozy Clothes Sunday December 26th at 10am

Poinsettias in our Sanctuary

Given by...

In Memory and In Honor of...

Dorothy Nerison

In Memory of Ken Nerison and David Mackenzie

Jean and Kory Kantor

In Memory of our sons and brothers Vic and Ben Kantor and Deloris Bryan

Roberts Family

In Memory of Mom and Dad (Grandma and Grandpa), Mom and Dad Roberts (Grandma and Grandpa

Marsha Lueth

In Memory of Carol Beyer and Molly Jean Montgomery

Jan Weakley

In Memory of Dick Weakley

Joan Lyderson

In Memory of my husband Don Lyderson

Clyde and Judy Pitcher

In Memory of Park and Maurine McLean, Ted and Etta Pitcher

Bob and Barbara Barren

In Memory of Our Parents

Alan and Dottie Villevik

In Memory of our son John R. Villevik
In Honor of Our Family, Our Staff and all those who helped us to move into our Hybrid Worship and Our Church Family

Marilee Richards

In Memory of my parents Norma and Wilbur Sea, sister Linda Sea and sister-in-law Patti Sea

Amy and Doug Farnham

In Honor of Our Children and Grandchild Logan

Shirley and George Lockeman

In Memory of our Parents

Nadine Smith

In Honor of My Family – Anita, Ken, Taylor, Hayley and Spencer

Prayer Updates December 19, 2021

Beginning January 9th, we will be updating our prayer list. If you would like to update the list, then please fill out the below request and drop off in the Offering box or church office. You can also email Pastor Alan (dorway@firstpreschurch.com), Doreen (doreen@firstpreschurch.com) or Sondra (sondra@firstpreschurch.com) with updates as well. Thank you!

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community. Recent numbers continue to show a decline. This is a great trend, and we pray our numbers continue to drop.
- We pray for peace between Russia and the Ukraine.
- We pray for Maggie Lamus who has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment.
- We pray for Vicki Dorway's cousin's son, Kai (17), who has been diagnosed with leukemia.
- We pray for Roy Gresham who had surgery. We pray for his recovery and healing.
- We pray for Carol Gresham who is suffering from muscle spasms. She is home and we pray for her healing.
- Update: Thank you for praying for Jean and Kory's loved one Deloris. She is now at peace in heaven with Jesus. Please continue to pray for her husband Mike, son Clay, daughter Chelly, and family.
- Jodi gives thanks for God bringing Gordy into her life.
- We pray for Sam and Rose's niece who has been diagnosed with COVID. She lives in Snohomish with two small children. We also prayer for Rose's brother and sister-in-law as they navigate how to care for each other during this time.
- Prayers for healing, strength, and peace for LaMara Halstrom diagnosed with carcinoma and Jane McMahon diagnosed with esophageal and liver cancer. Both are "sisters" of Steve and Nancy Torrence.
- Prayers for Arlene Mawudeku.
- We continue to pray for Gary Norris.
- Jan Weakley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Pat Weakley Hein now under Hospice Care for congestive heart and kidney failure. Pat is Dick's little sister.
- Update: We pray for Scott Morrow this week as he will be having some procedures done. We pray for his doctors, his strength, his health, God's comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Update: We to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling's sister. Linda has gotten the "all clear" after surgery and treatment. Praise God!
- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.

- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when an MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – She is on blood thinners to keep other clots from forming around her lungs. Praise as there is no cancer! Tricia tires easily but should be closer to normal within a year. Please continue to pray for her successful treatment. Friend of Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell – Larry continues to amaze with his improved energy level. He and the family need continuing prayers following the death of Larry's wife, Joyce, in August. From Annette King
- Praise – Our family appreciates the prayers for our grandson-in-law, Matt, who continues to be alcohol free almost 2 years. He is with an electrician apprentice program now. A special blessing arrived May 14th with the birth of Sarah and Matt's son, Jackson Paul. From Great Grandma Annette King

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - 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
 - Family of Bonnie Brown
 - Family of Celia Gordon
 - Sam and Rose Capetillo
 - Marcia Ricks and family
 - Joan Lyderson and family
 - Bea Swafford's family
 - Lucille Hofer
 - Bev Fox's family
- Larry O'Donnell
- 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 Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher’s daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug Dawson, as he goes through another round of chemotherapy– Tony and Lois Tysseling
- 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 for Suzan, Judy Kutz’s sister and Dale and Janet Good.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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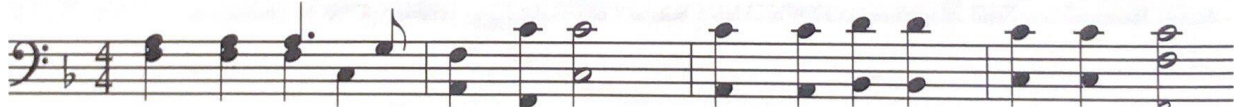
Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

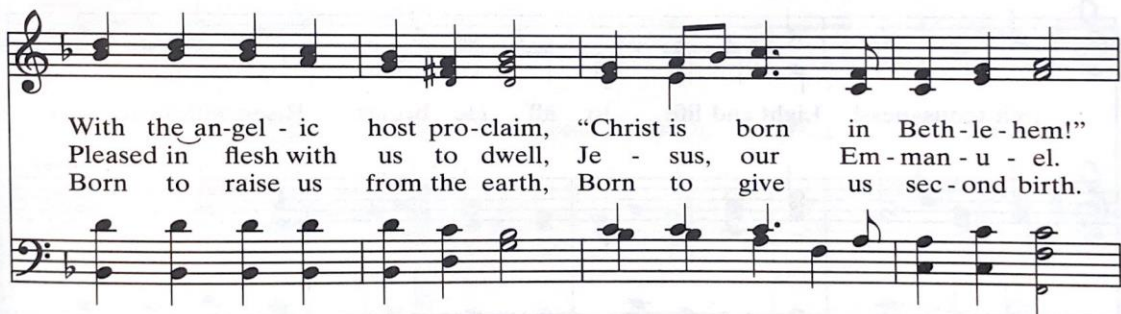
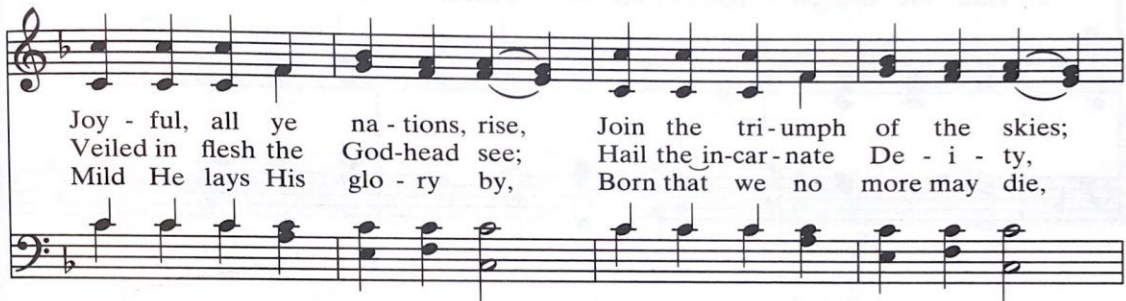
Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
- *3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



CHRISTMAS



*Descant and alternate harmonization for stanza 3, 32