

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

September 5, 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County and the State of Washington, is **requiring masks indoors** for all ages above 5 years old.

We understand this is not where we wanted to be, but our desire as a church is to love God and love our neighbor. Masks are a tangible way we express our concern and compassion for our community. We ask you to join our session in praying for our county as together we navigate this time.

*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

Call to Worship

Psalm 115: 1-8, 16-18

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.

They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.

They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; they make no sound in their throats.

Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them.

The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to human beings.

The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#482

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ev'r have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Summer Choir

Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Romans 11:17-24; John 15:1-9

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

Sermon *Grafted or Ungrateful?*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Communion

Today we participate in communion together. Please take a moment to organize some bread and juice for you and your family. We will follow the liturgy with Pastor Alan. When he breaks the bread, so will you. When the cup is blessed, so will yours. Then we will share in the Lord's Supper together.

We have traveled through many waters to reach this place, **but share one baptism;**
We arrive from different backgrounds and traditions, **yet share one faith;**
We are, each of us, unique and precious to God, and **are members of one Body;**
We have different dreams and doubts, **yet our hearts beat with one hope;**
We are graced with different gifts, **so we may offer them in service to one Lord.**

Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2 By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3 With the saints who now adore you
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4 In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Lord, open our lips

And our mouths shall praise You.

Lord, open our ears

And our ears will hear your voice.

Lord, open our hands

And our hearts will serve You.

God of Imagination, You came into the emptiness of chaos,
your arms laden with the gifts of creation:

sweet, juicy tomatoes on vines;

honey dripping from combs in trees;

cool, clear water rushing over rocks.

These wonders, and so much more,
were given to those you loved enough
to form in your own image, so we might
feast upon your goodness and bounty,

but we scrambled around under death's tables,

seeking to scoop up the crumbs of temptation.

Prophets came over and over and over,
their words, their lives, their hearts
open calls for us to return to your side,

but we turned hard hearts

and plugged ears to them.

Then, because you are our help,
you sent your precious Hope to us,
the One who would speak as you.

In the baby born into poverty,
you came, God of the vulnerable,
to challenge the powerful and profane.
In the young boy playing in the fields,
you came, God of the faithful,
to know our loneliness, as well as our joy.
In the teacher who wove stories of wonder,
you came, God of righteousness,
to remind us that mercy triumphs over judgment,
that inclusiveness welcomes every outsider.
In the One broken on the cross,
you came, God of life,
to break the power of sin once and for all,
to set us free from our fear of death.

As we remember the One who was willing to listen,
as prepare to be fed by the One who was willing to learn,
may we not be afraid to speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Jesus died, so we might find our hope in you;
Jesus was raised, so we might find our help in you;
Jesus will come, so we might find our life with you.**

In these moments, and in this place,
you come, God of the feast,
pouring out your Spirit on the bread and the cup
and your family gathered around the Table.
Though we would sweep out the crumbs of the broken bread,
you gather them up
to feed the most vulnerable with life,
to bring healing to the broken,
to offer community to the lonely.
Though we would toss out the dregs of the cup,
you would pass this grace
to the refugee so they might find a welcome,
to the transgendered so they would know they are loved,
to the aged so they are not forgotten.

And when you have set us free from time's prison,
you gather us around the feast of heaven where,
with our sisters and brothers, we will sing
your praises, now and always,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Communion

Our Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink this cup, do it in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion is shared - You are now invited to take a bite of your bread and a sip from your cup and to taste the mystery of God's grace.

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Benediction

Postlude

Gary Norris, Organist

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Portions of our Communion Liturgy are from Thom M. Shuman.

Announcements

Tomorrow Monday September 6th the office is closed in observance of Labor Day

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Fall Kick Off is Next Sunday September 12th! We will have a special celebratory worship for our ReOpen ReOpening!
 - Flower calendar begins – sign up to bring flowers from September to December 2021
 - In person Coffee Time hosted by the Deacons starts after worship
 - Hybrid Adult Sunday School begins in Calvin Lounge at 11:30am
- Our next collection is on Monday September 13th from 11am to 1pm in the alley.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan is on break until September 14th.
- Thursday Bible Study will resume on Thursday September 23rd. See information below.

We plan to begin a new Sunday School class on September 12 at 11:30am

This hybrid class (zoom link coming soon) consists of recorded lectures by Professor Bart Ehrman of the University of North Carolina Department of Religious Studies. This course explores the remarkable diversity of beliefs and writings propounded by people who considered themselves to be Christians in the first few centuries AD. This class is led by Steve Hammond and will be in Calvin Lounge.

Priscilla Circle begins Monday September 13th at 11:30am

Priscilla Circle will begin meeting again on Monday, September 13, at 11:30 AM in Calvin Lounge. Since it has been so long that we have been together, this will be a social meeting in which we will discuss our plans for the year and what our study lesson will be. We welcome all women who wish to attend. Please bring a salad to share for our potluck lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Masks are required as well as Covid-19 protocols.

Upcoming Memorials

Don Lyderson's memorial is on Thursday September 16th at 2pm.

You are invited to a "Celebration of Life" for Richard Dean Weakley. The date is Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 4:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Everett, WA. Dick had designed and constructed stained glass windows for the church doors. They are currently being installed and will be dedicated during this celebration. In addition, I am creating a memory book of Dick's life. I would love to have you share a special memory that you have of Dick, serious or funny. To include your memory please email it to me by Wednesday, September 15th. Please include your name and relationship to Dick. Some of your thoughts may also be included in a slide show before the Celebration. With the increase in COVID-19 masks are currently required for everyone inside our church.

Blessings to you,

Jan Weakley

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Thursday Bible Study

We are a congregation desiring to learn and grow our faith in Jesus. Over the past year, we have met on Thursday afternoons to read scripture, discuss, and work together studying God's word. Beginning on September 23rd at 4pm, we will begin a year long journey walking through the Bible. We will be using *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren. This book has 52 chapters and walks participants through learning for an entire year. You can find this book on Amazon or other internet sources. Pastor Alan has 10 copies for purchase (\$13/each). While it's not crucial to have the book, the commentary, reflections, and questions the book includes will help each one of us come prepared to engage the text.

Save the Date

October 3rd is World Communion Sunday and our *Souper* Sunday. This is a relaxing lunch after worship for community building sponsored by the Deacons. All are invited!

Prayer Updates September 5, 2021

- We pray for Snohomish County. On Wednesday September 1st, the rate of new COVID cases during the last two weeks now stands at 446 per 100,000 people. This is a level not seen since April 2020. Dr. Jay Cook, Chief Medical Officer at Providence Regional Medical Center, said the Everett hospital admitted more than 300 people diagnosed with COVID during August, averaging about 10 new patients each day. Three quarters of those people were not vaccinated, he said. The same was true of 96% of those COVID patients who were so ill they required admission to intensive care, Dr. Cook said. The hospital is close to capacity, as are many others around the state. Snohomish County encourages people to get vaccinated.
- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate this COVID surge in our community.
- We pray for Maggie Lamus as her sister, Barbara Werner, died last Thursday following complications from a stroke and dementia.
- We pray for Campbell Farms. Our friend and colleague in ministry, Carman Pimms, died unexpectedly in her sleep on Saturday, August 21, 2021.
- Update: Diane Preston thanks everyone who prayed for my childhood friend, Shelly. She left the hospital this last Friday to enter hospice at her daughter's house and passed away August 23rd.
- Update: Cindy Sterba, friend of Sonya Beardsley, died on Monday. Her cancer was quite severe. Prayers were answered as Cindy did not suffer and was surrounded by friends and family during this time.
- Update: We celebrate Marilee Richards improved health! She has been cleared by her doctor and has slowly begun to resume daily activities.
- Update from Marsha Lueth: My great nephew, who was born 8 weeks early, at 3 pounds, is now home after 10 weeks in the NICU. Thank you for your prayers for Jasper and his family.
- We pray for Bruce Russell, who is fighting a serious infection. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Pat Erickson as she seeks a solution to a physical problem that limits her mobility. Note: Prayer is working as Pat is feeling better!
- Update: We pray for Scott Morrow as he begins chemotherapy. We pray for his doctors, his strength, God's comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. He is home and is undergoing extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Update: We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris. Mary Lee needed another surgery and needs prayer as she heals.

- Sondra Santos asks for prayers for her uncle, Jimmy Sico, who was recently diagnosed with Glioblastoma. He has begun radiation treatment.
- Update: Sondra also asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, John Hightower, who was diagnosed with colon cancer. John had surgery to remove a mass and the good news is the mass is not cancerous.
- Update: We continue to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling's sister. Linda had surgery and is recovering.
- We pray for Gary Norris. We pray for his recovery and continued health.
- We pray for Lucille Hofer as her daughter, Shirley Klien, died unexpectedly.
- Update: John Ortmeier, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.
- 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 – concerning pulmonary embolism. Multiple tests have not discovered why she is ill. She is transferring her care and tests to Virginia Mason for continued diagnosis. Friend of 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, as he battles lung cancer – 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.