The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – October 25, 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.

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

Prelude	*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (Luther/Curnow)	Ed Pearson, trombone
Ringing of the Bell		Leslie Sutin
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
Introit Hymn	*Praise to the Lord* (Klusmeier)	Susan Lynn, lead solo
Call to Worship	Psalm 46	Lisa Villesvik

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – #260*

Prayer of Confession

We recognize the paths of sin in our lives and the world. Let us confess our sin together, so that we may delight in God's laws of love.

Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases. You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length. You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, Lord. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with abandon — heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation as we are transformed and seek to follow your love.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The gospel we proclaim is good news for us all: God's mercy is eternal. We are made blameless through Jesus Christ. Freed from sin's power over us, we can bear the fruit of God's love. **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

Choir Anthem *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Dir. by Lorilee Brasseur
(Francis/Williams/Black)

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings *Tell Me the Old, Old Story – #186*

Tell me the old, old story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply, As to a little child; For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled.

Refrain:
Tell me the old, old story. Tell me the old, old story.
Tell me the old, old story, Of Jesus and His love.

Tell me the story slowly, That I may take it in That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin. Tell me the story often, For I forget so soon; The early dew of morning Has passed away at noon.

[*Refrain*]

Tell me the same old story When you have cause to fear that this world's empty glory is costing me too dear. Yes, and when that world's glory is dawning on my soul, Tell me the old, old story: "Christ Jesus makes thee whole."

[*Refrain*]

Scripture Matthew 22:34-46
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Being Reformed, Again* 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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – #466*

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Gary Norris, Organist
(Bish)

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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

Chili Cookoff – Today!
Join us right after worship in Westminster Hall to taste and vote for your favorite chili!

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

The Gathering – October 28th at 5:30 pm in Westminster Hall. We will meet for dinner and study.

Thursday Bible Study – **October 29th** at 4:00 pm via Zoom. We will be studying the chapter of Jude. Join meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85889578184?pwd=hW0PMGJrPyVDb8aSwtPGLz3I7damO2.1 Meeting ID: 858 8957 8184

Scrabble – November 4th and 18th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall.
The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Priscilla Circle – November 9th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge.
All women are warmly invited to join us! We will be studying chapter 3 in our study book "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other". You can bring your lunch if you desire. We hope you'll join us!

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, November 14th at 8:30 am in Stocker Hall.
All men are invited for breakfast and Bible study.

Thanksgiving at FPCE – November 26th
We are celebrating Thanksgiving here with a potluck at 3:00 pm. More details to come but save this date for a time of food, fun, and fellowship.

Announcements

Ed Coon Memorial

The celebration of life for Rev. Dr. Edwin Coon will be on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Everett WA

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1st. Before you head to bed on Saturday night, be sure to set your clocks back one hour. Enjoy that extra hour of rest – and come to worship refreshed and on time!

Advent Devotional

This is our 7th year of writing an FPCE Advent Devotional! Our Advent devotional is a collection of reflections written by members of our church around a common theme. This year, our theme is **Emmanuel**: "God with us." Emmanuel is the name Matthew gives to Jesus as the angel speaks with Joseph about Mary's pregnancy, connecting it to the prophecy in Isaiah (Matthew 1:18–25). At the heart of the good news of Christmas is this beautiful truth: God does not abandon us. God is with us. God is not distant or removed from our lives. In Jesus, God draws near to us and enters into the reality of our lives. Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise—Emmanuel, God with us.

I am inviting you to consider writing a reflection for this year's devotional. You might use one of these questions as a starting point:

- What does Emmanuel, "God with us," mean to you during this season?
- When was a moment when Jesus drew near to you?
- What part of Advent or Christmas reminds you of God's love coming into your life?

Your reflection does not need to be a theological treatise or a polished sermon. Simply share a story, a memory, an experience, or a thought about what it means to you that God is with us. I believe that when we share our stories of faith, we remind one another that we are not alone.
I hope you will consider writing for this meaningful part of our Advent season. Submissions are due on or before **Saturday, October 31**. I will be reflecting on our theme and sharing more as we get closer to the deadline. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Pastor Alan.

Church Directory Updates

We are updating our church directory. If you have any changes or corrections in phone number (do you still have a home phone?), email, address, birthday, or anniversary, send your updates to doreen@firstpreschurch.com, leave a note in the collection box on Sunday, or call the church office at 425-259-7139. Birthdays and anniversaries get a shout out in The Carillon on month of the event! Please have directory updates to the office by November 7th.

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 328 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.

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…

Rosemary Rheinhemer, as she undergoes thyroid surgery on Tuesday, October 27th.

Carol, Merry, and Janet and their families on the death of their father, Rev. Dr. Edwin Coon.

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

Arlene, Abla, Rose, and the Mawudeku family on the death of their sister, Evelynn.