



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – October 11, 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.

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

<u>Prelude</u>	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i> (Young)	Gary Norris, Organist
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<u>Ringling of the Bell</u>		Leslie Sutin
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<u>Welcome</u>		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
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<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 23	Ken Newman
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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,

For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us – #387

Prayer of Confession

With great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ, even when we were dead through our sin. By grace we have been saved. With that assurance of the gospel, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Yet, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Speak to us as we turn to you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Choir Anthem

Lord Most High
(Harris/Sadler/Sorenson)

Dir. by Lorilee Brasseur

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings

Reach Out and Touch – #80

Reach out and touch a soul that is hungry, Reach out and touch a spirit in despair, Reach out and touch a life torn and dirty, A man who is lonely– If you care! Reach out and touch that neighbor who hates you, Reach out and touch that stranger who meets you, Reach out and touch the brother who needs you, Reach out and let the smile of God touch thru you.

Reach out and touch a friend who is weary, Reach out and touch a seeker unaware, Reach out and touch, though touching means losing A part of your own self– If you dare! Reach out and give your love to the loveless, Reach out and make a home for the homeless, Reach out and shed God’s light in the darkness, Reach out and let the smile of God touch thru you.

Scripture

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Sermon

Inexcusable Invitation

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

Come, Sing of Church in Joy – #430

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

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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

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

Priscilla Circle – October 12th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge.

All women are warmly invited to join us! We will be studying from our book “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other”. You can bring your lunch if you desire. We hope you’ll join us!

Thursday Bible Study – October 15th at 4:00 pm via Zoom. We will be studying 1 Peter 3. Join meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85889578184?pwd=hW0PMGJrPyVDb8aSwtPGZ3I7damO2.1> Meeting ID: 858 8957 8184

Work Party – October 17th Join the facilities committee for a work party! We will meet in the library at 9:00 am to check in and then participate in some fall clean-up of our facility. All ages and work levels are invited to join. Remember to wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves.

Scrabble – October 21st at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall.

The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Chili Cookoff – October 25th after worship in Westminster Hall.

Calling all chili cooks! Our Chili Cookoff returns on Sunday, October 25th.

Bring out your top-secret family recipes for tasting right after worship!

There is a sign-up sheet for chili entries at the Welcome Booth. This will be a great event with free chili! Questions? Please contact Jered Fowler.

The Gathering – October 28th at 5:30 pm in Westminster Hall. We will meet for dinner and study. We are meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month in October.

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

The celebration of life for Rev. Dr. Edwin Coon will be on Sunday afternoon, November 1st at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Time to be determined.

Port Gardner Bay Music Society Concert

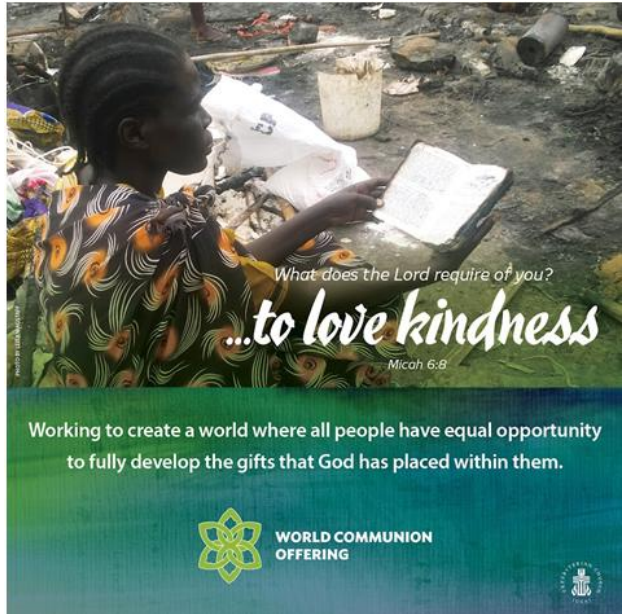
Port Gardner Bay Music begins their 2026-2027 season here at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 pm. The concert features the Aaron Coe Brass Quintet. All concerts are open to the public, with suggested donations at the door as follows: General, \$20; Senior (65+), \$15; Military, \$15; Student (12+), \$5. Please feel free to donate as you wish.

World Communion Special Offering

“What does the Lord require of you ... to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God ...” Micah 6:8

Loving kindness is one of the most beautiful threads woven throughout the Old Testament. Again and again, we are reminded that the people we meet are not strangers or enemies, but beloved children of God. The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome, and to make room at the table for all God’s children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment.

It means making sure there is a place for everyone at Christ’s communion table, at the tables in our homes, among our friends and families, and here in our life together as a church. Loving kindness is the work of making sure every person is seen, every person knows they are loved by God, and every person has what they need to flourish — because that is what God desires for all of us.



This year marks the first time congregations across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to receive the World Communion Offering. Through this new Offering, we join with other congregations in supporting the wider Church in the work for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet. Please give generously; when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

EvCP Pie Sale

Just in time for the holidays!



Sunday, Sept. 27
10:45 AM–11:15 AM

Sunday, Oct. 11
10:45 AM–11:15 AM



Everett Cooperative Preschool

Pies delivered November 16th.

All proceeds support Everett Cooperative Preschool.

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.

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...

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, Abba, Rose, and the Mawudeku family on the death of their sister, Evelyn.

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