

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin  
December 25, 2022 – 10am

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

Prelude on Piano *Carol of the Bells – A Ukrainian Christmas Carol* – Mark Hayes  
Elizabeth Nelson

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #41

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 98 Dottie Villevik

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.**

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

Hymn *In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born* #34

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer Dottie Villevik

Today marks a new beginning with the birth of Christ. Let us confess the sins that have kept us from glorifying and enjoying our God.

**Gracious God, you call us to celebrate the birth of our newborn savior. Yet we find the suffering and despair of our world depressing. Our hearts grow hard with hopelessness. What reason is there to rejoice? We question your power even on this Christmas day. Emmanuel, return us to faith. Help us resist the overwhelming forces that drag us down. Lift our spirits so we can see and appreciate the gift of God-with-us.**

## *Moment of Silent Confession*

The Psalmist reminds us “The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. With the heavenly realm, we continue to 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.**

Chancel Choir Quartet                      *To Thee My Heart I Offer*

Scripture – Matthew 2:1-12  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon    *Gift: Jesus*    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn    *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*    #37

Choir Anthem                                      *Love Came Gently*

Benediction    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn    *Angels We Have Heard on High*    #23

Postlude    *Hallelujah Chorus – Handel*    Gary Norris, Organist

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## **Announcements**

**Thank you to Pastor Alan** for hosting coffee hour and providing the delicious mini brunch last week. We all enjoyed it!

### **Church Office**

The church office will be closed December 26-30 and Monday, January 2 for the holidays.

## **Dale J. Good Celebration of Life**

A Celebration of Life for Dale J. Good will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 11am. Dale's favorite color was red. The family asks that you wear something red. If you do not have red, another color would be appreciated.

On behalf of Dale Good's family, thank you for the cards, texts, emails, and support during these difficult times. Janet, Teresa, Brian, Richard, Dwight, Daniel and his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## **VOA Food Donations**

We donated over 2 tons of food to the VOA this year! Awesome job!! Thank you for your generosity. Food donations go to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off will be January 9th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

## **Priscilla Circle**

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, 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.

## **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** There is no Sunday School today or January 1. We will resume class on January 8 at 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 on holiday break. We will resume on 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 December 25, 2022**

- 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.
- 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 Villevik.
- 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.
- Janet Good is experiencing an unfortunate progression with Parkinson's disease, resulting in a decline in her health. Please pray for Teresa, and family as they seek strength, wisdom, and peace during this time.
- 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 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 and Janet Good.



## Poinsettias in our Sanctuary

### *Given by...*

### *In Memory and In Honor of...*

Jay and Julie Kuhnenn

In Memory of our fathers, George and Allen  
In Honor of our mothers Marcia and Thelma

Thelma Kuhnenn

In Memory of my husband Allen Kuhnenn

Mike and Susan Davis

In Memory of our loving Parents

Judy and Steve Hammond

In Memory of Tom and Diane Parker and  
In Memory of our Parents

David Baer-Peckham

In Honor of my parents Rodney and Barbara Peckham

Barbara and David Dorway

In Honor of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alan Dorway and Peyton Lust

Tom and Pat Erickson

In Memory of our Parents and Grandson  
In Honor of our Children

Margaret Lillie

In Memory and Honor of Bill and Gertie Klim

Annette and Wes King

In Memory of Annette's parents Del and Pat Gerry

Dorothy Nerison

In Honor of our devoted Choir

Steve and Nancy Torrence

In Memory of Christopher Torrence

Jeff and Doreen Solberg

In Memory of our loving Parents

Marsha Lueth

In Memory of Carol Beyer

Jan Weakley

In Memory of Dick Weakley

Clyde and Judy Pitcher

In Memory of our parents Park and Maurine McLean,  
Ted and Etta Pitcher  
In Honor of our amazing members involved in producing our  
Advent Devotional

Bob and Barbara Barren

In Honor of those who work for world peace

Amy and Doug Farnham

In Memory of Mary Katharine and Rollo Farnham and  
Beve and Jim Evans  
In Honor of our grandsons Logan and Doug Farnham

Shirley and George Lockeman

In Memory of our Parents

Bill and Mary Grosse

In Honor of our Families



# O Come, All Ye Faithful

41

ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)  
Trans. Frederick Oakcley, 1841

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)  
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,  
 \*3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!  
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!  
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

\*Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42



## In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born

DISCOVERY Irregular with refrain

Barbara Mays, 1986  
Harm. John Weaver, 1988

Barbara Mays, 1986

1. In Beth - le - hem a Babe was born With love e - nough for all.  
2. Roy - al - ty and shep - herds came To wor - ship from a - far,  
3. The mys - ter - y of Beth - le - hem Was long a - go, they say,

While king - doms slept, the Lord came down To grace a man - ger stall.  
Guid - ed through the long cold night By one per - sis - tent star.  
But, mir - a - cle of mir - a - cles, The Ba - by lives to - day

And with a glo - rious light An - gels ap - peared that night,  
As each be - held the Son, Strang - ers be - came as one,  
In each new heart that hears Love com - ing through the years,

CHRISTMAS

Sing-ing, "Come, come, Christ is born! Come, come, world for-lorn.

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

The Child of peace and sac - ri - fice is wait - ing to be found."

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line concludes with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns and chordal structures. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

# Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY 4.4.7.4.4.7.4.4.4.4.7

Polish carol  
Trans. and para. Edith M. G. Reed, 1925

Polish carol  
Harm. A. E. Rusbridge (1917-1969)

1. In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2. Flocks were sleep-ing; Shep-herds keep-ing Vig-il till the morn-ing new.

Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a gos-pel true.

Swift are wing - ing An - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing,  
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing

Tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Greet the mor - row: Christ the babe was born for you.

Music: Harmonization by A. E. Rusbridge (1917-1969). Used by permission of Rosalind Rusbridge.

# Angels We Have Heard on High

23

French carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with refrain

French carol

Trans. James Chadwick (1813-1882); alt.

Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?  
 3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.