

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

January 1, 2023 – 10am

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

Prelude *O Holy Night* – Chip Davis Elizabeth Nelson

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 148 Mike Clemans

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn *Joy to the World* #40

Scripture 2 Corinthians 4

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Chancel Choir Quartet *The Work of Christmas*

Sermon *Being Renewed* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* #29

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who heals our brokenness.

Let us offer our thanks to God, who has prepared this Table for us.

We will bless the One who offers us life in every moment.

In the silence of chaos, creation rejoiced with the carols of wonders you had composed, God of surprises: as joy sparkled in the sky.

The Word gently gathered up earth's dust and the Spirit breathed life into those shaped in your image, so we might be at peace and be with you in joy. But we were tempted by sin's decorations and death's commercials of life without you.

Time and again, you sent folks to call us home. Miriam and Micah, Ruth and Habakkuk spoke of your hopes for of us, yet we found rebellion the better road to take in our journey through the years. Finally, you chose to offer yourself in that Child born into poverty, that little One who would strengthen all.

In the stillness of the night, God of holiness, your Child came among us, so small no one would notice, so poor no one would care.

But those who are forgotten by the world, like shepherds and the disabled, come to worship, and to tell us the good news.

Those who have no money to their name, gift us with their hopes and love, even as he did so long ago. Those children who are overlooked by culture, sing to us of the One given to us, so we might find our way home; of the One who gives himself to death, so resurrection love might destroy sin's power, and we might be swaddled in grace.

On this new year when we celebrate his birth, in the days to come when we follow him to Jerusalem, we sing carols of that mystery we call faith:

Christ was born, so we might have life;

Christ died, so we might have forgiveness;

Christ was raised, so we might have resurrection;

Christ will come again, to gather us together with him.

In these holy moments, pour out your Spirit upon those gathered on this morning and on the gifts of the Feast of Joy. As we are welcomed here, may we remember and include all rejected by the world.

As we are fed by the bread, may we be strengthened to go and bring tangible hope to all who are famished by despair.

As we drink from grace's cup, nourish us, so we may go to overflow with love and peace for everyone we meet in every season.

And when all history and time ends in silence, and we are gathered with our siblings around the feast of the lamb, we will join the angels in singing carols to you forever, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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Communion

The 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 it, do this 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.

Please come forward to receive communion as hosted by our Deacons.

Prayer

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Lord's Prayer

Solo, Steve Torrence

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo – Chip Davis

Elizabeth Nelson

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GREATER EVERETT

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COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

THE URGENCY OF NOW;
FROM DREAM TO REALITY

JAN 13TH

MARCH & RALLY

11:30AM - 1:30PM

EVERETT MEMORIAL STADIUM TO CARL GIPSON CENTER

JAN 15TH

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

3:30PM - 5:30PM

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Announcements

Church Office

The church office will be closed Monday, January 2.

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.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, January 14 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!

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. Class will resume 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. Lunch 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 January 1, 2023

- 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.
- Janet Good died on December 29. Please keep Teresa and the Good family in your prayers during this time.
- 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 Villesvik.
- 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.
- 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 & Janet 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 McMahan – 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.

The Work Of Christmas

Lyrics by Howard Thurman

Music by Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is still,
when the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, To release the pris'ner,
To rebuild the nations;
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music, make music, make music from the heart.

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The work of Christmas begins.

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
And heaven and na - ture sing,

And

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.
heaven and na - ture sing,

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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GO TELL IT 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual

Arr. John W. Work III, 1940

Harm. and adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

Stanzas, John W. Work II (1872-1925)

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain O-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

Fine

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a - bove the earth,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

D.C.

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

The musical score is presented in two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat), with a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the top staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The accompaniment in the bottom staff starts with a half note chord of G2 and B2, followed by a half note chord of F2 and A2, and then a series of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1.

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

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

*Descant and alternate harmonization for stanza 3, 32