

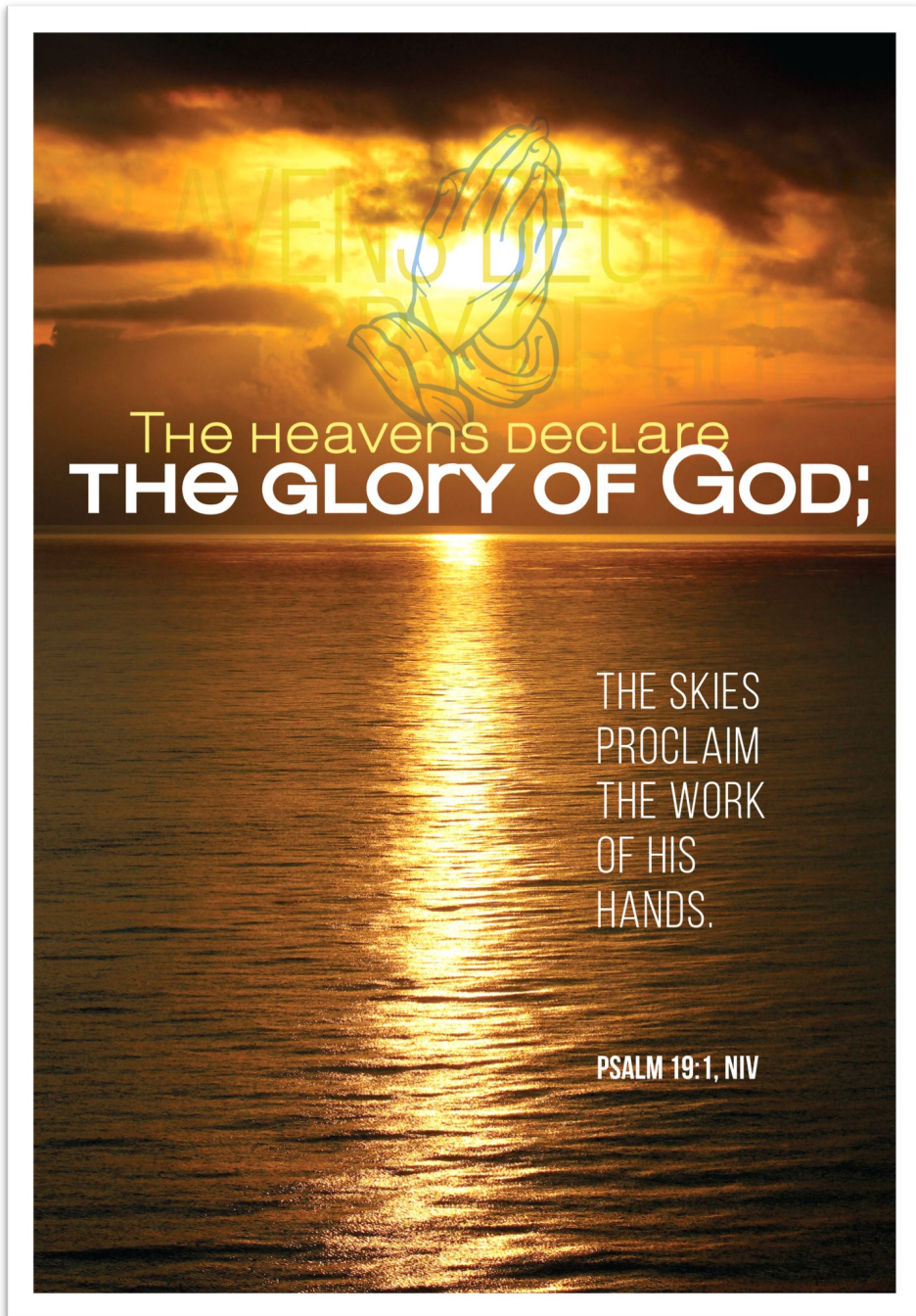
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Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Worship bulletins are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

Off the Wall submitted by Pastor Alan

My favorite band is U2. I was captivated by their music with their Joshua Tree album, became excited to learn about their previous albums, and then became totally hooked when Achtung Baby dropped back in 1991. I consider my first large concert going to the Zoo TV tour on November 11, 1992, at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl in Las Vegas. I've seen U2 in concert five times.

Recently, U2 was announced as the opening headliner for the Sphere in Las Vegas, playing the entire Achtung Baby album with other hits. Initially, they were just going to play for about three months. My guy friends began planning a trip immediately. Due to many factors, one being my appendectomy, I was unable to join them in early November. This did not diminish my desire to figure out a way to get to the show.

In December, Vicki and I were talking about how we wanted to celebrate our anniversary in 2024. I saw that U2 had extended their residency at the Sphere, and we bought tickets. So, in February, we traveled to Las Vegas to see my parents, celebrated our anniversary, and went to the U2 concert.

Now, I had a blast and was very grateful to see my favorite band with my favorite person. I did have some quick observations:

- We were on the floor and stood the whole time, this was a marathon
- When the first chords started the show, when I was younger, we would have rushed the stage and crowded up as close as possible, this time, I was content to stay grounded
- The graphics were amazing, but in a spherical area, there were moments I felt like I was dizzy
- As the system was so high tech, the sound was loud but did not have to be overwhelming, so when I left, my ears were not ringing
- Bono can still sing, the Edge is an underrated guitar player, and Adam still lays down a good bass
- Everyone under 20 seemed to be bored out of their minds

I added that last observation because it is a shame parents are not teaching their kids about good music. Okay, that's a joke. I remark on this because I was having a great time. While the ticket prices were high, I was still excited to see this show with Vicki. Achtung Baby is arguably their most complete. U2 is in the upper pantheon of greatest bands of all time. They have hits in the 80's, 90's, and 00's and have been releasing good music since 1979.

While I was confused that someone would be at this concert and not be engaged, it dawned on me that I'm old and not everyone who attends an event will be on the same wavelength. Sure, maybe U2 made some new and younger fans. However, regardless of any band to audience connection and age difference, anyone could have walked away frustrated over a variety of issues. Some may have had a horrible experience navigating the twists and turns getting in to the venue. Others could have had a bad day that spilled over to the concert.

As I have processed these reflections, I realized that is what can happen in worship. Our style might not connect. We might do something to frustrate or turn away someone unintentionally. People might not like our building or church feeling. Others may have a bad day or may be going through some tough times and no matter what, they are not going to connect with us.

Yet, as our goal is to worship God and glorify God forever (paraphrased from the Shorter Westminster Confession, 1647), do we get too focused on 'our' way? I mean, are there times when we become inflexible to the point where we make it hard for new people to connect either with Jesus or our congregation?

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Presbyterian Peacemaking Program Travel Study Seminars

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program sponsors travel study seminars to different parts of the world to provide Presbyterians with the opportunity to learn firsthand from our partners about efforts for peace, justice and reconciliation in contexts of conflict, injustice and oppression. Participants return from these travel study seminars informed and transformed by their experiences, ready to share stories and bear witness to all that they have seen and heard.

Katherine Campbell would be happy to provide more information and talk with anyone interested in going.

May 28 – June 6, 2024

Exploring the Legacies and Lessons of the Civil Rights Movement in the US South: A Pilgrimage to Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, Jackson, the Mississippi Delta and Memphis

Join the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program as we embark on a civil rights pilgrimage through the U.S. South, exploring the historically important sites of the civil rights movement, learning about the lives of the people who made up the movement, meeting with leaders and those who can share stories of those times, and wrestling with the legacies of racism and white supremacy even as they reappear in our communities and nation today.

This Peacemaking Travel Study Seminar will begin in Birmingham, AL and travel to Montgomery and Selma, AL, Jackson, MS, the Mississippi Delta region and conclude in Memphis, TN.

Applications are still being accepted as space permits.

October 14-24, 2024

Lithuania: Healing the Legacies of War and Oppression

The trauma of war lies deep within societies and transcends generations. This study seminar will explore the painful and lingering legacies of war in the small country of Lithuania located on the Baltic Sea, bordering Latvia, Russia, Poland and Belarus. Once an empire that stretched from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea, by the 20th century its borders were vastly diminished and it was left caught between Prussia and Russia, as the world went to war. Our seminar will move from Vilnius to Klaipeda learning about Lithuania's history from the Nazi and Soviet occupations to today's Ukrainian refugee crisis. At the time of the Holocaust, Vilnius was the Jerusalem of the north and Lithuania had a very large Jewish population. Under Nazi occupation, 90% of Lithuania's Jewish population were brutally murdered, largely at the hands of Lithuanians.

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As the Soviets began to invade the Baltic coast, the Prussians pushed children across the border into Lithuania. These German-speaking children, known as “Wolf Children,” were perceived as a threat and struggled to survive in Lithuania. Across the former Soviet Union, times of occupation are a history of deportation and betrayal. Lithuanians have dealt with these many tragedies in silence. Today’s war in Ukraine and the many refugees it has brought to Lithuania are reminders of what many Lithuanians have held in silence. We’ll learn about efforts to help survivors, descendants and communities open up, confront, heal and learn from war-time experiences. LCC International University (formerly Lithuanian Christian College) in Klaipeda has a Center for Dialogue and Conflict Transformation. The University hosts students from across the former Soviet Union (including Ukraine, Belarus and Russia) and war affected countries in the Middle East and Africa. We will spend time with LCC learning about their peace and reconciliation work in Lithuania and beyond.



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A band has a target goal and audience. They are not overtly trying to adapt just so a handful of people at a concert get an experience. They are assuming those there know a little about who they are or are open to learning and making a decision about the likeability of their music. In worship, we are not making the time fit our own needs. We are aiming to welcome everyone to a moment of celebration, praise, contemplation, and encouragement with the Holy Spirit. Sure, we have our traditional, liturgical style. We read from scripture. I preach according to those verses. We pray, we confess, we are reconciled to God and work on being reconciled to each other. We are not perfect, but when we become rigid in, this is our way and you need to conform to it, we may become the barrier.

Ultimately, I do not think we are prohibitive or restrictive in our worship. I believe we desire to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible when we gather on Sunday mornings. I know our theological goal is to provide a space where anyone is invited to worship and glorify God forever. Yet, the challenge is there. We do have regular people attending our worship for the first time. We have an opportunity to be true to who we are and welcome them. We have an opportunity to use our gifts and talents, and be flexible enough to adapt, to be patient, to listen, and to change. We have an opportunity to grow deeper in our worship, and include others, even those younger than us, to know Christ.

Library Update - May 2024

This month we feature several new titles for our collection. They continue the theme of river travel ushered in by Steve Hammond in his April SPAM program, “Rafting Down the Colorado River.”

Our new books chronicle river travel as well, although by kayak rather than raft. David Ellingson, local author, Lutheran pastor, and river kayaker has published his memories and insights from five such trips. A few of us may remember his presentation here some years ago following the release of the first book. Here Ellingson, who self-identifies as “Paddle Pilgrim,” shares his kayaking trip, spanning the length of the Mississippi River from its northern Minnesota headwaters to its Gulf of Mexico delta. This account, *Paddle Pilgrim: An Adventure of Learning and Spirit, Kayaking the Mississippi*, details both stresses and epiphanies of the adventure.

The ensuing decade added four journals of as many additional trips, each several weeks in duration. In the original ones he followed paths suggested by his own childhood memories and reading as well as by his family’s stories. Each volume is liberally laced with photographs, maps, quotations, folk sayings, and scripture, especially those prompting care of creation. In addition to the Mississippi and its tributaries, Ellingson’s travels include the Hudson River, the Erie Canal, the fjords of his ancestral Norway, and most recently the Mekong.

In this fifth book, published just months ago, Ellingson ventures farthest afield. In *Paddle Pilgrim: A Mekong River Adventure through Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam*, Ellingson expresses his appreciation for the beauty of the land, and the welcoming spirit of its people. He also acknowledges evidence of the tragedies of recent history. Here, as in each of his other journeys, he and his team rely heavily on local aides, the “river angels” who step in when careful plans give way to unanticipated challenges.

The Mekong River team coordinates concerns and shares resources with local institutions such as the Mekong Environmental Forum in Can Tho City, Vietnam. This not-for-profit organization was formed “in response to the public’s growing concern about the impacts that Mekong mainstream dams and climate change would pose on the Lower Mekong Delta’s water and security and the livelihoods of millions of people.”

Journey virtually with Ellingson and savor his unique experiences along the way. Share the joys, frustrations, and insights each trip offers. These slim books may prove just right for days when our own summer explorations carve our reading time into smaller segments. Look for the books along with varied other options on the famed Burgundy Bookmobile in Westminster Hall on Sunday mornings.

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Book Group - May 2024

Book Group continues to convene virtually at 10 a.m. on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. (Note: **May date adjustment** to accommodate Memorial Day). New readers are always welcome. Here's the always flexible plan for the road ahead.

May 20 *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* Mary Roach Leader: TBA

We're due for a nonfiction selection. Mary Roach's "weirdly delightful dive into scientific nonfiction" (Marie Claire) should fill the bill as it "investigates the unpredictable world of human-wildlife conflict." Roach travels the globe to explore and explain ways laws and customs in other countries as well as our own have coped with animal incursions into people's lives. Or is it the other way around? The crisp, witty writing style makes a difficult subject sparkle.

June 24 *Horse: A Novel* Geraldine Brooks Leader TBA

"Every character is carefully and believably explored, including Lexington, the horse, an excellent racehorse ... whose closest relationship is with his enslaved caretaker and exercise rider, ... [Brooks] reveals a lot about racing art and biological science. Best horse book I've ever read, including all of my own." —Jane Smiley, *The New York Times Book Review*

We are in line for a book group set. **June and July choices may need to be reversed.**

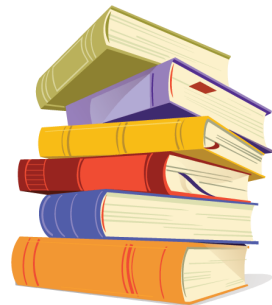
July 22 *Rough Sleepers* Tracy Kidder Leader TBA

Nonfiction again. Dr. Jim O'Connell undertakes an urgent mission to bring healing to homeless people in Boston. Tracy Kidder (you may remember him from *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer*) chronicles O'Connell's many years of outreach. This multifaceted account details effects of abuse, illness, drugs and alcohol along with poorly designed legal, medical, and housing rules.

August 26 Title and leader TBA

To take part in monthly discussions, log in via Zoom at 10 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. For the link or to be added to the email list please contact me by phone or email.

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Summer AquaSox Baseball Game

Join Pastor Alan for a fun night of summer baseball! We have group upper reserved tickets for the AquaSox game on Wednesday July 31st at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased over the next few weeks. We currently have 20 tickets but can get more. Funko Field is a fun stadium, with easy parking, great views, and decently priced food. Plus, Roberto the Magnificent will make a special appearance during the game. Sign up and pay with Pastor Alan.



Thursday Bible Study

Join us for an 8 -week Thursday Bible Study on the book of Revelation. Have you ever wondered about the end times? Have you been concerned when fellow Christians start pointing out ‘signs’? Do think the last book of the bible seems crazy and not understandable? Then join Pastor Alan as we dive into the symbols, confusion, faith, and witness of Revelation.

Revelation May and beyond Study:

- May 2 – Revelation 4-5
- May 9 – no study
- May 16 – no study
- May 23 – no study
- May 30 – Revelation 6-8:1
- June 6 – Revelation 8:2-11
- June 13 – Revelation 12-16
- June 20 – Revelation 17-20
- June 27 – Revelation 21-22



THE PENTECOST OFFERING HELPS OUR YOUTH BEGIN LIFE WITH A STRONG START – A SOLID FOUNDATION OF FAITH FORMED IN THE FIRST THIRD OF LIFE, FROM CHILDHOOD THROUGH YOUNG ADULTHOOD

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us *to the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.

Pentecost arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension – when Jesus ascends into heaven. Jesus and the Scriptures are making an important theological point at Pentecost. Jesus ascends and the church is born. If his mission and ministry is to continue, it is upon us, his disciples, to keep it going, and we have the Holy Spirit to lead us, who blesses us all with different gifts to be used at different times and in different ways. Our gifts to the Pentecost offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth, and young adults by building a life of faith.

Since the Pentecost Offering starting in 1998, Presbyterians have raised nearly \$18 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God’s family. We believe we are called to do even more – to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith.

The Pentecost Offering is split 4 ways, with 40% being kept by our church to support the ongoing ministries of Dawson’s place. The remaining 60% is shared between several PC(USA) youth and children’s ministries. For more information, visit www.pcusa.org/Pentecost.

CFD Bakeoff Thank You

CFD would like to thank the 12 wonderful bakers who competed in the CFD first Annual Bakeoff with a special thank you to all the tasters. Our winners: 1st – Marne, 2nd – Tania, 3rd – Judy, 4th – tie between Robin and Rose. We can’t wait for the next bakeoff in 2025. Thanks to all.

“From the Organ Bench “submitted by Gary Norris, Organist

Our organ music this Pentecost Season, which begins May 19th, will draw us into God’s spirit that enlivened those first disciples, sent them out in confidence, empowered them with a new vision and the strength to grow God’s family. So is our need, our prayer today for our beloved First Presbyterian Church of Everett. One new hymn, slightly adapted by fellow Presbyterian Carolyn Gillett, places Peter’s call right at our doorstep.

The hymn “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” to the tune: Beach Spring. "Peter preached what Joel had promised: In the most uncertain times, "you give dreams and visions to us; you send great and wondrous signs!" By your Spirit, *give us courage! May our Church unite to be bearers of your Good News message to our Everett community.*"

Our Organ music will include this May:

- Blessed Assurance
- Sleepers Wake
- The Savior is Waiting
- Church in the Wildwood
- All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
- Old Rugged Cross

Our Pentecost Prayer for each and all of us at FPCE is best expressed in these few lines adapted from a hymn about God’s Spirit, his very breath blowing into us life and hope, mission and purpose:

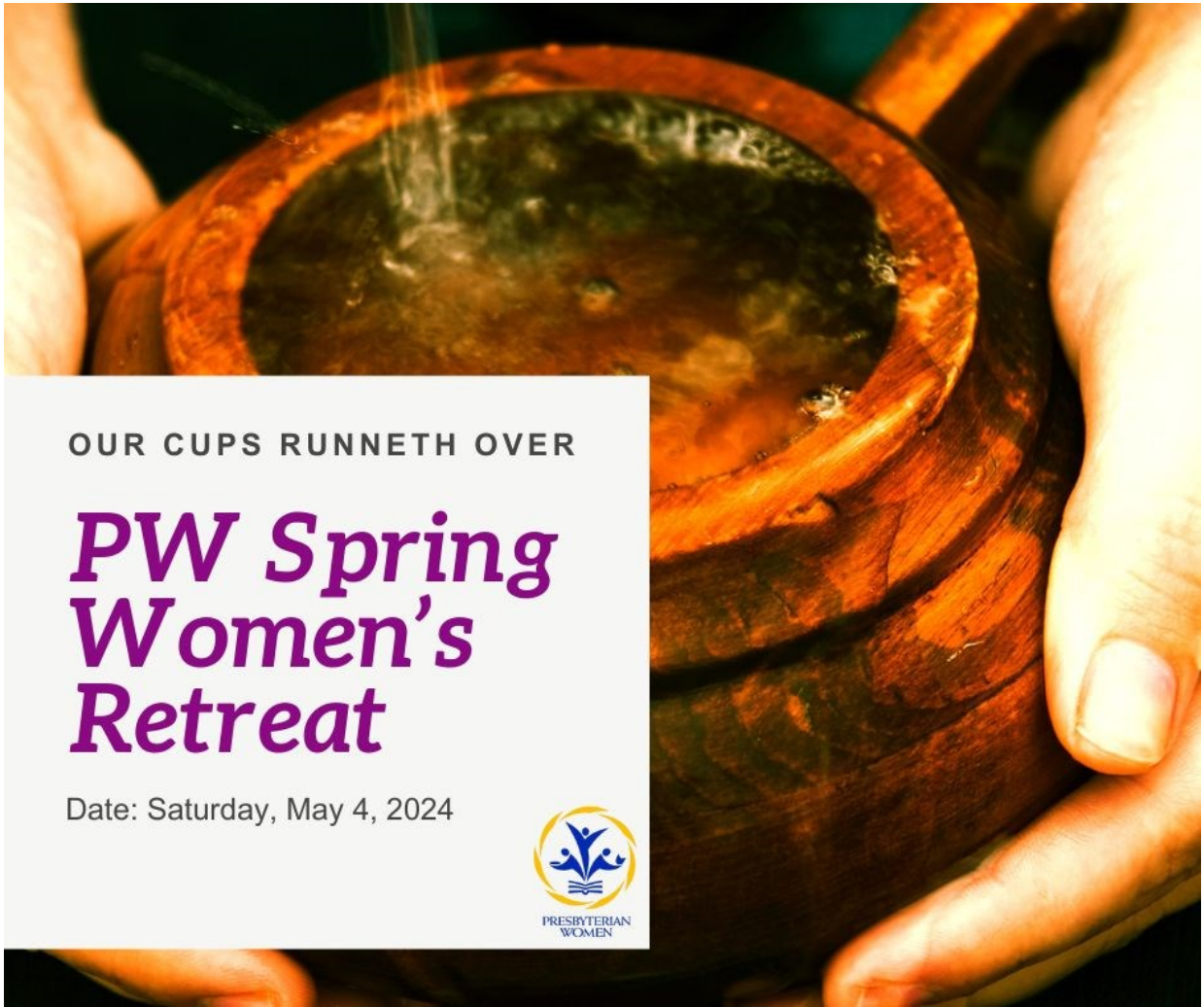
" Breathe on us, breath of God:
fill us with life anew,
that we may love as you have loved
and do as you would do."



Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, May 13, at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge. We will have a salad potluck and discuss chapter nine in our study book .

We also will be discussing our future plans.

All women are welcome.



OUR CUPS RUNNETH OVER

PW Spring Women's Retreat

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024



Christian Formation & Discipleship (CFD) is looking for volunteers to work in the nursery on a rotating schedule. If you are interested please contact Teresa Good.



MAY CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

If you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

- 5/3 Sam & Rose Capetillo
- 5/24 Ken & Shirley Newman
- 5/27 David & Marla Baer-Peckham
- 5/28 Phil & Sonya Beardsley

Birthdays:

- 5/1 Amy Farnham
- 5/3 Alan Hutchison
- 5/4 Debbie Roberts
- 5/6 Andrew Scoringe
- 5/9 Linda Bloom
- 5/9 Keeanna Mawudeku
- 5/10 Steven Ulvestad
- 5/12 Robin Kohler
- 5/14 Leslie Sutin
- 5/16 Emily Roberts
- 5/20 Max Scoringe
- 5/31 Elizabeth Nelson

Special Dates in May

- National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2024
- Ascension Day, May 9, 2024
- Mother's Day, May 12, 2024
- Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2024
- Pentecost, May 19, 2024
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 20, 2024
- Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024
- Memorial Day, May 27, 2024

Newsletter Deadline

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

May 12, 2024

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.
ON DUE DATE.**



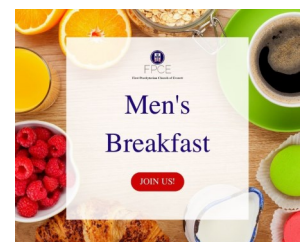
In April, 286 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank Bank. Great job!

Our next drive-through collection is Monday, May 6 from **10am to 12pm**. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door.

Your donations support those in need here in Everett.
Thank you for your donations.

Men's Breakfast – May 11th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, May 11th, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!



Scrabble Wednesdays in 2024

Scrabble continues in May on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on **May 1st and May 15th from 1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall** for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE.

The north door will be open from 12:50-1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!



GLORY TO GOD!

Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.



Musicians Request

Do you play or have a musical gift that you would be willing to share with the congregation? If so, then please contact Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries or talk with Pastor Alan. We would love to have you add your gifts to our worship experience.



Lunch with Alan is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Steve Hammond	John Gebert	Randy Fehlhaber
Jamie Hunter	Marne Larson	Susan Lynn
Jan Weakley	Steve Ulvestad	Kari Nupen

Deacons

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Bob Barren	Lisa Comstock	Rose Capetillo
Doris Pearson	Susan Davis	Sam Capetillo
Ed Pearson	Joan Lyderson	Mike Davis

