

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

April 23, 2023 – 10am

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* – Bish Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Minute for Deacons Sonya Beardsley

Minute for Presbyterian Women Leslie Sutin

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-3; 111:1-4 Dottie Villevik

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Our souls boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

We will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* #482

After we sing the first two verses, we will take a moment to listen as Steve Torrence reads the third verse. Listen to what the Spirit is saying and after we listen to the words, we are invited to sing the third verse together.

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Announcements

Pastor Alan will be on vacation and study leave from May 4 through May 19.

We are blessed to have the Rev. Janice Smith preach on Sunday May 7th and Rev. Ray Smith preach on May 14th.

Read Ahead

Next Sunday, April 30th, Pastor Alan will be preaching on John 10:1-10.

By reading the scriptures before a sermon, you may find a deeper connection to the sermon or discover something new the Holy Spirit reveals to you.

Earth Day Artwork Celebration – Today

You are invited to enjoy artwork and photos of nature brought in by members and friends of the congregation for Earth Day. They are being displayed in Westminster during coffee time after worship.

Thank you to the Deacons for organizing this event.



New Adult Sunday School Class Begins Today

We will review another engaging lecture series, Great Figures of the New Testament, in an Adult Sunday School class beginning today. The lecturer is Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University.

The New Testament is full of stories about interesting people. The lecture series takes an in-depth look at many of these people, including the major figures such as John the Baptist, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Peter, Paul, and Jesus himself, but also at some of the lesser-known figures, such as Martha and her sister Mary, the Gentile Mother, Philip, the Centurions, the Samaritan Woman, and many more.

Dr. Levine's fascination with, and respect for, the New Testament writings and the human figures who populate them are infectious and at times provocative. You will be bound to encounter many new perspectives and insights on this familiar material, and there will be much to ponder and discuss as we journey through this course together.

Each lecture stands on its own, so you can drop in on class whenever you are able to, without preparation, though, as with any good course, there is much to gain by attending all the lectures!

Priscilla Circle – May 8th

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, May 8th at 11:30am, in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter 9. A potluck will be held as we finish up our year until we resume in September. Bring ideas for our study next fall. All women are welcome.

Men's Breakfast – May 13th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, May 13th 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!

SCRABBLE is Back!

Scrabble is resuming on the first and third Wednesdays beginning in May. We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on May 3rd and 17th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

VOA Food Donations

We donated 292 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this month. Great job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. We continue to accept donations and our next Monday drop-off is May 1st from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

This Week...

- **Sunday School today** is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Steve Hammond will be leading a new lecture series "Great Figures of the New Testament".
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Lunch with Alan is Mondays 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 April 27th using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Nahum.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

To all worshipping with us...

Session recently voted to remove pew spacing requirements. As such, we continue to:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. Ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Use the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

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.



Presbyterian Women's Retreat
Calvin Lounge
Saturday, May 6, 2023
9:30am - 2:00pm

Invite a friend

**CHANGE, WHAT IS IT
GOOD FOR?**

Featuring

Janice Smith - Friend of Jesus

Lunch Provided

RSVP In person, email doreen@firstpreschurch.com
or leave a message at the church office by April 23rd

Prayer Updates April 23, 2023

- We pray for the families and community suffering after the elementary school shooting in Nashville. We pray specifically for Pedro Pollorena, our interpreter in Mani, who knows the family of Hallie Scruggs, one of the victims.
- We pray for the people in Turkey and Syria after their devastating earthquakes.
- 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.
- Update: It is truly miraculous that Mason has made such gigantic strides in his recovery and healing from serious back surgery. His mom reports he can do anything but slalom ski! Thank you so much, FPCE, for your prayers! From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel, as she continues on-going cancer screening and wisdom for the doctors as they interpret test results. From Clyde and Judy Pitcher.
- We pray for Merle Kirkley as he is having health issues. We pray for healing and comfort.
- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Carol Venables died on March 31st. We pray for her extended family, for Marcia Burnham and for the Kuhnhehn family.
- Update: Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King, is scheduled to begin the actual transplant of his bone marrow cells on April 14th and will stay in the hospital 2 to 3 weeks. When discharged he will remain in Portland at arranged housing for another 2 to 3 weeks until he is stable enough to return home. Then there will be more recovery and rehabilitation. We pray God's wisdom and guidance for successful procedures, skill, and competence of Doug's medical team involved in his recovery and healing. Our family greatly appreciates your prayers. From Annette & Wes King.
- Update: Genny Heuer's cancer test came back clear, and she is doing much better. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Update: Kemper Davis, cousin of Jimmy Sharp, died. We pray for Jimmy and the extended family.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.
- Update: Thank you for your prayers for our brother-in-law, Craig. His bypass surgery went well, and he is recovering nicely at home. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Update: Please continue prayers for our friend, Carlos, and his battle against cancer. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Please pray for my brother Randy and his wife, Ellyn. Please help heal Elly's eyes and help her to see better. Pray that Randy, Elly and I get to spend time together. From Jodi.

- Bong, Alan & Judy Hutchison's daughter's brother-in-law is in ICU on a ventilator and appreciates prayers. From Judy Hutchison.
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.
- 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.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Maggie Lamus
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Ashley Tomlin
- Larry O'Donnell
- Florence Day
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Wes King
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde 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
- 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.

482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863
Desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

Joachim Neander, 1680

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Descant

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
 reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
 dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

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prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His
 health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.
 tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some dotted rhythms. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

here be-low; Praise *Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;

The second system continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

* Or "God."

O for a Closer Walk with God

DALEHURST CM

Arthur Cottman, 1874

William Cowper, 1772

1. O for a clos-er walk with God, A calm and heaven-ly frame,
 2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes - sen - ger of rest!
 3. The dear-est i - dol I have known, What - e'er that i - dol be,
 4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;

A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!
 I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.
 Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly Thee.
 So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

Alternate tune: CAITHNESS, 396