

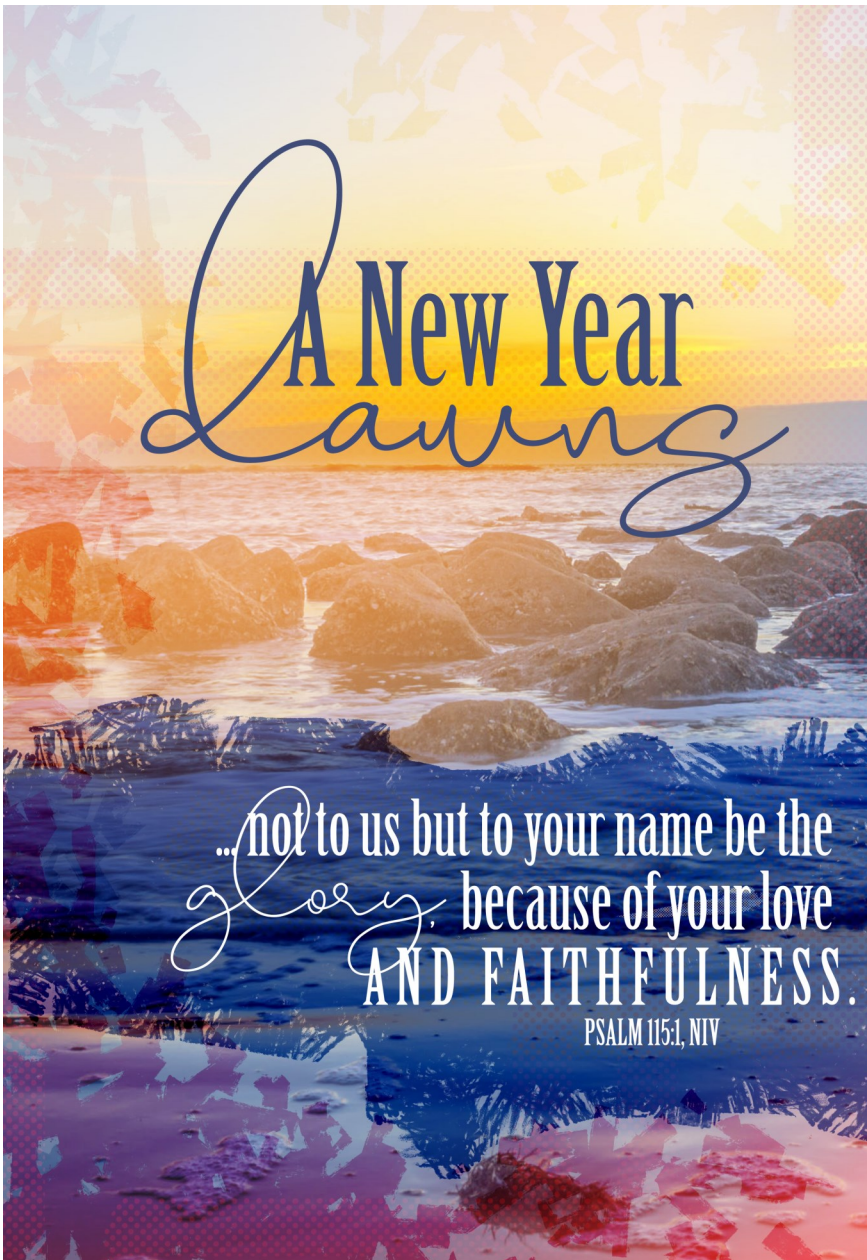
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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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**The Carillon
January 2024**

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

... you will be called by
a new name that the mouth
of the LORD will bestow.

ISAIAH 62:2, NIV

Our Source of Light

January 6 marks the day of Epiphany, when the wise men (who were Gentiles) came to worship Jesus and bring him gifts. During the church-year season of Epiphany, we remember that God's Son is the Light of the whole world.

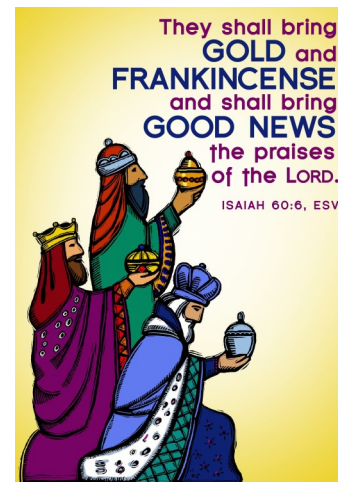
Ponder the gifts of Epiphany with these two reflections, written centuries apart:

Your light, dear God, surpasses all other light, because all light comes from you. Your fire surpasses all fire, because your fire alone burns without destroying. The flames of your fire reach into the soul, consuming the sin and selfishness that lie there. But far from damaging the soul, your fire sets it ablaze with love. What moved you to enlighten me with your truth? The fire of your love was the reason. You loved me so much that you could not bear to see me confused and perplexed. Can I ever repay the burning love which you have given me? No, because I have nothing of my own to give. Yet you assure me that the love which you put into my soul is repayment enough. You desire only the joy of seeing me receiving your gift. What more perfect Father could there be!

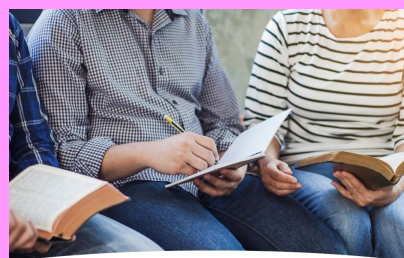
—Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)

Epiphany beckons us to come to the light of Jesus Christ. Epiphany calls us to stare into that light until our inner darkness is fully expunged. Epiphany then sends us out into a dark and weary world as women and men with shining faces, until we say with the apostle Paul, "It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" [see 2 Corinthians 4:6].

—Jason Gaboury, campus minister in New York City



Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 11:30 am, in Calvin Lounge, weather permitting . We will be studying lesson five in our study book. Marilyn Nalbach will serve as hostess. Sack lunches are optional. All women are welcome.



Priscilla Circle
WOMEN'S GROUP AT FPCE

The Greater Everett
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

It Starts With Me...

Not A Commemoration, It's A Continuation

SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAY
JAN 14
Sunday Service
1st Presbyterian Church of
Everett
3pm - 5pm

MONDAY
JAN 15
March & Rally
Everett Memorial Stadium
to Carl Gipson Center
11am - 2pm



Library Update - January 2024

Welcome 2024! If you are considering personal goals for the new year, here's a suggestion...

...become a continuing or new participant in the Thursday afternoon Zoom Bible study.

The first topic for the new year is the ever-intriguing and challenging story of *Job*. On our shelves are several books that may be of interest whether or not you are able to join the weekly pastor-led Bible discussions.

Like each of the books of the Bible, *Job* has its own Dewey number: 223.1. This places commentaries on *Job* in the biblical order of other commentaries, that is right after *Esther* and just before *Psalms*.

For example:

The Gospel According to Job by Mike Mason 223.106 Mas

The Betrayal of God: Ideological Conflict in Job by David Penchansky 223.1 Pen

Why Me? A Doctor Looks at the Book of Job by Diane M. Komp 223.106 Kim

The Message: Job: Led by Suffering to the Heart of God by Eugene Peterson 223.10 Pet

Not enthusiastic about *Job*? For a new book on a totally different subject, try *Verified: How to Think Straight, Get Duped Less, and Make Better Decisions about what to Believe Online*. Published just this year, it has already earned many laudatory reviews. In 266 pages, including index and bibliography, authors Mike Caulfield and Sam Wineburg offer prolific, specific, and often entertaining illustrations to make their points.

Caulfield, research scientist at the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public, has taught thousands of students and teachers how to verify online claims. Co-author Wineburg founded the Stanford History Education Group with its award-winning curriculum on digital literacy. Our copy will reside at 025.42 Cau.

For other choices, visit the Burgundy Bookmobile in Westminster Hall before or after worship. Or better yet, find a few moments to browse the shelves of the library on the first floor by the church office. You may be surprised by what treasures you find.

As always, please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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Winter is here!

Please be sure to visit our inclement weather webpage for information on scheduled church activities should we experience any adverse weather conditions.

[www.firstpreschurch.com/
advisories](http://www.firstpreschurch.com/advisories)

The residents of Bethany at Silver Lake thank the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church for their wonderful donations to their Residents Market. With the donations, residents were able to select an item and choose a wonderful wrapping paper to create a special gift for a loved one.

- From Teresa Good.

Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan

The United Presbyterian Church of North America began its mission in the Indian sub-continent in 1854 with evangelism, medical work, and education. Mission workers in the Sialkot area (part of present-day Punjab in Pakistan) focused their efforts in areas where the people were extremely poor.

In 1972, the government nationalized all Urdu medium schools and colleges in the Punjab Province. Over the period of time, the quality of education imparted in the nationalized schools deteriorated. In 1998, Presbyterian Education Board received back some of those schools from the government. The Education Board manages 25 schools and four boarding houses. The struggle to provide educational opportunities, promote equality, and work for justice continues to be a challenge in all the schools operated by the education board.

Our vision is to provide high quality education that addresses the needs of all individuals in mind, body and spirit within an environment that embodies the core values of self-esteem, self-confidence, self-discipline, integrity, tolerance and respect for others, fairness and justice in all of our dealings. Those served by the PEB are empowered and enabled to deepen their faith and their sense of community in order to have a spirit of service and quality of character that enables them to contribute to positive changes in society as citizens-leaders in their community, their church, their country and the world.

We offer this education to individuals of all religious backgrounds, regardless of their ability to pay, who choose to come to missionary institutions to receive high quality education fully informed by missionary values.

Your Mission Committee has sent funding for Scholarships at PEB schools.





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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

ANNUAL MEETING

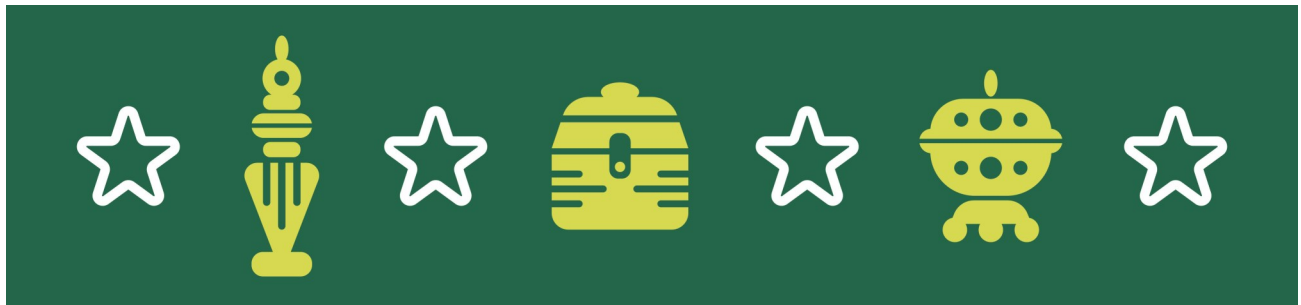
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024
AFTER WORSHIP

MEETING IN SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.
COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.

REMINDER: Submissions for the 2023 Annual Report are due by January 5, 2024 . Please submit to Pastor Alan at : dorway@firstpreschurch.com

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.



Thursday Bible Study is on break until January 18th. We will begin a new study on Job through March 21st.



JANUARY 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:

1/16 Evan & Sara Roberts

Birthdays:

1/2 Ken Newman
 1/4 Shakayla May
 1/5 Elizabeth Campbell
 1/5 Kari Nupen
 1/5 Mary Tonn
 1/7 Jered Fowler
 1/8 Joan Lyderson
 1/15 Michael Clemans
 1/21 Helen Greer
 1/22 Tony Tysseling
 1/23 Edwin Pearson
 1/25 Marian Long
 1/25 Judy Oberg
 1/26 Lianne Kniest
 1/28 Kory Kanter

Special Dates in January
• New Year's Day, January 1, 2024
• Epiphany, January 6, 2024
• Baptism of the Lord, January 7, 2024
• Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15, 2024
• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 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:

January 14, 2024

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



We donated 3,630 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in 2023. Great job!

Our next drive-through collection is Monday, January 8, 2024 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.

Upcoming 2024 Donation Dates:

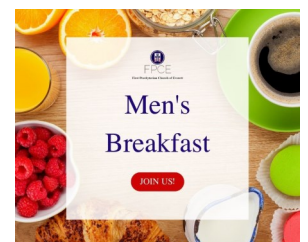
February 12, 2024

March 4, 2024

April 8, 2024

Men's Breakfast – January 13th

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, January 13th from 8:30 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 Wednesdays in 2024

Scrabble resumes in January on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on January 3rd and January 17th from 1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE.

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

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



Sunday, January 7th Worship & Adult Sunday School

On Sunday, January 7th, we are grateful to have Rev. Jonna Reeder preach and guide worship for us!

She will also be leading our adult Sunday school hour sharing about her ministry with refugees in our area.

Jonna is a pastor, missionary, and friend of our congregation and we look forward to the word she will bring us.





*Lunch
with
Alan*

**Mondays
12-1 p.m.
Library**

Lunch with Alan is on holiday break. We will resume on Monday, January 8th.

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Elizabeth Nelson	Steve Hammond	Marne Larson
Debbie Roberts	Jamie Hunter	Steve Ulvestad
Roy Yates	Jan Weakley	John Gebert

Deacons

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Sonya Beardsley	Susan Davis	Lisa Comstock
Amy Farnham	Ed Pearson	Bob Barren
Mike Davis	Doris Pearson	Joan Lyderson

