

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

December 6, 2020



Prelude – *Sing We Now of Christmas* – Arr Bish          Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell – Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome – Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship – Psalm 85:8-13

One: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**All: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**All: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

One: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

All: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Hymn – *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night #20*

1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are.  
2. Watch-man, tell us of the night, High-er yet that star as-cends.  
3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, See that glo - ry - beam-ing star.  
Trav - eler, bless-ed - ness and light, Peace and truth its course por - tends.  
Trav - eler, dark-ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter - ror are with-drawn.

Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore - tell?  
Watch-man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Watch-man, let your wan - derings cease; Has - ten to your qui - et home.

Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, Prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
Trav-eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is cōme!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night #20". It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system contains three verses. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The third system contains three lines of lyrics. The fourth system contains three lines of lyrics. The fifth system contains three lines of lyrics. The sixth system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a standard hymn style with a clear vocal melody and a supporting piano accompaniment.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today we relight the candle of hope. *Light the Hope Candle*

Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. *Light the Peace Candle*

This is the candle of peace. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” —Isaiah 9:6-7

From the Gospel of John:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”—John 14:27

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord’s birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.**

Scripture –

Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon –

*Peace Cries Out*

## **Communion**

*Today we participate in communion together. Please take a moment to organize some bread and juice for you and your family. We will follow the liturgy with Pastor Alan. When he breaks the bread, so will you. When the cup is blessed, so will yours. Then we will share in the Lord’s Supper together.*



## Invitation to The Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). This is the table Jesus prepared. All are invited. All are welcome. All will find peace and rest.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn – *A Communion Hymn for Christmas*

**140** **A Communion Hymn for Christmas**  
*Proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. I Cor. 11:26*  
*Unison*

The musical score is written for unison in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in columns between the staves.

1. Gath-ered round Your ta - ble on this ho - ly eve,  
2. Prince of Glo - ry, gra - cing Heav'n ere time be - gan,  
3. Beth-lehem's In - car - na - tion, Cal - vary's bit - ter cross,  
4. With pro - found - est won - der we Your bo - dy take -  
5. Christ-mas Babe so ten - der, Lamb who bore our blame,

View - ing Beth - lehem's sta - ble we re - joice and grieve;  
Now for us em - brac - ing death as Son of Man;  
Wrought for us sal - va - tion by Your pain and loss;  
Laid in man - ger yon - der, bro - ken for our sake;  
How shall sin - ners ren - der, prais - es due Your name?

Joy to see You ly - ing in Your man - ger bed,  
By Your birth so low - ly, by Your love so true,  
Now we fall be - fore You in this ho - ly place,  
Hushed in ad - o - ra - tion we ap - proach the cup -  
Do Your own good plea - sure in the lives we bring;

Weep to see You dy - ing in our sin - ful stead.  
By Your cross most ho - ly, Lord, we wor-ship You!  
Pros-trate we a - dore You, for Your gift of grace.  
Beth-lehem's pure ob - la - tion free-ly of - fered up.  
In Your ran - somed trea - sure reign for-ev - er King! A - men.

TEXT: Margaret Clarkson  
MUSIC: Tom Fetteke

GREENRIDGE  
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## The Communion of the Saints

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

As we celebrate the newness of this season – waiting to see how the Christ will appear in our world. Our story tells us that the Christ child whose birth we anticipate will one day sit at tables with strangers and friends, building relationships filled with love and grace.

We see this as he fed the multitude, turned water into wine, and ate with dear ones the night before his death. For hope that we begin to see, and for comfort from the Prince of Peace, we share our gratitude, Gracious God.

We honor Jesus. The Christ. Emmanuel – God with us.  
Light of the World. The Word of Life.  
He is our hope, our peace, our joy, and our love.  
May the Spirit bless us and these elements as we remember him.

Our 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 you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

*Communion is served and shared*

## Prayer

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send

us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Singing of the Lord's Prayer      Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

## Benediction

Hymn – *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* #38

Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849      Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,  
3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, Whose forms are bend-ing low,  
4. For lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph-et bards fore - told,

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:  
And still their heav-en-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:  
Who toil a - long the climb-ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,  
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all - gra - cious King":  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ering wing,  
Look now! for glad and gold-en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:  
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still-ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.  
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless-ed an - gels sing.  
O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing.  
And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Postlude – *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* – Saint Saens      Gary Norris, Organist

## Announcements

*Today we continue our Sunday School Class on Advent! Pastor Alan will be leading a study on **The Journey** a DVD teaching series from Adam Hamilton beginning at noon. This is a modern look at the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We have a new Zoom link below.*

Advent Coffee and Study Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87538650879?pwd=eVNrbUxxRGRWcWVGa2Z0ZFVFafFc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 875 3865 0879

Passcode: 046421

- Virtual Coffee Time at 11:30am today! Use the link above to join for a relaxed time of greeting and talking to each other.
- Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan this week is on Tuesday at 12pm.
- We have a Zoom Bible Study this Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. We will be looking at Isaiah 11:1-10.
- We will have another food drive for the Volunteers of America on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm.

*Sam and Rose Capetillo want to thank everyone for upholding our family in your prayers at the sorrowful time. Thank you for the calls, cards, e-mails we can feel all the love. What a wonderful church we belong to. Love you all*

## Prayer Updates December 6, 2020

- Update from Marilee Richards, her grandson, Cody Richards, is back home safely stationed in the US. Thank you for your prayers!
- We continue to pray for peace and calm for Bev Fox. Good news, meds have worked and there are plans to have her moved back to her care facility. We pray for Florence, Pete, and Jeanie during this time.
- Prayers for Sam and Rose Capetillo and their family as their son Kristopher died. We lift them up during this difficult time.
- Prayers for our incarcerated friend Jessie who has tested positive for COVID. He and others are being isolated as they heal.
- Judy Campbell thanks us for prayers for her daughter Mary and grandchildren, Joe and Kailee McBride. All tested positive for COVID-19, but are now negative.



- Roy Gresham received good news as his Lymphoma has not spread, but is localized. He is doing well and anticipates five more rounds of chemotherapy. We are grateful for this news and continue to pray for Carol and Roy.
- Prayers for Benny Romana as she recovers from pancreatic surgery. She is resting at home.
- Prayers for Jay Kuhnhenh's mom who has breast cancer. She is having tests to determine treatment.
- Marilyn Minch had surgery for her broken wrist and is home healing. Thank you for continued prayers from Shirley Solberg and Marilyn.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel. She finished her chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer and received a clear CT scan and her blood work showed no sign of cancer. Now she will get CT scans every 3 months. Jan is feeling healthy and very thankful! From Judy and Clyde Pitcher
- Pray for Susan Finkbinder, she is a co-worker of my daughter and was taken to the hospital in serious condition - Thank you Judy Hutchison
- Prayers for Marilee Richard's family. Her sister-in-law died after battling cancer.
- Prayers for Clyde and Judy Pitcher. Clyde is home recovering.
- Update: Patsy Stanley passed Nov. 24th. We thank you for your thoughts and prayers. From Bob and Barbara Barren
- Prayers for Mike Gresham, his family is moving to Colorado soon. From Carol and Roy Gresham
- Thank you for praying for my sister-in-law, Nicole as she continues her chemotherapy.
- Update on Leslie Sutin's nephew Jason. He is no longer in need of a liver transplant. The new medication is working. Praise God and we continue to pray.
- Pray for Lisa Comstock's Aunt Mary and Uncle Len. Mary had a surgery and was in the hospital for longer than expected. She is now home. However, Len fell and is in the hospital with a broken elbow, cuts and swelling on his face.
- Update: Tim and MaryAnne LeCompte. MaryAnne is slowly recovering from her stroke and is in long term rehab – Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Gregg DeSchepper died. Terrie appreciates continued prayers. – from Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Our daughter Jessica Rozal completed chemo and started radiation. Thank you for your prayers and support – from Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Marilee Richards' friend Kim. Kim has Covid-19 and is ill with underlying health problems.
- Update: Bonnie (Miller) Ronan is under home hospice care. Continued prayers for her pain management and comfort. No visitors. From Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell is doing well and has been home for several months now. He takes short walks and is working on a local history book. He appreciates our continued prayers – from Annette King
- Update: Grandson Matt remains alcohol free nine months after his rehab graduation in November. Continued prayers are appreciated. – from Annette King.
- Prayers for Elizabeth Nelson with ongoing health issues.



- Prayers for Maureen, Judy Hammond's mother. We lift up all families who are apart from each other. We pray for health, safety, and comfort.
- Celia Gordon asks for prayers as she begins cancer treatment again.
- Jim White, prayers for cancer recovery from Celia Gordon.
- Prayers for Stephanie, daughter of Renee Lambert, for Crohn's related surgery and her hospitalization three times in the last month – from Diane Preston

#### Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
  - Dorothy Nerison
  - Rev. Ed Coon
  - Merle Kirkley
  - Family of Letty Ownings
  - Family of Prince Schaefer
  - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
  - Jay Kuhnhenh
  - Peggy Ulvestad
  - Judy Oberg
  - Judy Campbell
  - Jan Weakley
  - Family of Maurine Murray
- Bev Fox
- Hugh Minor
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Jay Gano – Jan Weakley
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Bonnie (Miller) Ronan – Annette King.
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- 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.

- Don and Joan Lyderson
- Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister
- Dale and Janet Good