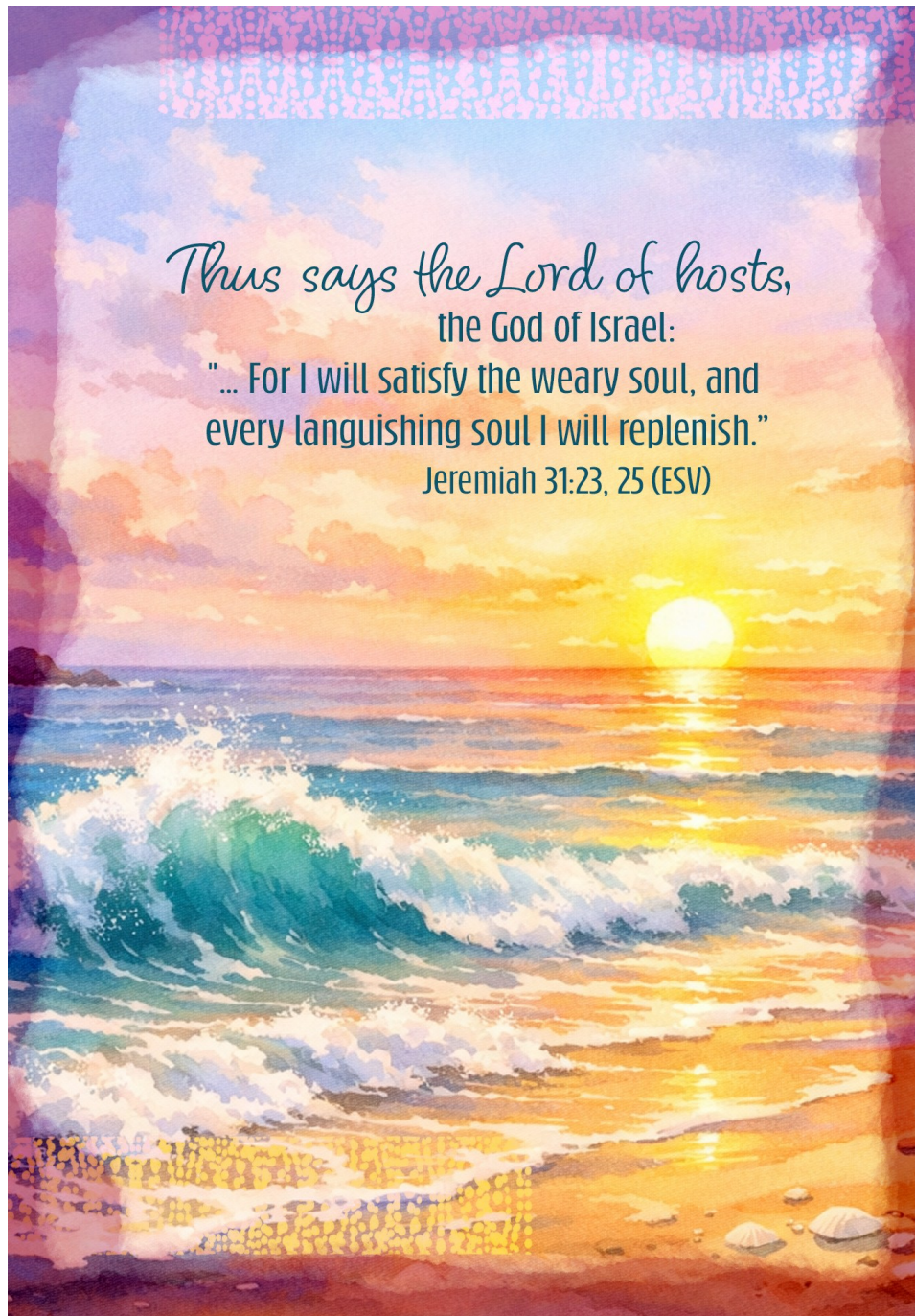


First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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*Thus says the Lord of hosts,
the God of Israel:*

*"... For I will satisfy the weary soul, and
every languishing soul I will replenish."*

Jeremiah 31:23, 25 (ESV)



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**The Carillon
May 2026**

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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Worship - Sundays at 10 a.m.



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join our worship livestream, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the FPCE Facebook page. 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>. Worship services can also be viewed on our You Tube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Please note: There are times when Facebook and/or YouTube will mute parts of a worship recording that they deem to be infringing on copyright protections. To see the service online, uninterrupted, you'll need to watch the live broadcast.

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

Adult Sunday School Returns to The Chosen

Adult Sunday School is reviewing the eight episodes of season 4 of The Chosen, a dramatization of the Gospel narratives of Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection that focuses on Jesus' closest followers during His ministry on earth.

This focus is on the early roots of Christ's Church. Season 4 shows Jesus' increasingly clear declaration of Himself as God's Son on earth, as well as the growing maturation of the faith of the 12 disciples in preparation to assume their roles as Apostles of Christ's Church.

The Chosen is a remarkable film series that is both true to the Biblical accounts but also imaginatively portrays the stories of Jesus' earliest followers in a manner that vividly dramatizes both the human side of the disciples' experience and the historical context of Jesus' earthly ministry.

By the time of season four (we have, over the last three years, reviewed the seasons 1-3), the disciples have been following Jesus for a year or more. Jesus is now heading to Jerusalem for what He knows will be the final chapter of his earthly ministry.

Join us to watch and share impressions of the portrayal and implications for our Christian journeys. If you have joined us previously for viewing of The Chosen, you know how engaging the series is. If you're new to The Chosen, you can join us now and benefit greatly. We'd love to have you join us!



2026 Budget Update

\$242,474	Total pledged for 2026 (50 Pledges)
\$ 79,945	Year-to-date receipts (33% of pledge total)
-\$101,588	Planned deficit
+\$ 26,522	Year-to-date deficit reduction

As you can see, we are doing well through the first quarter of 2026. We have kept up with our pledged giving and managed our planned deficit. Let's keep up the good work.

**A Prayer for Those Without
by Bob Barren**

Who do we care for?
Who is in our fold?
We extend the hand of friendship
to all that we meet.

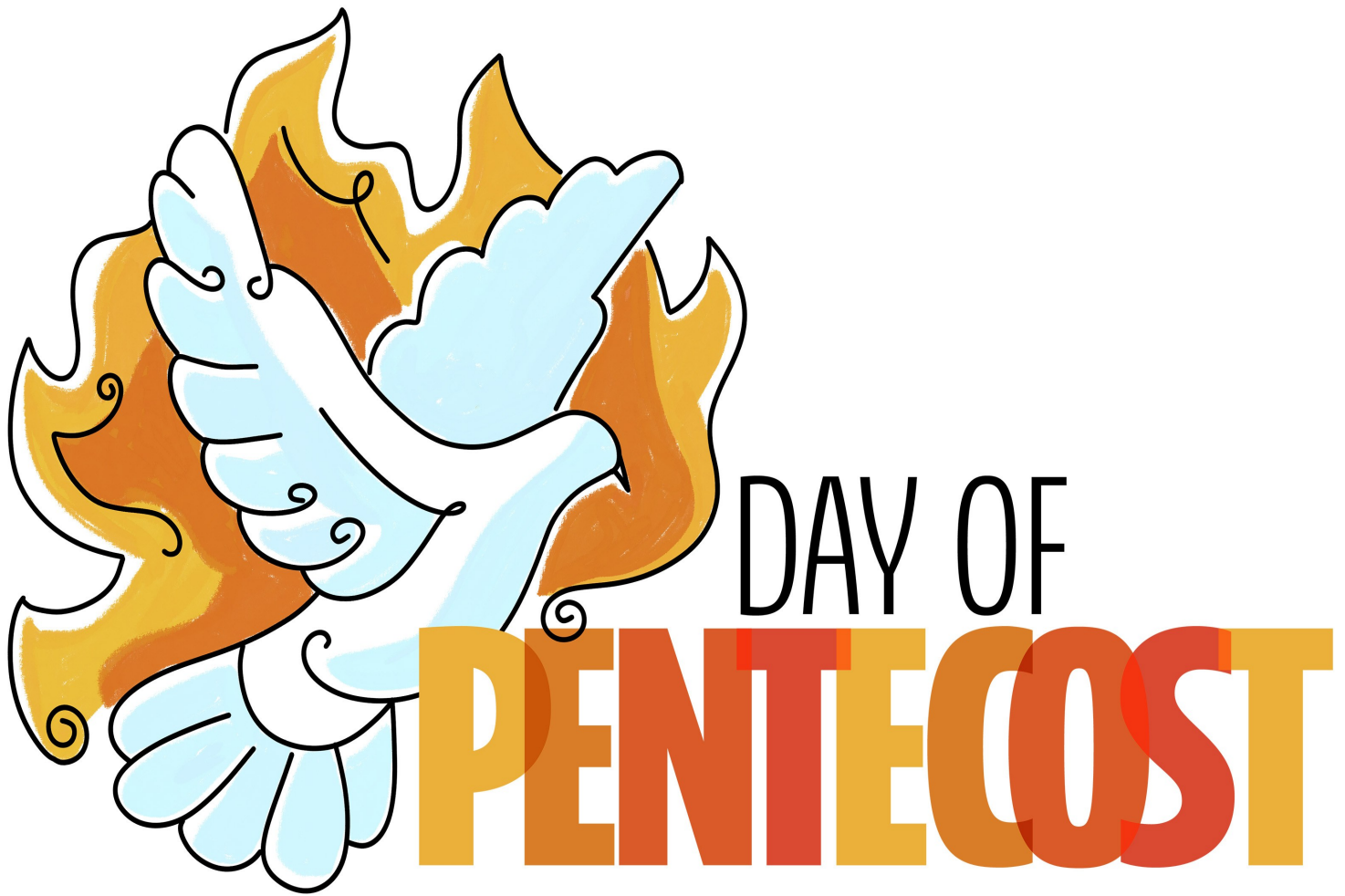
A golden sun surrounds
the believers in our midst.
We bask in the glory
of the love that Christ emits.

Not all see that light,
the sun of Glory in our hearts.
At times it is the right call
to let their path diverse.

For if not the one we take
It is the path that they are on.
They are protected by our Lord.
They are protected by the son.

Their inner battles control them.
They separate from us and search.
We try to make them welcome.
But must let their paths diverge.

Amen



Save the Date!

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, we are worshipping outdoors at the Snohomish County Campus plaza.

We will be joining with the First Baptist Church and the United Church of Christ for a meaningful time as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

More information to follow.



Announcements:

Eyeglass Donations

A BIG "THANK YOU!" to all of you who have donated eyeglasses to the Lions Club box here at the church over the years. Last week, we provided 21 pairs that will offer the hope of improved vision to people in need. It's spring cleaning time. If you find old eyeglasses, readers, sunglasses or even hearing aids that you no longer need, put them in the Lions Club box on the table near the Welcome Booth. You can help people with improved vision and hearing around the world.

In Memory

Jan Pitcher Geibel died peacefully, surrounded by family on Monday, April 20. The extended Pitcher family wants to thank everyone for faithfully praying for Jan during her journey with cancer. Jan felt the support of prayer and was able to pray the Lord's Prayer shortly before her death. We continue to pray for the family during this time.

Men's Breakfast

Don't miss the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 9 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study. We hope to see you!

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle's next meeting will be on Monday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter nine in our study book and be having a potluck lunch. All women are welcome. We will not meet during the summer—meetings will resume in September.

Scrabble

Join us May 6 and May 20 at 1p.m. in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Northwest Coast Presbytery Meeting

We are hosting the Northwest Coast Presbytery Meeting here on May 20-21! This is a huge honor and we need volunteers. We need 5 volunteers for Wednesday, May 20 and 10 volunteers for Thursday, May 21. We will be hosting, so our volunteering tasks will be to provide coffee, treats, make sure people know where rooms/bathrooms are, and help with catered lunches. If you are able to help, please sign up at the Welcome Booth or talk with Pastor Alan.

Book Group Update—Submitted by Shirley Solberg

May's Book Group discussion will be on the fourth Monday, May 25, even though that date falls on Memorial Day.

After several nonfiction titles, we return to fiction, specifically Bruce Holsinger's *The Displacements*. I took the liberty of choosing this one because a 10-book set was available and the time was not yet right for one of our other prospective titles.

Holsinger's story begins in southern Miami where a looming category 6 hurricane requires a mass evacuation on very short notice. It is a family story, a disaster story, as well as a "gripping, full-throttle page turner... a provocative story of human dignity, human indignity, and the deeper meanings of home" according to Miranda Cowley Heller.

For us it's a definite change of pace, one I hope one we will all enjoy. The 10 Everett Public Library copies are available to sign out in our church library.

Firm decisions on books for coming months are in progress.

Thus:

May 25

The Displacements

Bruce Holsinger

[We'll gather on our familiar Zoom link](#) as usual at 10 a.m. on May 25.

Questions?

Shirley Solberg

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Library Update—Submitted by Shirley Solberg

Books are added to our library as they arrive and appear first on the display shelves in the main library by the church office.

There is also a rotating assortment on the “Burgundy Bookmobile” by the Welcome Center on the church’s fourth floor. These are available for browsing during coffee hour. They are chosen to complement current classes and seasons. Requests for specific titles or topics are most welcome-- they will appear on the bookmobile as available.

A recent acquisition is **Brian Doyle’s *The Mink River* (Fic Doy)**.

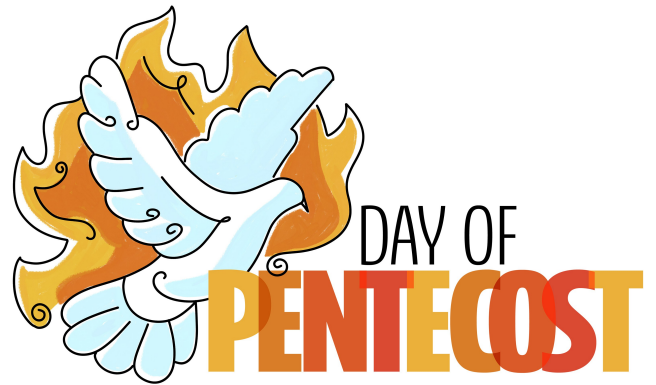
[Check our online catalog](#) or contact me for information: shirley.solberg@icloud.com.



**From the Organ Bench: Come Celebrate Pentecost: God's Spirit at Work THEN;
God's Spirit at work NOW**

The urgent issue of our time is raised by an event of a time long past known as **Pentecost**, described in Acts 2. We will celebrate Pentecost in song and in Scripture on **Sunday, May 24.**

As you prepare and gather for worship, just imagine the scene of that first Pentecost gathering. It was unparalleled in history when people from 151 nations, and seven nationalities gathered in Jerusalem! One observer who came upon this remarkable scene declared, "*It took my breath away.*"



There was a kind of Pentecostal event seen/experienced in Chicago at Soldier's Field in 1954 at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC), when some 50,000 Christians from around the world gathered for a Festival of Faith. It included Second Assembly leaders and delegates, adults and youth from our own Presbyterian Church (USA). Today the WCC represents 580 million Christians from 120 nations and 352 member churches. They are Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, and some independent churches.

Most of us will not participate in such an international gathering. However, right here, right now, we can enter this Pentecost celebration in prayer and song opening ourselves to that same breath of God that will "fill us with life anew."

Who, me? Here and now? Have I forgotten that **I am** a part of that universal company of God's family, that I/we affirm in the Apostle's Creed?

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church"

While we can't go back in time, through our hymns we can embrace the promise of Pentecost today amidst our divisions, distractions and diversions, and destructive behaviors.

Hymn #128, "On Pentecost They Gathered," is a PENTECOSTAL HYMN written by fellow Presbyterian and beloved PW national leader, the late Jane Parker Huber.

Let these words in verse 3 find a lodging in your heart:

"God pours the Holy Spirit
On all *who would believe*,
On women, men, and children Who **would God's grace receive.**
That Spirit knows no limit, Bestowing life and power.

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God's Spirit at Work THEN; God's Spirit at work NOW

The closing hymn, #316, will be a prayer for our church. We will share the first stanza in the plural:

“Breathe on **us**, breath of God, fill **us** with life anew.”

And the other stanzas as written in the singular:

“Breathe on **me**.”

For those who would like a copy of our blue hymn book for your devotions and your preparation for worship, please see me after the service. I have a complimentary copy for you.

~Gary Norris Organist





APRIL 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 Alfrejd
- 5/20 Max Scoringe
- 5/31 Elizabeth Nelson

Special Dates in May:

- National Day of Prayer, May 7
- Mother's Day, May 10
- Ascension of the Lord, May 14
- Armed Forces Day, May 16
- Victoria Day [Canada], May 18
- Day of Pentecost, May 24
- Memorial Day, May 25
- Trinity Sunday, May 31

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 17

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



Our next in-person collection is Sunday, May 3.

Find additional information in the worship bulletin.

Thank you for your donations.

My MOM is...



Her children
arise & call her
blessed; her husband
also, & he praises her.

Proverbs 31:28, NIV

LOVE:



MEMORIAL DAY

We Remember. We Honor. We Give Thanks.

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Randy Fehlhaber	Judy Campbell	Emily Alfrejd
Susan Lynn	David Baer-Peckham	Katherine Campbell
Kari Nupen	Terry Walker	Danielle Fowler

Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Rose Capetillo	Susan Davis	Joan Lyderson
Sam Capetillo	Judy Hammond	Malia Mantz
Mike Davis	Marilee Richards	Lisa Villevik

