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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

# The Carillon

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**The Carillon**  
**March 2022**

**Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:**

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship

11:00 am - Fellowship

12:00 pm - Adult Sunday School

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**Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am**



**W O R S H I P**

**F I R S T  
P R E S B Y T E R I A N  
C H U R C H O F  
E V E R E T T**

*God's beacon on the hill, radiating Christ's  
love in worship, growth and service.*

If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10:00am on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10:00am 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public)

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

**REMINDER** - Masks must be worn in our church facility.

## Off the Wall

Oh my gosh, put the chocolate away, it's Lent. That thought filters through my head every year as we approach Lent. Actually, I try to eat all of the chocolate in the house rather than hide it. But no matter, I, like many during the Christian season of Lent, find 'things' to give up.



A strict definition of Lent is "the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. In Western churches, it begins on Ash Wednesday (this year, March 2<sup>nd</sup>). During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully."

Or as we commonly know, Lent is the downer time when we give up caffeine or chocolate until Easter.

I hope you know, while I and our church support fasting and the removing of idols in our lives during the Lenten season, our goal is to prepare our hearts for Easter. We advocate adding spiritual disciplines to your life to grow rather than starve our faith (see the scriptural reading Read, Pray, Love). Yes, I do contemplate giving desserts up or fasting from social media, but I also know committing to devotions, prayer, learning, or another discipline to deepen my faith is just as important. Which leads me to our Lenten theme, Turn to Jesus. We could say return to Jesus, but during Advent, in the middle of a random Christmas music set online, the song, *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* began to play. The chorus is "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace."

Yes, this is a fine hymn for Advent, but as I reviewed the verses (full text at the end of this article) and thought about the chorus, I decided it would be the basis of our Lenten theme. The story behind the song is amazing as well. Helen Lemmel penned the song after being inspired by a poem by Lilias Trotter. Lilias was a developing artist and received many positive reviews on her art. Yet, she felt a call by God to witness to the people in Algeria in Northern Africa. Lily left what many considered a promising career and life to serve the people in Algeria for God. There she continued to paint and write. One morning, inspired by the rising sun on a dandelion, she wrote a poem *Focused: A Story and a Song*. Two decades later, Helen Lemmel was inspired by this poem to write the song/hymn *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*. Interesting enough, Helen, ten years younger than Lily and both from England, was a singer, and her career too was taking off. However, she developed a medical condition where she began to lose her eyesight. Her husband abandoned her after this news, but rather than give up, Helen retired to Seattle where she continued to sing and write songs, even though blind, expressing her faith.

Both strong women remind us that when our lives are focused on Jesus, we experience life through the lens of true love and grace. Life is full of ups and downs. We have gifts and talents. We make choices that lead in various directions. We love and have our hearts broken. We experience incredible joys and are dulled by pain. Yet, when we turn our eyes and the eyes of our heart, on Jesus, when we focus on what is true and just, full of grace and mercy, when we let the trappings of this world just be and give our lives over to the leading of Jesus, then we find and experience God's love surrounding us and inviting us to life with him.

I hope you join in this year's Lenten journey. We will explore what it means to turn to Jesus, to realign and define our lives by focusing on Jesus, and how our life-long discipleship can lead us to and through places as we walk with Jesus. We may never have imagined we would be 'here' or thought we could not go 'there', but when we turn to Jesus, his way can be the adventure and the journey we never expected but are excited to follow none the less.

To help us focus, maybe we need to give up chocolate and coffee. Maybe we need to decrease our television watching or put down social media. However, if we just give up things and do not shift our focus, then Easter will be joyous, but we may not change. I invite you to read God's word daily. I ask you to be quiet for a

## Off the Wall (continued from page 3)

moment and pray to Jesus. I challenge you to make our first action to seek the Holy Spirit and then act. As we focus on Jesus, our lives will change and Lent will not be a downer season, but one of marked growth toward the joy of Easter.

Peace, *Alan*

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* – Helen Lemmel

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

*Refrain:*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—  
For more than conqu'rors we are!
3. His Word shall not fail you—He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell!

Haiku from Susan Davis:

**Jesus blesses us.  
What is less is really more:  
“less” is inside of “b’less!”**

Check out these references for more information on the impressive women behind the hymn:  
[A Story & A Song\\* | Liliias Trotter \(wordpress.com\)](#)  
[Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Inspiring Story of this Hymn's Origin — Jen Miskov](#)

## READ, PRAY, LOVE

Week	Psalm	OT	NT
February 20	Psalm 25	Exodus 16	John 10:1-21
February 27	Psalm 30	Exodus 20	Matthew 13
March 6	Psalm 32	Leviticus 16	Mark 8
March 13	Psalm 34	Leviticus 25	Luke 16
March 20	Psalm 40	Deuteronomy 6	John 13
March 27	Psalm 42	Deuteronomy 19	Matthew 25
April 3	Psalm 46	Joshua 24	Mark 11
April 10	Psalm 51	Ruth	Luke 23
April 17	Psalm 57	1 Samuel 3	John 20
April 24	Psalm 61	1 Samuel 16	Acts 2

## New: Online Giving

Our church website and app are great ways to stay in touch with our community. You can listen to sermons, read our weekly worship guides and The Carillon, see upcoming events and important announcements, and more. **And now, we have added a new online giving option.**

Our staff has been working with our website provider (Subsplash) to add their online giving platform - Subsplash Giving - to our website and mobile app. We believe this platform will allow for quicker one-time gifts, support easier regular giving, and provide more transparent giving receipts.

It takes just a minute to set up and then just a few seconds each time you give. We encourage you to consider a recurring gift on a schedule. If you like to give weekly, you can set up a regular weekly giving schedule. If you prefer to give monthly, you can set up a regular monthly giving schedule. Your generous and consistent gifts are appreciated and vital to ministry in our community.

If you have not already downloaded our church app to your mobile device, we encourage you to do so. It's like having our church in the palm of your hand and allows you to give with just a tap on your screen. You can download our mobile app at <https://subsplash.com/thefirstpresbyterianchurch/app>

And remember, you can visit our website at [www.firstpreschurch.com/give](http://www.firstpreschurch.com/give) to give today.



## Special Dates:

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2022

Daylight saving time begins, March 13, 2022

First day of spring, March 20, 2022

## Library Update - March 2022

Your library marches on, pun intended, as we move through the first quarter of our fading “new year.” Days of note include Ash Wednesday; lion or lamb weather prognostications (at least as reliable as February’s groundhog); history and traditions surrounding St. Patrick’s Day; controversial semi-annual clock resetting ritual. These subjects appear somewhere in your library, especially in charming children’s books on the third floor. Drop in for a picture book or easy read to share with a grandchild.



For exact holdings check the online catalog at <https://firstpreschurch.com> ) or use the link below:  
<https://15781.rmwebopac.com> .

Some may be on the display shelves of the main library or the children’s / youth library on the third floor. Or let me know what you would like, and I will round it up and arrange a way for you to access your request.

March is also traditionally the windy month so of course we have books about wind! A few are:

*Lasso the Wind: Away to the New West*      Timothy Egan      978.2 Ega  
Author of *Pilgrimage to Eternity* writes about travels in the U.S. West, a windy region.

*Harvest the Wind: America’s Journey to Jobs, Energy Independence, and Climate Stability*      Philip Warburg      333.9 War  
Early steps in our move to employ the power of wind.

*Winds in the Woods: The Story of John Muir* John Stewart      J 333.7 Ste

Finally, a bit of housekeeping. Our computer program can send email notices to patrons but cannot receive responses. During the pandemic we haven’t been sending out notices for reasons easy to understand. With the building closed, it’s also understandable that you may have moved, forgotten about a book you had, or returned it without being able to put it in our marked locations for book returns; it may have bypassed the check-in process.

If your upcoming email should contain a notice about a book or DVD no longer in your possession, please let us know, using the phone number or email at the end of this page. We will double check the shelves and adjust the record. Surely no fines or penalties are contemplated.

If you receive one of our treasured email reminders, consider it a thank you for using the system, not a criticism for whatever may have gone astray in these strange times. We simply want to make sure our records match yours.

Shirley Solberg      425-501-1607 or 425-252-2706      [shirley.solberg@icloud.com](mailto:shirley.solberg@icloud.com)

## **Fourth Monday Book Group - March 2022**

Our monthly book group discussions continue virtually on Zoom for the time being. Upcoming selections listed below show our commitment to quality and variety. Choices originate with suggestions by attendees affirmed by the group and led by volunteers. Although there are no book sets for any of these particular books our hope is that with this much advance notice we can each find library copies, inexpensive used ones, or make arrangements to share with each other.



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Since March is Women's History Month, we are pleased to note how well our first selection fits this theme as we look forward to Pastor Alan's leadership in the discussion.

“...this spellbinding novel transforms history into a story as powerful as Exodus and as intimate as a lullaby. Sethe, its protagonist, was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but eighteen years later she still is not free... Sethe’s new home is haunted by the ghost of her baby... *Beloved* is a towering achievement by Nobel Prize laureate, Toni Morrison.” [from back cover]

**April 25**    *Like Falling Through a Cloud* Eugenia ZukermanLeader - Shirley Solberg

Nonfiction. This “lyrical memoir” of personal struggle with memory loss and aging is a unique, surprisingly upbeat, and engaging fast read by a noted flutist.

## **May 23      *The Lincoln Highway*      Amor Towles      Leader - David Dorway**

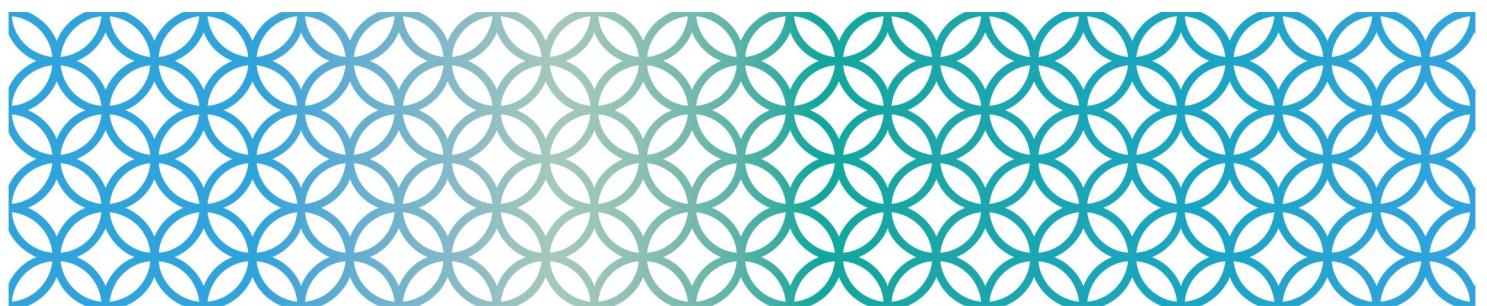
Back to fiction. This novel by the author of *Gentleman in Moscow* offers unforgettable characters in mind-bending relationships pursuing unexpected travels. “*The Lincoln Highway* has suspense, humor, philosophy, and a strong sense of time and place...” St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**June 27**      *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*      Clint Smith      Leader - George Lockeman

Clint Smith's graceful prose takes us to seven historical sites related to slavery: Monticello Plantation; Whitney Plantation; Angola Prison; Blandford Cemetery; Galveston Island; New York City; Goree Island. Of the account Ibram X. Kendi writes: "...frees history, frees humanity to reckon honestly with the legacy of slavery. We need this book."

Watch your email for the Zoom link; if you need to be added to (or deleted from) the email group please contact me. To take part, sign in at 10:00 a.m. Pacific time on the dates listed above.

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**Priscilla Circle** will meet on Monday, March 14, at 11:30 am, in Calvin Lounge. We will discuss chapter seven in our study book. All women are welcome . You may bring a sack lunch if desired. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.



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## Ash Wednesday Worship

You are invited to join us Wednesday March 2nd at 7pm for an Ash Wednesday worship service. We will livestream this service. Doors will open at 6:30pm for those who want to attend in person. During the service, communion will be celebrated and the sign of the cross with ashes will be offered.

Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is the 40-day journey (not including Sundays) to Easter. This is a season of reflection, penitence, prayer, and fasting as we contemplate our human nature and Jesus' amazing love toward us through his action on the cross.



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in the life of someone  
who deserves God's love and support.



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Learn more at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

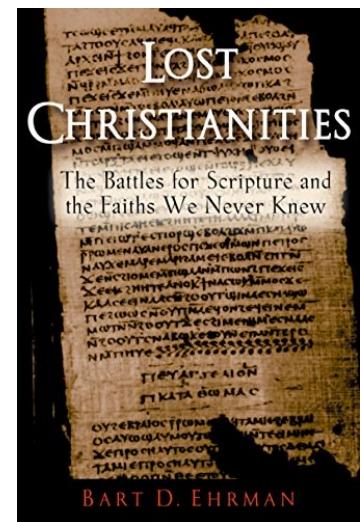
## Adult Sunday School: Lost Christianities in Hybrid Format

Our Adult Sunday school series continues with Lost Christianities from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom.

Lost Christianities is based on a series of recorded lectures by Professor Bart Ehrman of the University of North Carolina Department of Religious Studies. This course explores the remarkable diversity of beliefs and writings propounded by people who considered themselves to be Christians in the first few centuries AD.

We will hear about the many Christian writings of the first few centuries that were often fanciful and entertaining, but which did not end up being included in the New Testament canon of Scripture. Some of these writings were eventually considered to be harmless, but not to belong in the core canon of Scripture, while other writings were considered to be misleading and even dangerous to salvation. The course is a fascinating study of what we present-day Christians generally take for granted and what perhaps could have been if Christian history had taken another direction.

While in modern times there remain notable variations in belief and emphasis between different Christian sects and denominations, these differences pale compared to more radical differences in understanding of the Christian message in the earliest days of Christianity. Interestingly, many “new” interpretations of the Christian message are not new at all, but merely the return of old ideas that have been rejected previously as erroneous. On the other hand, there is also room within the Christian faith for new interpretation and growing understanding that remains within the bounds of what is considered orthodox.



## MARCH CELEBRATIONS!



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

Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (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 the future celebration listings):

### Anniversaries:

- 3/8 Eric & Mary Ann Chavis
- 3/10 Cindy Rowlands
- 3/11 Travis & Veronica Bacon
- 3/17 Rick & Barbara Johnson
- 3/21 Tom & Pat Erickson
- 3/23 Michael & Carolyn Goza

### Birthdays:

- 3/7 Gary Norris
- 3/8 Jaques May
- 3/9 Susan Lynn
- 3/10 Dottie Hawkins
- 3/14 Tyler Angell
- 3/17 Craig Bosman
- 3/17 Jack Striker
- 3/25 Susan Davis
- 3/26 Nancy Kniest



## E-Newsletter Submission Deadline

**\*Update: We are consolidating our 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletter into one mid month e-newsletter, sent on the second Monday. We'd love for you to share any news and updates for your church group.**

If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to:

[sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com)  
by the following deadline:

**March 10, 2022**

**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](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

**March 13, 2022**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE.**

# PUZZLE

## A wonderous washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

*Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.*

ETRCAE \_\_\_\_\_ out my transgressions (v. 1)

HSAW \_\_\_\_\_ away all my iniquity (v. 2)

RSEEROT \_\_\_\_\_ me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)

WNERE \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)

TLBO \_\_\_\_\_ your face from my sins (v. 9)

DIHE \_\_\_\_\_ out all my iniquity (v. 9)

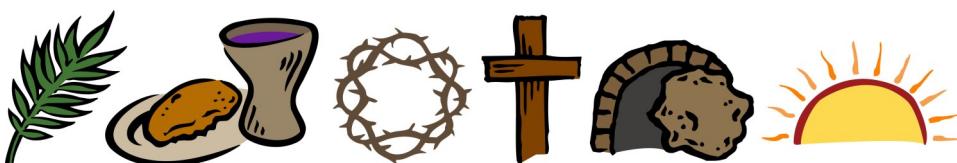
NATRG \_\_\_\_\_ in me a pure heart (v. 10)

LNSECAE \_\_\_\_\_ a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)

LBTO \_\_\_\_\_ to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)

WHSA \_\_\_\_\_ me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant



# One Parish One Prisoner

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## OPOP Update - 02.27.2022

January marks the two-year anniversary of our friendship with Jessie Osalde, our OPOP (One Parish, One Prisoner) partner. Jessie is doing incredibly well! Your FPCE OPOP team of Pastor Alan, Dottie Villesvik, Steve Hammond, John Gebert and Maureen Green continue to meet monthly (virtually) to have “coffee with Jessie” and continue to build our relationship and offer whatever support we can. Jessie has a very good job with Pallet Shelter, utilizing his drafting skills to design shelters that are being installed in cities all over the country to provide for the homeless. He has also demonstrated leadership and management skills and the company has flown him all over the country to help install their structures. He continues to pursue his education and by the end of spring quarter will have earned his associates degree. We have been, and continue to be blessed, by this growing relationship with an incredible young man.

TUESDAYS

NOON

VIRTUAL ON ZOOM

## LUNCH WITH ALAN



### Lunch with Alan

Prepare a lunch and sign on for a simple and fun opportunity to connect with one another. Lunch with Alan takes place Tuesdays at noon on Zoom.

See worship guide for Zoom meeting details.



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# STEWARDSHIP

# 2022

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# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## Ruling Elders

### **Class of 2022**

Marne Larson

Bill Grosse

John Gebert

### **Class of 2023**

Elizabeth Nelson

Debbie Roberts

Roy Yates

### **Class of 2024**

Steve Hammond

Jamie Hunter

Jan Weakley

## Deacons

### **Class of 2022**

Lisa Comstock

Bob Barren

Barbara Barren

### **Class of 2023**

Sonya Beardsley

Amy Farnham

Mike Davis

### **Class of 2024**

Susan Davis

Ed Pearson

Doris Pearson

