

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
October 12, 2025 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship Today! Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.	Nursery Care Supervised care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our nursery room on the 2 nd floor. Please pick up by 11:05 am or 10 minutes after service.
For our liturgy this morning, BOLD text invites all to join in the reading.	

Prelude *Antiphon – Young* Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome Lisa Villevik

Opening Prayer Steve Hammond

God of Grace and Glory, gather us now in your Spirit, nurturing us in faith, molding us in character and shaping us into the likeness of Christ. Give us humble hearts to see you, receptive hearts to hear you and hearts of faith to follow in your way. Because we have worshipped here, may we be led in way of love and justice after our Lord in whom we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship Steve Hammond

Let us praise God with our voices!
Let us honor God with our lives!
Let us magnify God with our love!
Let us serve God with our talents!
Let us thank the God with our gifts!
With one heart, mind, and spirit, let us worship God!

Hymn *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* #483

Prayer of Confession Steve Hammond

Gracious God, you love us as we are, but love us too much to leave us where we are. You are always calling us to grow, drawing out all that you've made us to be. So take us where we are and call out in us all we can be until our lives more fully reflect that of Jesus our Lord. Hear our own prayers now as we lift them from our hearts to yours...

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture reminds us over and over that God is gracious, full of mercy and abounding in steadfast love. So take heart. Christ lived for us. Christ died for us. Christ was raised in power for us that we might be continually lifted to a new life as well. **Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

With an awareness that the early church extended the peace of Christ as a means of extending God's reconciling love to one another, we continue that meaningful tradition.

May the peace of Christ, be with you! **And also with you!**

FPCE Sings	<i>O God, You Are My God</i>	#71
<u>Scripture</u>	Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 22:34-40	Rev. Charlie Lewis
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
Hymn	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	#322
<u>Sermon</u>	<i>Having the Right Stuff</i>	Rev. Charlie Lewis
Hymn	<i>Come! Live in the Light!</i>	See bulletin & screens
<u>Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer</u>		Lisa Villevik

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn	<i>I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me</i>	#369
Benediction		Rev. Charlie Lewis
Postlude	<i>Jubilation</i> - Young	Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

Today we are blessed to have Rev. Charlie Lewis leading in worship today. Charlie (and his wife, Ann) were one of the first clergy people to welcome Pastor Alan to our Presbytery. Charlie has a heart for Jesus, building relationships across divides, and justice in Israel/Palestine. After worship and soup, Charlie will be leading a conversation about his recent trip to the West Bank where he served at the Tent of Nations. Great to have you here Charlie!

Hearing Assistance

A limited number of hearing devices are available to amplify the worship service. To use one, please ask a greeter or Pastor Alan.

Souper Sunday Today!

The Deacons will be serving up food and fellowship in Westminster Hall right after service. Please join us!

Pop-Up Book Sale Today!

The Women's Association is holding a "pop-up" book and puzzle sale in Westminster Hall today right after service.

The Gathering

Join us this Wednesday, October 15th at 5:30 pm for good food and chill vibes. We are going to be blessed to have our Director of Music Ministry, Lorilee, share with us! This is going to be a fun evening of learning, sharing, and singing, plus we will enjoy food and community together. All are welcome to attend.

Welcome Lorilee!

Welcome to our new Director of Music Ministry, Lorilee Brasseur! Lorilee has worked in churches for the past 20 years, including North Creek Presbyterian Church, leading worship, directing choirs, organizing programs, and sharing her musical gifts. Lorilee comes highly recommended and is described as an authentic, warm, and joyful presence. Our search team, Personnel Committee, and Session are excited for her to join our staff. She will officially lead in worship on October 19th. Let's join together in welcoming Lorilee to our amazing church!

Join the Choir!

Calling all singers, past and present, to join the choir as we kick off the fall with our first rehearsal today at 11:30 am. The choir is open to all people who want to grow in their faith and lead our congregation in glorifying God. If you have questions, please talk with Lorilee, our new Director of Music Ministry, for more information.

Youth Program

The First Pres Youth program has kicked off! Youth aged 6 and older are studying the Apostle's Creed, while those 5 and under will be in the nursery.

We need volunteers for the nursery and youth leaders. Please let us know if you can help.

At the kickoff, the youth showed interest in helping with the Chili Cook-Off on November 2nd, creating an escape room at the church, and baking as a group.

This Week...

Adult Sunday School – Today at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge, Charlie Lewis will be leading a conversation about his recent trip to the West Bank where he served at the Tent of Nations.

Lunch with Alan – Join us for lunch with Pastor Alan tomorrow at 12 pm.

Thursday Bible Study – Thursday Bible Study is October 16th at 4:00 pm on 2 Timothy 3. Join Zoom meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81320649537?pwd=343k4LdmdXE0lJ18GD5xg7xc9kzoHG.1>

Meeting ID: 813 2064 9537

Passcode: 509769

Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

- All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

Priscilla Circle – October 13th

Priscilla Circle meets on Monday, October 13th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter two in our study book. All women are welcome. A brown bag lunch is optional.

Advent Devotional Theme Writers Needed

Our theme this year for our FPCE Advent devotional is **Presence**.

Our annual devotional consists of daily writings throughout the season of Advent from our members. This is a time to be reflective as we share thoughts on our theme of Presence. We give and receive presents at Christmas, but where is Jesus' presence for you? Is it in the carols sung, the candles lit, the traditions, the time with family and friends, or do you find the essence, spirit, feeling of Christmas somewhere else?

Our theme lends us to think about other questions like what relationship is meaningful to you at Christmas? What gift of presence was important to you at Christmas? Why? During Advent/Christmas, where is Jesus' presence seen, found, experienced for you? What gift was more than what was in the box?

All are invited to be creative and take a moment to write thoughts down to be added to the 2025 devotional. Submissions are due on or before October 31st and devotional copies will be able to be picked up on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Alan.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets October 15th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

Nursery Volunteers & Youth Sunday School

The Christian Formation & Discipleship Committee is looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service and to help lead youth Sunday school for this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good or Pastor Alan.

EvCP Pie Sale

Just in time for the holidays!



Sunday, Sept. 28
10:45 AM–11:15 AM

Sunday, Oct. 12
10:45 AM–11:15 AM



Pies delivered November 17th.

All proceeds support Everett Cooperative Preschool.

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world. 25% is retained by congregations to support local peacemaking efforts. 25% is retained by the mid-councils to support peacemaking efforts at the regional level. The remaining 50% supports peacemaking, reconciliation and global witness. Please give generously; when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. For questions or more information, speak with Kari Nupen or any member of the Mission Committee.



VOA Food Donations

We donated 257 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America this past week. Great job! Our next in-person collection is on November 3rd from 10am to 12pm.

Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at: www.firstpreschurch.com.

Lay Leadership

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

HONORING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett warmly invites you to a special worship service of prayer and acknowledgment on:

Sunday, October 26th at 10:00 AM
2936 Rockefeller Ave. Everett 98201



Calling New Members

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our



Pastor's QR Code

congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR code or talk with Pastor Alan.

Prayer Requests October 12, 2025

- Please pray for Karen, friend of Susan Klingler, who had a heart attack, has blockage in her heart, and has bronchitis. Please also pray for Karen's sister, Debbie, who is concerned about Karen and recently lost her husband. From Lisa Villevik.
- Alan Villevik is home resting after being hospitalized for a heart attack. Please pray for his energy and strength to return quickly. Lisa and I also request prayers as we continue to care for him. From Dottie Villevik.
- Please pray for healing and peace for Roy Yates as he recovers and rehabs from a fall.
- Please pray for my friend's daughter, Angela. Angela had an emergency liver transplant last year and recently had a complication. This resulted in an aneurysm that necessitated emergency surgery. So far, her kidneys are still functioning, and she has been taken off the ventilator. The repair is not long term sustainable, and she is back on a liver transplant list. She is currently on the transplant floor and has taken short walks and is exercising to strengthen her body. Her family appreciates your prayers. From Annette King.
- Please pray for my sister-in-law, Sherry Johnson, who just found out she has to have dialysis every day for the rest of her life. Also, prayers for my brother, Bob, as he has to learn how to use the machines. From Pat Erickson.

- We pray for Rosemary Rheinheimer's daughter, Juliana, who has been diagnosed with Hashimoto disease. Rosemary is visiting Juliana in Brazil and they appreciate our prayers.
- **Update:** Margaret's daughter, Rita: her cancer has spread, and her doctors have said there is nothing they can do. She is home without any treatment options. Please surround Rita, Margaret, and their family with prayer as this is devastating news. From Lisa Villevik.
- **Update:** We are guardedly excited. Mike's great granddaughter, LeAnne, is being allowed to return to her traditional high school setting. She is continuing to receive treatments for her leukemia, but while not yet in remission (the cancer is still there), her chemotherapy is not at the bombardment stage any longer and her doctors say that many kids at this stage can tolerate a return to moderate social gatherings. Her cancer counts and vital sign markers are looking much more favorable. She has gained weight and her hair is growing out fast. Her final chemo treatments are scheduled for late summer 2026. While these are all "good" things, please continue to keep LeAnne in your prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please keep Adison & Ainslee, grandchildren of Mike & Martha Clemans, in your prayers. Adison is in Ohio to attend college and play baseball. Ainslee is in Austin to teach 7th grade math. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Lisa, daughter of a friend of Elizabeth Nelson, has a spider bite wound that is not healing and now threatens to require a foot or partial foot amputation. Please pray for a turnaround in her symptoms. From Elizabeth Nelson.
- Ari & Robin Kohler's sister-in-law fell and injured her knee and leg. Please pray for healing.
- Jay Kuhnhehn and his mother continue to have back issues. **Update:** Jay's fusion on his back is now scheduled for November. His mother received an injection and has had some relief. Marcia's dementia continues to progress. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- **Update:** Sandy was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation along with her battles with spinal stenosis and neuropathy. Please keep praying for less pain, more comfort, mobility and good test results. She is very grateful for your continued prayers. Thank you from Annette King.
- Alan Villevik's sister, Mary Rogers, was diagnosed with an aggressive type of cancer. She chose not to proceed with surgery or chemotherapy. Please pray for comfort and freedom from any pain and for our nephew, Bob Rogers, who is caring for her. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.
- Please pray for Mary Margaret Villevik who is living in an abusive relationship in Europe and desires to leave but needs the strength and courage to leave safely. We appreciate prayers on her behalf. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.
- Our friend has been diagnosed with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). She needs a liver transplant. Please pray for a donor and as she waits, pray for strength and healing. From Alan & Vicki.
- We pray for Jean Kanter for healing, strength, peace, and happiness. Thank you.
- We pray for Carol Gresham.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, has very painful involuntary muscle contractions due to an illness. Prayers for pain relief and healing are appreciated. From Lisa Villevik.

- The father of a friend of Ari & Robin Kohler was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. Prayers for his healing and for his daughter Meredith are appreciated. From Ari Kohler.
- Please pray for Ari Kohler's sister, Lolita, as she deals with health issues.
- Please pray for my daughter and son-in-law, Joanna & Jason and their 2½ year old daughter, Violet. Violet has been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Prayers for their ability to manage Violet's high blood glucose levels, a new baby, and Joanna's continuing recovery from a C-section. From Diane Preston.
- **Update:** Jade, our grandson, is still doing outpatient dialysis. He is being tested by UW for kidney transplant. He is still able to work for which we are all thankful. Please continue all prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Our nephew, Ben, is in dire need of a new kidney. Please pray for a donor and visit and share this website with all: <https://www.kidneyforben.com/>. From John & Lisa Gebert.
- Please pray for Robin & Ari Kohler's niece, Lola, as she deals with health issues.
- We pray for Marsha Lueth who has health issues that are preventing her from doing the things she would like to. She is comfortable, but we pray for healing and peace from the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray for my father-in-law, Richard Alfrejd, who continues to battle stage four cancer. From Emily Alfrejd.
- Monica's husband, Robby, is still struggling with the effects of his stroke. Prayers are appreciated. From Mike and Martha Clemans
- Aaron, a friend of Lisa Villesvik, has been very ill and has gone through dozens of tests. The cause of his illness has not been identified, and he is very discouraged. Please pray he will be restored to health and hope.

Continued Prayers

- Family of Tracy Klingler
- Family of Marilyn Larsen
- Family of Barbara Yates
- Family of Mary Grosse
- Family of Michael Goza
- Family of Bev Brandt

483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

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 1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
 2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
 4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
 keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful
 tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
 prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right:
 gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 soul and bod - y take your part:

*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7

Spirit of the Living God

322

LIVING GOD Irregular

Daniel Iverson, 1935; adapted

Daniel Iverson, 1935

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the bass part providing a harmonic foundation. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me;". The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes a repeat sign at the end. The second system also includes a repeat sign. The third system includes a repeat sign. The fourth system includes a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.".

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

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749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

369 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual
Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so) God can use me an - y - where, Lord,

an - y - time! I'm gon-na live so (live so)
I'm gon-na work so (work so)
(an-y - time!) I'm gon-na pray so (pray so) God can
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an-y - time!)