

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

May 7, 2023 – 10am

*For our liturgy this morning, **BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading.

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

Prelude *Devotion – Linker* Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Leslie Sutin

Minute for Deacons Sonya Beardsley

Call to Worship Based on John 14:1-7 Leslie Sutin

Gather us, O God

There is room for us all.

Dwell with us, O God.

Show us the way.

Guide us, O God.

We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way, truth and life.

In the Spirit of community, let us pass the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #457

Scripture Jeremiah 29:13-14; John 20:24,25; John 14:8-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *I Doubt It* Rev. Janice Smith

Choir Anthem *Communion Invitation (You Are Forgiven)* Directed by Steve Torrence

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord.

God of our lives, you are holy, you are gracious, and you sent your son to us.

He took on our humanity, so your love might be seen face-to-face.

He blessed us when the rest of the world cursed us and tossed us aside.

He broke the power of sin by dying on the cross, and he gave death its notice, as he walked out of the tomb raised to new life.

Once, we were nobodies, alone and hopeless, but by your mercy, Living God, we are now a family.

You have gathered in love around this table, where the Spirit sanctifies the bread and cup.

You lean over to serve us the bread, enveloping us in your grace so we might go to be your people.

You offer us the cup of hope, which can heal our troubled hearts and strengthen us to serve our world.

And when the Way leads us home to you, when your Life gathers us with our siblings around the table, which is prepared by your truth, we will sing glad songs of praise to you forever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Communion

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 this cup, do it in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Please come forward to receive communion as hosted by our Deacons.

Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Janice Smith

Lord's Prayer

Solo, Steve Torrence

Postlude

When We All Get to Heaven – Bish

Gary Norris, Organist

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Part of our liturgy today is adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman and from the Presbyterian Outlook, 2023 by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution.

Announcements

We are blessed to have Rev. Janice Smith preaching today.

Pastor Alan is on vacation and study leave until May 21st.

Rev. Ray Smith will be preaching on May 14th. Thursday Bible Study is postponed until May 25th when we will study Joel 1-2.

There will be no Lunch with Alan on May 8th and May 15th. Lunch will resume on May 22nd.



JUNE 11, 2023

We're celebrating the Class of 2023 on Graduation Sunday - June 11 during our 10 a.m. worship service.

Have a loved one graduating in the Class of 2023? Submit a graduate information form by May 30.

SCAN QR CODE FOR DETAILS

Graduation Sunday – June 11th

Scan the QR code at left to submit a graduate information form online. Graduate information forms are also available at the Welcome Center. Forms are due in the church office by May 30th.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 210 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this last week. Great job! This goes to support those in need here in Everett. Our next Monday drop-off is July 3rd from 10am to 12pm (no drop-off in June). Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.

SCRABBLE – May 17th

Scrabble is resuming on the first and third Wednesdays beginning in May. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on May 17th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

Priscilla Circle – May 8th

Priscilla Circle will meet tomorrow, Monday May 8th at 11:30am, in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter 9. A potluck will be held as we finish up our year until we resume in September. Bring ideas for our study next fall. All women are welcome.

Men’s Breakfast – May 13th

The Men’s Breakfast is Saturday, May 13th from 8:30 am 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!

This Week...

- **There is no Sunday School today.** We will resume class on May 14th.
- **Lunch with Alan** is paused for the next two weeks. Pastor Alan will resume lunch on May 22nd at 12 pm.
- **Thursday Bible Study** is off for the next three weeks. We will resume via Zoom on May 25th at 4 pm.
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

To all worshipping with us...

Session recently voted to remove pew spacing requirements. As such, we continue to:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. Ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Use the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.



Prayer Updates May 7, 2023

- We pray for the families and community suffering after the elementary school shooting in Nashville. We pray specifically for Pedro Polloreña, our interpreter in Mani, who knows the family of Hallie Scruggs, one of the victims.
- We pray for the people in Turkey and Syria after their devastating earthquakes.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece, Leanne, whose IgA Nephropathy (Berger's Disease) is attacking her kidneys again. She is going through the steps to get on the kidney transplant program.
- Please pray for Tracy Klinger. She had bunion surgery recently. Prayers for a quick recovery. Also, her chemo is going well. She thanks everyone for their prayers. From Susan Klinger
- Update: It is truly miraculous that Mason has made such gigantic strides in his recovery and healing from serious back surgery. His mom reports he can do anything but slalom ski! Thank you so much, FPCE, for your prayers! From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- We pray for Merle Kirkley as he is having health issues. We pray for healing and comfort.
- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Update: Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette & Wes King, is scheduled to begin the actual transplant of his bone marrow cells on April 14th and will stay in the hospital 2 to 3 weeks. When discharged he will remain in Portland at arranged housing for another 2 to 3 weeks until he is stable enough to return home. Then there will be more recovery and rehabilitation. We pray God's wisdom and guidance for successful procedures, skill, and competence of Doug's medical team involved in his recovery and healing. Our family greatly appreciates your prayers. From Annette & Wes King.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.
- Update: Please continue prayers for our friend, Carlos, and his battle with cancer. From Doug & Amy Farnham.
- Please pray for my brother Randy and his wife, Ellyn. Please help heal Elly's eyes and help her to see better. Pray that Randy, Elly and I get to spend time together. From Jodi.
- Florence Day seeks prayers for one of her knees that is collapsing.
- Please pray for my grandson, Cody, for direction in his life. From Marilee Richards.
- Alzheimer's prayer: Sue and Art Hermansen. Art is now in a memory care situation. Prayers for both as they journey through this. From Lois Tysseling.
- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.

- Please pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen for comfort and direction in dealing with several health challenges.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Maggie Lamus
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Ashley Tomlin
- Larry O'Donnell
- Florence Day
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Wes King
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Cy Paydar – nephew of Steve and Nancy Torrence

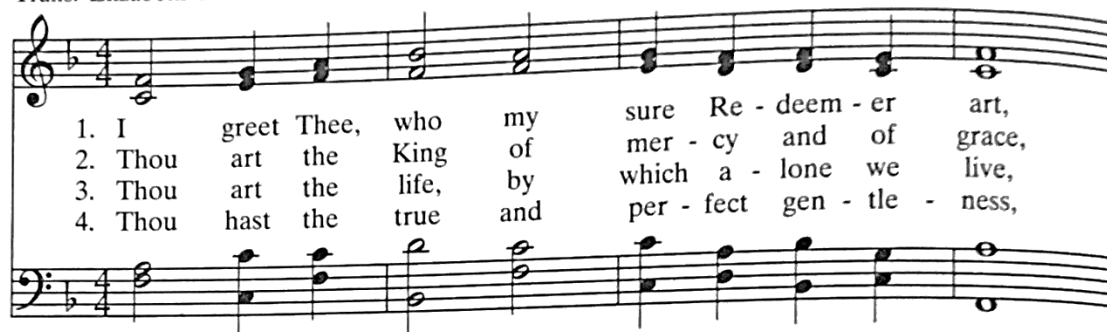
We pray for families affected by dementia and/or Alzheimer's. As with other individuals and families, we pray for successful research, perseverance, a sense of humor, and the Spirit's peace.

457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

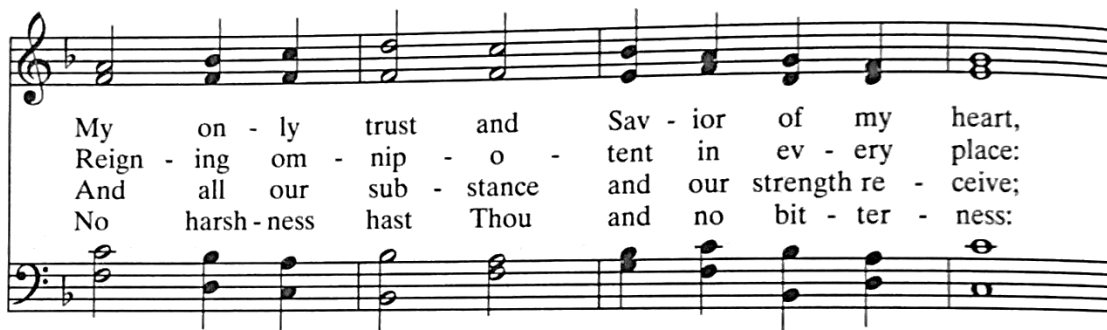
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Attr. John Calvin
 French Psalter, Strassburg, 1545
 Trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868

Adapt. from Genevan 124
 Genevan Psalter, 1551



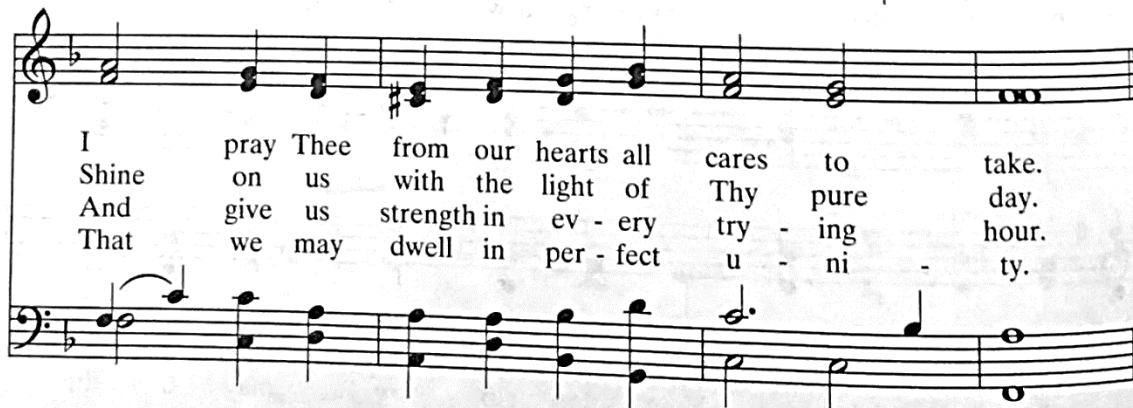
1. I greet Thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3. Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,



My on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 Reign - ing om - nip - o - tent in ev - ery place:
 And all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 No harsh - ness hast Thou and no bit - ter - ness:



Who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 So come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 Sus - tain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,



I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.
 And give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 That we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.

5. Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
 Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
 That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

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Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain

African-American spiritual

Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988

African-American spiritual

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)
 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

knees

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