

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

June 27, 2021

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



Jesus loves the little children,
All the Children of the world
Hungry, ill and set in strife
They are precious in his sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world

Lyrics amended by Pastor Bob Nicholson
Guest Preacher, June 27, 2021

Prelude Children of the Heavenly Father *Arr Honore* Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome

Introduction to the Service Rev. Dr. Robert D Nicholson

Call to Worship

Using the Book of Psalms

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Ps 73:26)

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.' (Ps 16:1-2)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Ps 34:18)

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Ps 73:26)

Therefore let us praise the name of the Lord together

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

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Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven;
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore;
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Prayers of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: fear stifles us, prejudice blinds us, ignorance hobbles us, doubts plague us. We come before you in need of healing: the healing of our bodies and souls, the healing of our children stricken with hunger, illness many in the midst of strife, the healing of our relationships, the healing of our pride and fear and apathy. Awaken us, empower us that we may become "a healing presence" in this world seeing that world with new and gracious eyes, and be freed to serve and love and dream as Christ calls us.

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, healing, hopeful people of God! Together, with brothers and sisters worldwide, we pray Jesus' prayer using this ecumenical version:

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Children's Song

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Scripture

Mark 5:21-43

Solo

There is a Balm in Gilead

Steve Torrence

Prayer of Illumination

Thanks be to you, O God for all the precious children in this world. You hold them in your heart and as we hold them our hearts. Help us to engage in and support those ministries that protect and give them the start in life they deserve. Lord we bring to you all of those ministries of our church and others to release children from hunger, illness, poverty, often amidst the ravages of civil strife. Bless every pair of hands, every mission coworker, doctor, nurse, pastor chaplain that is present bringing, hope, help and healing to children even as Jesus responded to Jairus's plea to come to his daughter near death. Amen.

Sermon

The Call to be a Healing Presence

Rev. Dr. Robert D Nicholson

Affirmation of Faith – From A Declaration of Faith, Presbyterian Church(USA)

God sends the church into the world.
God has not taken his people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world
to worship him there and serve all humankind.
We worship God in the world
by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people.

Our cries for help and our songs of praise
 are never for ourselves alone.
 Worship is no retreat from the world;
 it is part of our mission. THANKS BE TO GOD

Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

Glory to God Hymnal

795 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain D Em7 G A D Bm Bm7 G A

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A D *Fine*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm F#m G F

- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of

Em D/F# G Bm A G A *to Refrain*

glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

The Blessing as We Go Forth

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May Father's love surround us, Jesus' example guide us
And God's Spirit strengthened us. Amen

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* — Bach-Fox Gary Norris, Organist
We ask the congregation to remain seated during the postlude as ushers distribute a take home resource for study, prayer and action.

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When the worship is over, the service begins!

Announcements

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson! Pastor Bob is a beloved guest pastor here and returns to bless us as he leads our worship service today.

- Join us today for Virtual Coffee at 11:30am. Our Bible Study at noon, led by Steve Hammond, is on Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation, by Professor Phillip Carey.

Virtual Coffee (11:30am) and Bible Study (12pm) Link for 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTd09>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

- Next Sunday we will be having hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan resumes Tuesday July 6th.
- Thursday Bible Study resumes Thursday July 8th.
- We are having a non-perishable canned food drive to support the VOA here in Everett on Monday July 12 from 11am to 1pm. You may also bring food donations to church on Communion Sundays.

Pastor Alan is on a family vacation beginning Monday June 21st. He will be returning on Tuesday July 6th. Lunch with Alan for June 22nd and June 29th are cancelled. Thursday Bible Study's for June 24th and July 1st are also cancelled.

Next Sunday, July 4th is a communion Sunday. We will be celebrating communion in person and virtually. Chris Hoke, Executive Director of Underground Ministries, will be leading worship. Due to the holiday, there will be no Sunday School on the 4th.

Prayer Updates June 27, 2021

- We pray for Marsha Lueth's health. We pray for her as she has renewed tests showing cancer.
- Bev Fox died on June 12th. We pray for Florence and Bev's family and ask God for his presence, peace, and comfort. No memorial plans at this time.
- We pray for Lucille Hofer as her daughter, Shirley Klien, died unexpectedly.
- We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris, who had her leg amputated.
- Sondra Santos asks for prayers for her uncle, Jimmy Sico, who was recently diagnosed with Glioblastoma. He has begun radiation treatment.
- Sondra also asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, John Hightower, who was diagnosed with colon cancer.
- Lois Tysseling covets our prayers for her sister, Linda Case. She has been diagnosed with two different types of breast cancer and will have surgery on July 1st.
- We pray for Gary Norris. We pray for his recovery and continued health.
- We pray for Marilee Richards as she deals with chronic pain. This pain is not responding to treatment.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Jasper Amadeus Dye, son of Elsie and Isaac Dye (Marsha Lueth's niece, her sister Wendy's second oldest). He has gained weight and is now at 3-1/2 pounds.
- Bea Swafford died. Bea had a servant heart, a giving spirit, and gracious presence. She served at FPCE in the nursery and is beloved by family and friends. We pray for her family.
- Don Lyderson died in May. Memorial plans to be determined. Joan is currently living with her daughter in north Seattle and plans to move back to Everett in a couple of months. Please send any card to the Lyderson office on Wetmore.
- Pray for Bruce Russell. Good news, he was able to come home! Now, he is working on adapting with his recovery needs. Prayers for him and Lisa as they navigate this change.
- Update: John Ortmeier, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.

- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- We pray for the people in Myanmar, including those Gabe, Jonna, and I met last year, who face risk of violence related to ongoing civil strife. From Steve Hammond.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when a MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – concerning pulmonary embolism. Multiple tests have not discovered why she is ill. She is transferring her care and tests to Virginia Mason for continued diagnosis. Friend of Annette King
- Prayers for Kathy Hammond, a cancer survivor twice and again diagnosed with cancer, stage 3 from Jan Weakley, friend.
- Update: Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece Leanne, diagnosed with Berger's Disease. This kidney disease is incurable, but manageable. She has now completed all available treatment and is in remission, for possibly years. We pray she will never need dialysis or a transplant.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhen
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley
 - Family of Maurine Murray
 - Family of Bonnie Brown
 - Family of Celia Gordon
 - Sam and Rose Capetillo
 - Marcia Ricks and family
 - Joan Lyderson and family
 - Bea Swafford's family
 - Lucille Hofer
 - Bev Fox's family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Matt McCoy, Grandson of Annette King

- Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- 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
- 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
- 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.

- Suzan, Judy Kutz’s sister
- Dale and Janet Good