



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – August 2, 2026 – 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.

Hearing Devices are available to amplify the worship service. Please see ushers.

*For our liturgy, **BOLD** text invites you to join in the reading*

<u>Prelude</u>	<i>Fantasia on Old Hundredth</i> (Bourgeois)	Gary Norris, Organist
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<u>Ringing of the Bell</u>	Leslie Sutin
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<u>Welcome</u>	Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
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<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalms 30:1-5	Lisa Villevik
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I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

<u>Hymn</u>	<i>Come Sing to God – #181</i>
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Prayer of Confession

We come to confession not because we believe we are bad people, but because we know there are areas of our lives that stand in need of God's healing touch. And God, who is more ready to forgive than we are to confess, will hear us with a loving ear, ready to heal any brokenness within us or between us. Let us pray...

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. Hear us as we turn to you in silent prayer.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see: everything has become new.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Believe the promise of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Special Music

All Things New
(Havergal/Hagenberg)

Jean Rankin, solo
Lorilee Brasseur,
accompanist

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings

Because He Lives – #131

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives,
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

Scripture

Luke 18:15-17

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Joy of Laughter

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me! – #304

Communion Prayer

May the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up our hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

We give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give praise to our merciful and gracious Lord.

Pastor Alan will continue to pray.

Words of Institution

The 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 it, do this 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.

Communion

When invited, feel free to come down to participate in communion.

Our Deacons will offer communion to those sitting in the pews.

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Singing of the Lord's Prayer

Lorilee Brasseur

Postlude

Carillon
(Young)

Gary Norris, Organist

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Today

Adult Sunday School: Music 101 – Join Elizabeth Nelson in Calvin Lounge 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for this five-week summer class, **Understanding the Basics of Music**, as we explore the building blocks of music together – including musical notation, rhythm, scales, time signatures, dynamics, sight reading, and more. No advanced musical background is required.

Worship Next Sunday will be at 10:00 am (also available online on our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel)

Upcoming

Lunch with Pastor Alan – tomorrow (Monday) at noon in the library.

Wednesday Summer of Joy Zoom Check In – August 5th at 6:00 pm, we are taking time to gather via Zoom to talk about our joy readings, reflect on the sermon, talk about what is bringing you joy, and to pray.

Join Zoom with Meeting ID: 840 1349 4173 or [click here](#).

Scrabble – August 5th and 19th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, August 8th at 8:30am in Stocker Hall. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study.

Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, August 16th – after worship the Nominating Committee will present Barb Roetcisoender to serve as a Deacon. This is the only item of business for this meeting.

Announcements

Top 20 Summer Challenge

With the limited parking downtown on Sundays with the market and other exciting events, let's fill our parking spaces first. We have 20 spaces and, on some Sundays, they are not totally filled. Our challenge is to first park in our spaces, to make sure they are used for members and friends to worship on Sundays, and to free up parking at the top of the hill for visitors.

Calling New Members

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



Pastor's QR Code

PICNIC

IN THE PARK

FPCE ALL CHURCH PICNIC

- BBQ and Food
- Games and Activities
- Fellowship & Fun

Aug. 30 at 11:30 a.m.

Legion Park
2nd St and Alverson Blvd
Everett, WA 98201

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.



Please Pray for...

Shirley Morrow's memorial will be Saturday, August 15th at 2:30 pm. Please pray for **Todd Morrow** during this time.

Darcie Cooper and the extended family. Darcie's dad, Jack Morrisson, died this past week.

Pray for God's healing, protection, and peace for **Jean** and **Kory**.

Victor, a local landscaper and friend of Chris Hoke of Underground Ministries, is now in emergency status. Doctors show the ICE facility has mismanaged Victor's heart medications and he has gotten worse and needs a heart transplant asap, but the courts won't allow it. There is a rushed petition for humanitarian release they want to file this week. Also, pray for his wife and young family. From Dottie Villevik.