

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin – 10am

September 19, 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County and the State of Washington, is **requiring masks indoors** for all ages above 5 years old.

We understand this is not where we wanted to be, but our desire as a church is to love God and love our neighbor. Masks are a tangible way we express our concern and compassion for our community. We ask you to join our session in praying for our county as together we navigate this time.

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

Prelude

Les Barricades Mysterieuses by Francois Couperin

Gwen Hildenbrand, accompanist

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-18

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord and let us exalt his name together. We sought the Lord, and he answered us, and delivered us from all our fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,
 All creatures great and small,
 All things wise and wonderful:
 The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
 Each little bird that sings,
 God made their glowing colors,
 God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,
 The pleasant summer sun,
 The ripe fruits in the garden,
 God made them every one. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountains,
 The river running by,
 The sunset and the morning
 That brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

God gave us eyes to see them,
 And lips that we might tell
 How great is God Almighty,
 Who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Prayers of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Summer Choir *Carry Me Home* arranged by Joel Ramey

Directed by Jan Weakley

Scripture

Colossians 1:24 – 2:5

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Peaceful Mystery

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

1 What a friend we have in Jesus
 All our sins and griefs to bear
 What a privilege to carry
 Everything to God in prayer

Oh, what peace we often forfeit
 Oh, what needless pain we bear
 All because we do not carry
 Everything to God in prayer

2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged
 Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful
 Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness
 Take it to the Lord in prayer

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

Benediction

Postlude

His Eye is on the Sparrow by Will Thompson

Gwen Hildenbrand

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Announcements

Last week we donated 503 pounds of food to our local food bank through the
 Volunteers of America. Great job!

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan is Tuesday September 21st at 12pm. We have a new zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdz09>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
 - Passcode: FPCE21!

- Thursday Bible Study begins this Thursday September 23rd at 4pm. See below for description and Zoom link.

Join our new Sunday School class today at 11:30am

This hybrid class (zoom link coming soon) consists 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. This class is led by Steve Hammond and will be in Calvin Lounge and using the Zoom link below.

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Thursday Bible Study

We are a congregation desiring to learn and grow our faith in Jesus. Over the past year, we have met on Thursday afternoons to read scripture, discuss, and work together studying God's word. Beginning on September 23rd at 4pm, we will begin a year long journey walking through the Bible. We will be using *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren. This book has 52 chapters and walks participants through learning for an entire year. You can find this book on Amazon or other internet sources. Pastor Alan has 10 copies for purchase (\$13/each). While it's not crucial to have the book, the commentary, reflections, and questions the book includes will help each one of us come prepared to engage the text.

Topic: Thursday Bible Study, September 23rd at 4pm

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Upcoming Memorials

You are invited to a "Celebration of Life" for Richard Dean Weakley. The date is Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 4:00pm here at FPCE.

Save the Date

October 3rd is World Communion Sunday and our *Souper* Sunday. This is a relaxing lunch after worship for community building sponsored by the Deacons. All are invited!

Dear Friend, you are invited to join us for an **Open House** Celebrating the relocation of Esther's Place. At Esther's Place, our mission is to create a safe, warm & clean place for women leading difficult lives to find a welcoming community, hot meals during the day, and then helping them to find safe, permanent, and sustainable housing.

October 5, 2021
5:00 PM -7:00 PM
New address:
3705 Broadway, Everett, WA

Prayer Updates September 19, 2021

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate this COVID surge in our community.
- Sam and Rose Capetillo ask for prayers for Margaret, niece, who has COVID in Texas. She was not able to get into the hospital, so is home on a breathing machine. Prayers for Christy, daughter-in-law, who also has COVID and is home resting.
- Prayers for a friend of Ari and Robin Kohler who is very ill with COVID.
- Prayers for Ari and Robin Kohler's niece's grandfather who is in critical condition with COVID.
- Marilyn Nalbach asks for prayers for her friend, Nicole, who had her second heart surgery this past week. Pray for successful surgery and healing.
- Prayers for our brothers and sisters at Central Lutheran Church in Everett. Their pastor, Jeremy Fuerst, died in a tragic climbing accident last weekend.
- Jan Weakley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Pat Weakley Hein now under Hospice Care for congestive heart and kidney failure. Pat is Dick's little sister.
- We pray for Maggie Lamus as her sister, Barbara Werner, died following complications from a stroke and dementia.
- Update from Marsha Lueth: My great nephew, who was born 8 weeks early, at 3 pounds, is now home after 10 weeks in the NICU. Thank you for your prayers for Jasper and his family.
- We pray for Pat Erickson as she seeks a solution to a physical problem that limits her mobility. Note: Prayer is working as Pat is feeling better!
- Update: We pray for Scott Morrow as he continues chemotherapy. We pray for his doctors, his strength, God's comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.

- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. He is home and is undergoing extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Update: We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris. Mary Lee needed another surgery and needs prayer as she heals.
- Sondra Santos asks for prayers for her uncle, Jimmy Sico, who was recently diagnosed with Glioblastoma. He has begun radiation treatment.
- Update: Sondra also asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, John Hightower, who was diagnosed with colon cancer. John had surgery to remove a mass and the good news is the mass is not cancerous.
- Update: We continue to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling's sister. Linda had surgery and is recovering.
- We pray for Gary Norris. We pray for his recovery and continued health.
- We pray for Lucille Hofer as her daughter, Shirley Klien, died unexpectedly.
- 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.
- 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 an MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – She is on blood thinners to keep other clots from forming around her lungs. Praise as there is no cancer! Tricia tires easily but should be closer to normal within a year. Please continue to pray for her successful treatment.
Friend of Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell – Larry continues to amaze with his improved energy level. He and the family need continuing prayers following the death of Larry's wife, Joyce, in August. From Annette King
- Praise – Our family appreciates the prayers for our grandson-in-law, Matt, who continues to be alcohol free almost 2 years. He is with an electrician apprentice program now. A special blessing arrived May 11th with the birth of Sarah and Matt's son, Jackson Paul. From Great Grandma Annette King

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Rev. Ed Coon

- Merle Kirkley
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhenh
 - 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
 - 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 for Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister and Dale and Janet Good.