

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin  
February 11, 2024 – 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                      *Londonderry Air* – Swann                      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell                      Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship                      Psalm 50:1-6                      Jamie Hunter

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

Hymn                      *All Things Bright and Beautiful*                      #267

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer                      Jamie Hunter

As we come together in prayer, let us open our hearts to God, confessing the ways that we have fallen short of God's call to love our neighbor and love the Lord.

**Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love. Instead, we seek comfort. Heal us and restore us Lord to you. We take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.**

*Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.*

Forgiveness comes from God and God has reconciled us through Christ and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

With hope and peace, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us,

**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.**

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymn                      *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*                      FPCE Sings #169

Choir Anthem        *Yes, My Jesus Loves Me*                      Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture              Mark 9:2-9  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                *Things We Do Not Understand*                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People

Hymn                *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*                      #298

Benediction    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude              *Allegro – Handell*                      Gary Norris, Organist

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## **Today's Choir Anthem** ***Yes, My Jesus Loves Me***

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong;  
they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, my Jesus loves me!

Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gates to open wide! He will wash away  
my sin, let His little child come in. Yes, my Jesus loves me!

Jesus loves me! Loves me still, tho' I'm very weak and ill; from His shining  
throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus  
loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible, the Bible, the Bible tells me so.

Yes, Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; If I love Him,  
when I die, He will take me home on high.

Yes, my Jesus. Yes, my Jesus, yes, my Jesus loves me! Yes, my Jesus loves me!

### **Announcements**

Upcoming memorials:

Dierdre Hervey: February 17 at 2:00pm

Hugh Minor: March 3 at 2:00pm

#### **Priscilla Circle – February 12<sup>th</sup>**

Priscilla Circle meets on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. You can bring your lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

#### **Ash Wednesday – February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. As it is also Valentine's Day, we will be having a love-themed dinner at 5:30pm with worship at 7pm. Our Lenten theme is *Soul Check*, and we will be exploring ways to recharge our souls as we journey towards Jesus' resurrection.

#### **S.P.A.M. – February 16<sup>th</sup>**

S.P.A.M. has moved to the third Fridays

Please join us on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm for lunch (\$7.50)

Come and hear Dr. James Joki as he shares his NASA Apollo 11 career highlights!

Sign up at the welcome booth by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Sunday School Study on Biblical Wisdom Literature – February 18<sup>th</sup>**

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will start a new 36-week Adult Sunday School class based on a lecture series titled Biblical Wisdom Literature. This will be a deep dive into the section of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) called the Ketuvim, or "the writings". The lecturer is Reverend Joseph Koterski, a Catholic priest from the Jesuit order, who presents the material in a very accessible manner. This course will provide an opportunity not only for you to learn more about the Bible, but also to love it more, and to make God's Word an even greater blessing on your life.

## **Documentary: Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America – March 10<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday March 10th, Kory Kanter and Pastor Alan will be showing the documentary Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America. This film follows Daryl Davis, an African American musician, who for two decades has been going out of his way to befriend members of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist groups in the hopes of persuading them to recognize their common humanity. After a chance meeting with a member of the KKK, Davis began to reach out to members of hate groups, and he found that the more willing he was to hear them out, the more open they became to embracing him. More than two dozen white supremacists have since renounced their ideology of hate in part because of Davis's peace offering. We will begin this movie at 11:30am and then have lunch and a discussion afterwards. All are invited to attend.

## **Thursday Bible Study**

Our Thursday Bible study schedule is as follows:

February 15	Job 22-27	Round 3
February 22	Job 28-31	Job's Last Stand
February 29	Job 32-37	Who is Elihu?
March 7	Job 38-40:5	God's 1st Answer
March 14	Job 40:6-41:34	God's 2nd Answer
March 21	Job 42	Last Words

## **SCRABBLE**

Scrabble continues in February. We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

## **VOA Food Donations**

In January we donated 300 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett. Our next drive-through collection is tomorrow, Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door. Thank you for your donations.

## **Hymn Requests**

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.

## This Week...

- **Adult Sunday School** – Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Join Pastor Alan as we watch the last episode of The Chosen.
  - Join Zoom using this new link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976388440?pwd=VGNidGNrbnhSQ0V5Qm1yT1dB SXZxQT09>
  - Meeting ID: 869 7638 8440
- **Lunch with Alan** – is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** – Join Pastor Alan February 15<sup>th</sup> using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Job 22-27 – Round 3
  - Join Zoom using this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588443970?pwd=Z2VjdFFvK2c4dWhSRVdnVTIzTj NqZz09>
  - Meeting ID: 895 8844 3970
- **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...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- 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 Requests February 11, 2024

- We pray for peace and the cessation of war in Israel/Palestine. While there are historical and political complexities and layers to this conflict, we boldly pray for Israeli and Palestinian families who have been caught in the middle and torn apart. We pray for those grieving, for those suffering, for those confused, and for those whose only reaction is to seek revenge. We pray for comfort, relief, healing, and release. We seek your peace that defies understanding to settle on families, individuals, and leaders on all sides. We pray, fully knowing we do not have the answers, knowing we are weak and sometimes prejudiced, but trusting our Lord Jesus knows the answer, is working, and is present there.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Hugh Minor died January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Jackie and family in your prayers.
- Clyde Pitcher died December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please keep Judy and family in your prayers.
- Prayers and praises for my friend Cathy's granddaughter, Angela. Angela went through a 12-hour liver transplant surgery on Tuesday. Please keep her in our prayers as she has a long road of recovery ahead. From Annette King.

- Please keep Danielle, Christopher, and Jackson Roberts in prayer. Danielle's mom, Janette, died on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike Clemans had a successful knee replacement this past week. We pray for his continued recovery and rehab.
- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.
- Prayers for Elly's health and for Elly, Randy, and Jodi to be a closer family. From Jodi Doney.
- Please pray for Terry Cook as he seeks a full recovery after heart procedures. From Alan & Vicki Dorway.
- Joseph Williams, brother of Sondra Santos, is undergoing several surgeries after a lithium-ion battery operated foot warmer exploded in his boot, leaving him with third degree burns. Prayers for healing and a speedy recovery.
- Prayers for the Legasse family, friends of Steve & Nancy Torrence, whose grandson, Tyler, recently died.
- Prayers for Tony Tysseling recovering from a stroke.
- Elizabeth Nelson's good friend Heather Burke, who has on occasion sung soprano at our church, has a sister Angie who is battling cancer. Angie is a wife, mother to a 13-year-old, and a very talented business owner. She was diagnosed with uterine cancer and is now being treated with chemotherapy. Heather appreciates our prayers.
- Joanne, 90-year-old aunt of Martha Clemans, has been placed into nursing home dementia care. Prayers she can adjust and for her daughters and grandchildren.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- **Update:** Vicki Dorway's friend's mom was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Please pray for her to tolerate her new cancer treatments and guide the professionals and family on this journey. Mom has a strong faith and is grateful for the prayers.

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Family of Eunice Allan
- Family of Dierdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans

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.

# All Things Bright and Beautiful

# 267

ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain

English melody, 17th century

Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Harm. for *The Hymnbook*, 1953

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,

All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:  
 2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,  
 3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
 4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky,  
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.  
 How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.\*

*\*Repeat Refrain.*

GOD

# 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody  
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;

There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.  
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.