

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

August 22, 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County, is reimplementing the requirement for masks indoors for all ages above 5 years old. Below are the press release and the link to the directive.

<https://www.snohd.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=596>

[https://www.snohd.org/DocumentCenter/View/7859/MaskingDirective\\_8102\\_1?bidId=](https://www.snohd.org/DocumentCenter/View/7859/MaskingDirective_8102_1?bidId=)

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 and for being flexible during this time.

**Today, Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, masks must be worn during worship.**

Exceptions are allowed for those leading from the chancel.

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

Prelude Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

**They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Hymn

*How Lovely Lord*

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How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place  
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon Your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;  
and so Your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

In Your blest courts to worship, O To, a single day  
Is better than a thousand if I from You should stray.  
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim You as my Lord  
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever are You, O Lord most high;  
You shower us with blessings; no good will You deny.  
The saints, Your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,  
and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

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

*Near the Cross*

Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture

John 6:60-69; Luke 9:23-27

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

Sermon

*Celebrating Failure*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Today we are all called to be  
 Disciples of the Lord,  
 To help to set the captives free,  
 Make plow-share out of sword,  
 To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
 Make love and peace our fast,  
 To serve the poor and homeless first,  
 Our ease and comfort last.

Pray justice may come rolling down  
 As in a mighty stream,  
 With righteousness in field and town  
 To cleanse us and redeem.  
 For God is longing to restore  
 An earth where conflicts cease,  
 A world that was created for  
 A harmony of peace.

God made the world and at its birth  
 Ordained our human race  
 To live as stewards of the earth,  
 Responding to God's grace.  
 But we are vain and sadly proud,  
 We sow not peace but strife,  
 Our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
 That threatens all of life.

May we in service to our God  
 Act out the living word,  
 And walk the road the saints have trod  
 Till all have seen and heard.  
 As stewards of the earth may we  
 Give thanks in one accord  
 To God who calls us all to be  
 Disciples of the Lord

### Benediction

### Postlude

Gary Norris, Organist

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### Announcements

**Next week join our All Church Picnic Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> at  
 Legion Park Picnic Shelter**

Join us after worship at 11:30am with food beginning closer to 12pm

There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, beverages, and ice cream sandwiches provided by the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee. All you need to do is bring any extra fixings for your burger or hot dog (we will have the basic condiments). To help us order the right amount of food, we are asking everyone to RSVP using the link found on our Facebook page and in the email with this bulletin. Precautions are being made for those cooking and serving to wear gloves and masks and there will be games for all ages. All are welcome!

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.

## **UPCOMING INFORMATION:**

- Fall Kick Off is Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Join us on September 12<sup>th</sup> in worship for our ReOpen ReOpening!
  - Flower calendar begins – sign up to bring flowers from September to December 2021
  - In person Coffee Time hosted by the deacons starts after worship
  - Hybrid Adult Sunday School begins in Calvin Lounge at 11:30am
- We have donated 3,677 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America food bank here in our community! Our next collection is on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm in the alley.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan will be on break until September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Thursday Bible Study will resume on Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Priscilla Circle begins Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**

Priscilla Circle will begin meeting again on Monday, September 13, at 11:30 AM in Calvin Lounge. Since it has been so long that we have been together, this will be a social meeting in which we will discuss our plans for the year and what our study lesson will be. We welcome all women who wish to attend. Please bring a salad to share for our potluck lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Masks are required as well as Covid-19 protocols.

## **Upcoming Memorials**

*Today at 3pm on our Facebook Live feed, we will celebrate Ken Nerison's life.*

We will honor Don Lyderson's life on Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Dick Weakley's Celebration of Life is on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

## **Save the Date**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## **Prayer Updates August 22, 2021**

- We pray for Snohomish County. The new variant is proving far more infectious than previous strains. Nearly 1,700 new COVID cases were reported in the county last week, up from 1,300 the week prior. That's pushed the case rate to more than 360 new cases per 100,000 people – with no signs of slowing. The rising cases are placing more pressure on the health care system. As of Tuesday morning (8/17), 75 people were in area hospitals being treated for COVID. Current hospital ICU occupancy is 90%.
- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate this COVID surge in our community.
- Please pray for a childhood friend, Shelly Keith Basquez. She has been in an ICU and intubated for a week and a half with Covid-19. She is getting worse. Her sister would appreciate any and all prayers. Thank you! Diane Preston
- I would like to ask God's protection from Bias, Hate, Race, Violence, Abuse. From Philip Chang.

- Please pray for Bruce Russell, who is fighting a serious infection. From Lisa Comstock.
- Let us lift up mighty prayers for Cindy Sterba, friend of Sonya Beardsley. Cindy is a volunteer for New and Again Thrift Store (benefitting Domestic Violence). She has bladder cancer and spots on her lungs and colon.
- We pray for Marilee Richards who has been diagnosed with COVID.
- 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.
- We pray for Scott Morrow who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. 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, but is in need of extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Jodi Doney asks for prayers for her relationship with Bill W.
- Jodi Doney asks for prayers for her sister Jill and for her niece Kaitlyn to reconnect with people who love her.
- 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 Ortmeyer, 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 – 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

#### 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 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