

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

April 28, 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                      *Arioso* – J.S. Bach    Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell    Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship      Psalm 133    Lisa Comstock

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

Hymn                      *Behold the Goodness of Our Lord*    #241

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer    Lisa Comstock

Friends, let us confess our sin, trusting in God's goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead.

**Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone.**

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

Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

With saints everywhere, 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!**

FPCE Sings      *I Love You, Lord*      #50

Scripture      1 John 4:7-21

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

Choir Anthem      *Be Thou My Vision*      Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon      *Effects of the Resurrection: Love*      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People

Hymn      *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*      #384

Benediction      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude      *Now Thank Thee All Our God* – Johann Cruger      Gary Norris, Organist

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## **Today's Choir Anthem**

### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and Thou only. Thou first in my heart. High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven my victory won. May I reach Heaven's joys O bright heav'n's Son! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all; Ruler of all.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my Vision. Still be my Vision. Be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **Announcements**

We offer a prayer of thanks and appreciation for the fine music offered by Elizabeth Nelson while our organist was away visiting Dariel's sister who is terminally ill with cancer. Please offer a prayer for her as well. Her name is Richan Jensen.

### **CFD Bakeoff Thank You**

CFD would like to thank the 12 wonderful bakers who competed in the CFD first Annual Bakeoff with a special thank you to all the tasters. Our winners: 1<sup>st</sup> – Marne, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tania, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Judy, 4<sup>th</sup> – tie between Robin and Rose. We can't wait for the next bakeoff in 2025. Thanks to all.

### **Youth Sunday School**

All children are invited to come to the youth room on the second floor during the Passing of the Peace.

### **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 please talk with Pastor Alan.

### **Lay Leadership**

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, then please talk with Pastor Alan. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

### **Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed**

We need cookies and people to assist in preparing and setting up coffee hour. If you would like to contribute cookies or labor, please contact Bob Barren or any Deacon. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you.

### **Nursery Volunteers Needed**

CFD is looking for volunteers to work in the nursery on a rotating schedule. If you are interested, please contact Teresa Good.

### **Sunday School – May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Alan is teaching Sunday school on May 5<sup>th</sup> on the Land Use Statement our Mission Committee and Session approved last year. We will take the time to review the reasons for, some questions about, and what this statement means for our church. This class will be both in person and online using our Zoom Sunday school link.

## Summer AquaSox Baseball Game – July 31<sup>st</sup>

Join Pastor Alan for a fun night of summer baseball! We have group upper reserved tickets for the AquaSox game on Wednesday July 31st at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased over the next few weeks. We have 20 tickets but can get more. Funko Field is a fun stadium, with easy parking, great views, and decently priced food. Plus, Roberto the Magnificent will make a special appearance during the game. Sign up and pay with Pastor Alan.

## Thursday Bible Study

Our next Thursday Bible Study focus will be on the book of Revelation. Have you ever wondered about the end times? Have you been concerned when fellow Christians start pointing out ‘signs’? Do you think the last book of the bible seems crazy and not understandable? Then join Pastor Alan as we take an 8-week dive into Revelation. Beginning this Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, we will gather via Zoom to study the “Who, What, When, and Why?” of Revelation and then over the course of our study, dive into the symbols, confusion, faith, and witness of Revelation. See Thursday Bible Study under This Week for Zoom meeting information.

## SCRABBLE

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</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. Hope to see YOU there!

## VOA Food Donations

We donated 286 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett this month. Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, May 6<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.

## Musicians Request

Do you play or have a musical gift that you would be willing to share with the congregation?

If so, then please contact Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries or talk with Pastor Alan. We would love to have you add your gifts to our worship experience.



*Women's Retreat*

# Our Cups Runneth Over

*Saturday, May 4*  
9:30 am to 2:00 pm  
*Lunch Provided*  
*Calvin Lounge*

*RSVP to*  
*doreen@firstpreschurch.com*  
*or at Church on Sundays*  
*by April 28*

## 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. This class is based on a lecture series titled Biblical Wisdom Literature.
  - Join Zoom using this new link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976388440?pwd=VGNidGNrbnhSQ0V5Qm1yT1dBSXZxQT09>
  - 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 May 2<sup>nd</sup> using the Zoom platform. We will be studying the book of Revelation.
  - Join Zoom using this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82539196213?pwd=WGZFS0JheHVjTGRza0Q2Y3k0R3VqUT09>
  - Meeting ID: 825 3919 6213
  - Passcode: 975621
- **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 April 28, 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.
- Luke (6 years old), grandson of Carol Gresham, is recovering from dog bites.

- We pray for Sophia, Sam & Rose Capetillo's niece, who seems to be losing her eyesight. She's had tests, but they were inconclusive and is scheduled to see a neurologist. The family appreciates our prayers.
- We pray for Jack Cooper who is having health issues with his foot. He is scheduled for surgery. Darcie and Jack appreciate our prayers.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer's son, James, who had a heart attack and will be put on a pacemaker. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Prayers for healing for Jean Kanter after a TIA.
- Prayers for LeAnne, Mike and Martha Cleman's great granddaughter, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. Prayers for healing, strength, and wisdom.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, is homeless and needs stability in her life.
- Marilee Richards' grandson, Cody, needs direction and wisdom.
- **Update:** Please pray for Judy Pitcher who is on hospice. Judy is home and we pray for comfort and peace for her and her family. She thanks everyone for their wonderful support and appreciates the cards, calls, and prayers.
- Chris Butterfield will be consulting with a neurosurgeon regarding issues with his back and will be having surgery on his back. From Lisa Comstock.
- **Update:** Joseph Williams, brother of Sondra Santos, had a second surgery and continues to heal. The healing process from the surgery will determine what happens next. Continued prayers for healing are appreciated.
- 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.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- **Update:** Thank you for praying for our friend's mom. Your prayers are appreciated. She received good results from her most recent scan. Please keep praying as this is an aggressive cancer. Thank you. From Vicki Dorway

### **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Family of Marilyn Carter
- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde Pitcher
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper
- Dale Collver – from Tom & Pat Erickson
- 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.

## Behold the Goodness of Our Lord

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Fred R. Anderson, 1986

Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872  
Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

1. Be - hold the good - ness of our Lord, How blest it is to be  
2. Like pre - cious oil up - on the head, A heal - ing for our strife,  
3. As dew on Zi - on's moun-tain-top Brings fresh-ness to its door,

A com - pa - ny of God's be - loved, In ho - ly u - ni - ty.  
It flows through-out our com - mon bond, Re - fresh - ing all of life.  
Our Lord com - mands this in our midst And brings life ev - er - more.

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# O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.6

George Matheson, 1882

Albert Lister Peace, 1884

1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
3. O joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not  
4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That  
flick-ering torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That  
close my heart to Thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, And  
ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.  
in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.  
feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.  
from the ground there blos - soms red Life that shall end - less be.