

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin

March 24, 2024 – 10am

Palm Sunday

*\*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      *The Way of the Cross Leads Home* – Franklin Ritter      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell      Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayer Breakfast Announcement      Steve Hammond

Minute for Mission      Kari Nupen

Call to Worship      Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24, 27-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Hymn

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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## Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

**Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

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

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever. In Jesus, we are forgiven.

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

*O How He Loves You and Me*

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Cantata

*Thy Will Be Done*

Directed by Steve Torrence

Narrator: Marne Larson

All Glory Laud and Honor

The Prophet Must Die

Thirty Pieces of Silver

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Not My Will, But Yours Be Done

What Was I to Say? Solo: Rob Sutin

O Sacred Head

Were You There?

Thy Will Be Done

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude

*Hosanna!* – J. Lemmens

Gary Norris, Organist

# CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

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**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**PALM SUNDAY CANTATA:**  
***"THY WILL BE DONE"***  
MARCH 24 AT 10AM  
SANCTUARY

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**SIMPLE MEAL & WORSHIP**  
MARCH 28  
MEAL AT 5:30PM IN  
WESTMINSTER HALL  
WORSHIP AT 7PM IN SANCTUARY

**EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE**  
MARCH 31 AT 6:30AM  
LIGHTHOUSE PARK, MUKILTEO, WA

**DEACONS' EASTER**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
MARCH 31 AT 9AM  
WESTMINSTER HALL

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
MARCH 31 AT 10AM  
SANCTUARY



**HOLY**  
*week*

## Announcements

### **REPAIRING THE BREACH - One Great Hour of Sharing 2024**

Beginning this Sunday, we will be collecting our first Special Offering of the Year - One Great Hour of Sharing. Funds collected from this offering are split between three PC(USA) ministries: Presbyterian Disaster Relief (32%), Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), & Self-Development of People (32%). These three programs all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. This year, we will be collecting this offering through April 7th, although later gifts will still be welcomed. Simply use the envelopes in the pews, choose the "One Great Hour of Sharing" fund on the online giving platform, or note "OGHS" on the memo line of your check. For more information, scan the QR code on the back of the insert or speak with Kari Nupen or Dottie Villesvik after church.

## **What is *Per Capita*?**

Per capita means “for each person” which describes the way our denomination pays for the operating overhead of the church at all levels beyond the congregation. We are part of the Northwest Coast Presbytery and together with the other 54 congregations and 7 worshipping fellowships, through *per capita*, we fund the staff and operational budget to engage, equip and encourage congregations and their leaders.

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett’s portion is based on church membership numbers and for 2024, our total *per capita* support is \$9,853.95. That is \$55.05 per member (Presbytery-\$45; Synod-\$.25; PC(USA) General Assembly-\$9.80). We pay the total every year as part of our connectional nature as a church. If you can give above and beyond your pledge or tithe toward *per capita*, we thank you. You can add *per capita* to the memo line of your check or click on the *per capita* tab on our on-line giving portal.

## **Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast 2024 – March 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Snohomish County Prayer Breakfast returns on Good Friday, March 29. This unique Christian-based event has a long tradition in our community, though it was suspended temporarily during the recent pandemic. The prayer breakfast is expected to gather about 600 members of the Snohomish County community for a time of prayer, music, fellowship, and Holy Week observance. Although the event is explicitly Christian in nature, all are welcome in the spirit of Christian love.

The prayer breakfast occurs at 7:00 am on Good Friday, at the Everett Events Center, just down the hill from our church. We have reserved two tables with 10 seats each and First Presbyterian Church of Everett congregants will have priority to reserve these seats, free of charge. Sign up at the Welcome Booth. You may contact Steve Hammond at 425-879-1397 if you have further questions.



## **CFD First Annual Bake Off – April 14<sup>th</sup> During Coffee Hour**

Do you love to bake? Or just want to give it a try? Join us for the CFD First Annual Bake Off and bring a treat in one of these categories: cookies/bar cookies, cake/pie/cupcakes, fancy pastries, or ‘other’. Please bring 30-50 samples either premade or ready to serve by 11 am. Bring a sign to identify your entry (please state if it contains nuts) and don't forget to encourage tasters to vote for your treat. Sign up at the welcome booth by April 7th. Contact Teresa Good or any CFD member with any questions.

## **VOA Food Donations**

We donated 254 pounds to the Volunteers of America Food Bank here in Everett this month! Awesome job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, April 8<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.

## **SCRABBLE**

We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 17<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!

## **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.

## **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** – is on break for a couple weeks. We will resume in April.
- **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 March 24, 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.
- **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.
- Prayers for God's healing for Jean Kanter who fell. Prayers for God's protection in the future. From Kory Kanter.
- Prayers for Susan Lynn as her brother, Mike Folkrod, died.
- Jay Kuhnhehn will be having back surgery on March 25. Your prayers for a speedy recovery and relief from pain are appreciated.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer who is having memory issues. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Please pray for Margaret Lillie who is in the hospital with an illness.
- **Update:** I would like to thank everyone for their prayers this past year for my son, Robert Henry, following his surgery a year ago for a brain tumor. A recent MRI revealed no sign of residual tumor. Prayers have truly been answered. From Judy Campbell.
- **Update:** Praises to God! It has been six weeks since Angela had her liver transplant. Your prayers along with her belief in prayer, positive self-determination, her amazing surgical team and staff, and God's provision helped make this critical intensive liver transplant successful. With this good news, Angela and her family want to thank you for your prayers. She is working hard on her rehab and getting back to normal. Thank you and God bless you. From Annette King.
- **Update:** Mike Clemans is doing well and thanks everyone for their 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- **Update:** Joanne, 90-year-old aunt of Martha Clemans, is doing well in her nursing home dementia care. Thank you for your prayers.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- Please continue to pray for our friend's mom who is undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer. 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.



## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang;  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.