

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

October 23, 2022

*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

Michael Clemans

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.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

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.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Hymn

How Lovely, Lord

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Unison Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Michael Clemans

Holy God, your truth is often times hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed.

Please take a moment of silent and personal confession

Assurance of Pardon (from the Book of Common Worship)

Hear the Good News!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.
Amen.

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ we lift our prayers up to you, Lord. Hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying:

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.

Choir Anthem *Amazing Grace* Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture 1 Timothy 6:11-12; 2 Timothy 4:6-8 Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Faithful Fighting* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn *O for a World* #386

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude Gary Norris, Organist

Announcements

Flowers today are from Bob & Barbara Barren
in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary



Presbyterian Women's Interior Cleanup/Freshen up – Saturday, November 5th at 10:00am
The Women's Association is hosting a cleaning event. Some of the things we are planning to tackle are:

Pew cleaning

Furniture polishing

Westminster kitchen cleaning/organizing

Closet straightening

Silver polishing

Calvin Lounge kitchen cleaning

We hope you can join us!! Come for a bit or stay the day!! Many hands make light work!
Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Advent Devotional – Our Advent theme this year is The Gift. Over the past two years, we've worked to put together an Advent Devotional. This thematic devotional has blessed us as we've read God's word and reflected on stories, memories, and poetry. I invite you to begin thinking about how Jesus is not just the gift on Christmas, but how his love, his grace, and his presence is a gift for us every day. If you would like to submit a reflection to our devotional, write down your thoughts and email them to Pastor Alan (or you can drop them off to him at church) by Tuesday, November 1st. If you would like a scripture to contemplate before writing a reflection, just ask Pastor Alan. Otherwise, here are some prompts:



What was a favorite gift you received and why?
When you think of gifts at Christmas, where does Jesus fit in?
What gift have you given that meant more than receiving one?
What does Jesus being a gift (or his love or God's presence) mean to you?

Save the Date - November 27th Advent Potluck

Join the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee in celebrating the first Sunday in Advent! On November 27th, we will be having a potluck to kick off our Advent season right after worship. We will be passing out our Advent Devotional, singing Christmas songs, and building community. Sign-ups for bringing a main course, salads, and desserts can be found at the Welcome Center.

VOA Food Donations

Our next non-perishable food donations will be collected on Monday, November 7th from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. We will continue to accept food on Sundays, but we will also provide another avenue to donate and serve those who are food insecure in our community.

More Announcements

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.
- **Sunday School** today is 11:30am to 12:30pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom, led by Steve Hammond. This Adult Sunday School class is based on the Teaching Company lecture series: The Dead Sea Scrolls and is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology. There is no requirement for preparation for this class, and you can drop in at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

- **Lunch with Alan** has moved to Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Coffee will be provided but bring a lunch or just come to talk and catch up.
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Pastor Alan on October 27th at 4pm using the Zoom platform. We will be looking at Chapter 46 of *We Make the Road by Walking*. However, you do not need the book. Our scripture references will be Matthew 23:1-12, John 13:1-15, Phillipians 2:1-11.
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To all worshipping with us:

- Masks are optional in our facility
- The first six rows of the sanctuary are open seating
- The back rows are every other pew for more spacing

Even as we move into this new chapter, we affirm a cautious approach by:

- Having masks and hand sanitizer available for use
- Keeping socially distanced
- Using prefilled communion cups

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a Session member. 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 Updates October 23, 2022

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- We pray for Joan, Diane Preston and family after Dean Copeland's death.
- We pray for Janet, Teresa, and the Good family after Dale's death.
- We pray for Pat Erickson as her sister, Gail Evans, died.
- Please pray for Maggie Lamus as her cancer has returned. She has restarted treatment and we pray for peace, healing, and strength.
- Marilee Richards son-in-law, Galileo, had knee replacement surgery recently and now has a bad infection in the knee. He underwent emergency surgery on Thursday. Please pray for healing and protection for his knee.
- Please pray for my friend, Corrine, who had a double lung transplant and is having serious problems. From Lisa Comstock.

- Please pray for my friends Aaron and Alicia, who are very sick with COVID. From Lisa Comstock.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Mason DeAndre, grandson of Tony & Lois Tysseling. He has turned the corner of post operative recovery and should soon be on his way to the long-term recovery and rehabilitation. From Tony & Lois Tysseling.
- Please pray for our friend and neighbor, Doug Dawson, who is on hospice care at home. Please pray for him and his family. From Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Please pray for Don Collins who is having some health issues dealing with his heart. He is one of our regular helpers at Dinner at the Bell every Wednesday. From Dottie Villevik.
- Our son-in-law, Doug Schultz, has a long recovery ahead from a spinal cord injury. Prayers are requested for strength and mobility in his legs. From Annette and Wes King
- Please pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Kimberly, who has recently been placed on hospice.
- Update: Please continue to pray for Marilee Richard's daughter, Karen and for her doctors to find the best treatment. She is having difficulty speaking. Please also pray for her husband, Robert, and son, Steven, as this is difficult for the whole family.
- Update: Please pray for Tracy McLean, Martha Klingler's daughter in Portland who has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. She started chemo on September 8. From Dottie Villevik.
- Janet Good is experiencing an unfortunate progression with Parkinson's disease, resulting in a decline in her health. Please pray for Teresa, and family as they seek strength, wisdom, and peace during this time.
- Rev. Karen Summers appreciates our continued prayers. From Shirley Solberg.
- Update: My friend Ida has died. Please pray for her family. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Lillian who has serious cardiac issues. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Jim Iles who has cancer. From Marilyn Minch.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Larry O'Donnell still amazes us – PTL! Thank you for your continued prayers for his energy level improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's shortness of breath is still a concern. We appreciate your continued prayers. From Annette King.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Ethel Geniesse
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir

- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Robert Henry
- Genevieve Heuer – friend of Jimmy Sharp
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- Arlene Mawudeku
- Doug Paine – friend of Marilee Richards
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahan – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- 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 Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher’s daughter
- 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 Janet Good.

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How Lovely, Lord

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Hal H. Hopson, 1983

Arlo D. Duba, 1984

1. How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly Is Your a - bid - ing place;
2. In Your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3. A sun and shield for - ev - er Are You, O Lord Most High;

My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, To feast up - on Your grace.
Is bet - ter than a thou - sand If I from You should stray.
You show - er us with bless - ings; No good will You de - ny.

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The spar - row finds a shel - ter, A place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance And claim You as my Lord
 The saints, Your grace re - ceiv - ing, From strength to strength shall go,

And so Your tem - ple calls us With - in its walls to rest.
 Than rev - el in the rich - es The ways of sin af - ford.
 And from their life shall riv - ers Of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

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Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures

here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Or "God."

O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

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Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839



1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.



Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.



5. O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,

Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.

Alternate version, 466

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