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Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Worship - Sundays at 10 a.m.



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join our worship livestream, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the FPCE Facebook page. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>. Worship services can also be viewed on our You Tube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Please note: There are times when Facebook and/or YouTube will mute parts of a worship recording that they deem to be infringing on copyright protections. To see the service online, uninterrupted, you'll need to watch the live broadcast.

Online worship bulletins are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

It is tough to head home after camp. When we are at camp, even when we're apprehensive at the start, we find a rhythm where friends, new friends, worship, fun, crafts, and more fun become a welcome part of our day. Camp becomes a semi-magical place where for a week, two weeks, or a whole summer, we find ourselves suspended in a place or feeling where the strains, stress, or frustrations of the down-the-mountain world lessens. It has been my experience that youth, families, adults, and staff find this mountain top experience or break from the 'norm' freeing.

I was just talking with someone about how their daughter is going to camp and the rule is no cell phones. I was curious how their daughter was prepared for this requirement (their daughter is in middle school and I've been told, lives on her phone and internet). The response was, she loves it. She's gone to this camp twice before and while she protests the rule, when she's picked up at the end of camp, not only does she want to stay, but immediately needing her cell phone because the world has moved on without her is not a priority.

Yet, camp does come to an end. Parents come to pick up their camper. Families head home. Staff clean up the camp, grab pizza, and make plans to stay in touch over the year. Even Jesus, after his transfiguration, leaves the mountain to continue his journey towards Jerusalem. Leaving and ending can be hard.

I believe when we are on a retreat, a mission trip, a week at camp, or even a day long church event, we begin to see and experience a sense of not just the kingdom of God but also being a part of Christ's body. On the mountain top, God feels closer. On retreat for a weekend, we feel part of a community we don't often see during the week and we want to stay there. We want to be in a place where people get along, where we celebrate working, having fun, and serving together, and where Jesus is real. We know, as much as worship on Sundays can and should be those things, being in our normal day to day life, is not camp.

The good news is Jesus is with us on the mountain, in the valley, and every up and down of life. Jesus is as real when we are looking at our watch hoping it will hurry to five o'clock, just like when we wake up early for a polar plunge in the lake at camp. Jesus is present when we are connected in worship after a night hike looking at the stars and when we are grieving after the death of a loved one. However, sometimes it is hard to believe.

I don't disagree. There were plenty of times when I promised to keep the closeness, the worshipful spirit, and the devotion to Jesus, but after a week or two, I found myself slipping back into familiar patterns. In these moments, when we feel the glow of camp or a mission trip begin to fade away, we are invited to keep one thing.

That's right, just one thing. I come away from a retreat or a conference with my head full of amazing ideas. Yet, there comes this point where I am not able to do all those great things. I've discovered, from many good mentors and others who are better than me at doing this, just to keep one thing. While at camp, if I found connection to Jesus by hiking, then when I'm on a walk, reconnect with Jesus. When I returned from a mission trip, I found that simple gifts or a wrist band reminds me to pray for those I served. After a conference, I force myself to add one new idea to my devotional routine rather than implement the whole program.

On September 1st, we will end our time at FPCE Summer Camp. I know, I'm not looking forward to it either. But what did you learn? How did you connect with God this summer? Where was the Holy Spirit softening your heart? Whatever it was, please make sure you keep one thing.

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Off the Wall (continued from page 3)

And just because camp is done and we are back into the fall semester, it does not mean God stops working. In fact, there are plenty of opportunities to keep our faith engaged and growing. I hope you will come to the amazing production of Nothing But Beatles? by the Summer Aire choir directed by Steve Torrence on the afternoon of September 8th at 3pm. After worship on September 29th, the Presbyterian Women are hosting a Getting to Know You Fair where you can learn about the various committees, groups, and activities of the church and see if your talents match for you to find a way to plug in here at FPCE. We kick off our fall program on Sunday September 22nd with options for nursery care and Sunday school for children/youth. For those who are interested in our Thursday Bible Study, we will begin via zoom on Thursday September 5th at 4pm studying the Sermons and Parables of Jesus.

Yes, the summer will end. Yet, our walk with Jesus does not. Add one thing to your discipline of following Jesus and continue to learn, grow, and serve with our church as we follow him this fall.

Peace, Alan

Thursday Bible Study – Sermons and Parables of Jesus

Join Pastor Alan on Thursdays this fall as we study the Sermons and Parables of Jesus! We will begin on Thursday September 5th at 4pm via the zoom link below.

Here is September's schedule:

September 5th – Mark 1:14-20; Matthew 4:12-17

September 12th – Sermon on the Mount Part 1 Matthew 5

September 19th – Newness Mark 2:21-22, Luke 5:36-38, Matthew 9:16-17

September 26th – 3 from Mark 4:21-34.

Topic: Fall Thursday Bible Study

Time: Sep 5, 2024 4pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86445072985?pwd=Vy084nCRzrMvRdau63rbgsKkYYefMg.1>

Meeting ID: 864 4507 2985

Passcode: 151013

Your Calling

On Sunday, September 29th, after worship in Westminster Hall, there will be displays illustrating the various volunteer opportunities in our church during the “A Place for Everyone” information fair. The fair will highlight all the different ways our congregation serves members of the whole of the church.

1 Peter 4:10-11 - "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

We are encouraged to serve others. One of the callings as a member of the congregation, is to extend our hand to others. Within the church, this is usually by volunteering to serve. Our labor and interest is a love offering to the whole of the church.

While there are paid positions out there to be had, for our volunteers, money is not a motivator. Their efforts are about the love of that which they do and of the congregation. Their personal expertise and pride in their abilities is a benefit for us all. We should commend them for their efforts.

The congregation is the church. What the church becomes is in your interest. We are given an opportunity to use our gifts in service to others. We are given a chance to demonstrate our talents as faithful stewards of the church. When you attend the information fair, consider the Deacons. **1 Timothy 13** reflects that Deacons purchase to themselves boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. It is something to which you are called.

-Bob Barren



Note of Thanks:

Thank you for your prayers. The five days in Northwest Hospital ICU and seven days in assisted living have resulted in health restored with heart fully functioning. All vital signs daily checked and positive and I feel great! ~ Bob Nicholson

From the Organ Bench by Gary Norris, Organist: “Ora Labora”

Prelude music for Labor Day Sunday—Sept. 1

This is the historic tune for our hymn “*Come Labor On*” where God’s call to us is to look around us to *fields of golden grain*.



Also known as opportunities to reach out with ministries that care for, and serve those around us

“Come, labor on!

Who dares stand idle, on the harvest plain
While all around him waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
Go work today.

Our FPCE vision statement echoes that call “to be a congregation renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit gathering around the table of Christ with *a zeal for mission, seeking growth and vitality*... We are called by God to be an inclusive congregation, worshiping God creatively and developing strong ties to each other, *our neighbors*, and the worldwide community.”

Our Congregation is blest with a cadre of leaders that includes, elders, deacons and our Pastor. Their work is *guided by this challenging vow they take at every time of ordination/installation service W.4.0404 h.*—“**Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, *imagination*, and love?**”

Where? Here At Our Doorstep: Example: a street fair scene just a few blocks from our church on weekends.



“O God, move our hearts, inspire our spirits, sharpen our vision, energize us to be the people of promise, love and care for those in and around us, *in this time and in this place.*” Amen

It's time to update the FPCE member photo directory!

The Deacons would like to put together a new photo directory of FPCE members and friends.

Rather than having photos taken by a professional photographer in a studio setting, as was the case for the previous photo directory, we thought that it would be more interesting to have members submit their own photos. These photos could be informal and could bring out the personalities of the members. For example, a photo might include a pet, a child or grandchild, a favorite vacation spot, or a favorite hobby – things that would be hard to show in a studio photo.

We would like to produce the photo directory sometime this fall, so please start thinking about an appropriate photo. Maybe you can have a relative or friend take a photo of you during a summer vacation, with your favorite mountain or lake in the background. Or maybe you can get your photo taken in front of your restored 1930 Ford Model A (we wish!), in your fishing boat, in your garden, on your front porch, or in your favorite easy chair with your cat on your lap.

Whatever photo you decide on, be sure that your face fills enough of the frame so that you are recognizable. And be sure that the image resolution is as high as possible, since we may need to crop or enlarge your photo to fit the space available. Here are a few ways you can create a photo for the directory:

- ⇒ You can have someone take a digital photo of you, using a camera or smart phone, and you can submit the photo via email or thumb drive.
- ⇒ You can submit a photo print, which we can scan and return to you.
- ⇒ You can have a volunteer take a photo of you at church or in your home (if you have trouble getting to church).

If you have a photo from a few years ago that you like, that's OK. The main thing is that it should help other members recognize you.

We will provide more details in the next few weeks, but please start planning now how you will get a photo for the directory. Our goal is to collect photos from as many members as possible.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mike Davis.



Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during worship service beginning this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Teresa Good.

Book Group Update

Book Group continues to convene virtually at 10 a.m. on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. Changing circumstances and availability of Everett Public Library book sets may lead to unplanned changes so always watch for updates. However, there are no book sets for either of the upcoming titles that round out 2024.

Special thanks are due to the volunteer leaders for the September and October gatherings. I look forward to their fresh points of view.

Plans for the rest of this calendar year:

Sept. 23 *Rough Sleepers* Tracy Kidder Leader: Shirley Morrow

Nonfiction again. Dr. Jim O’Connell undertakes an urgent mission to bring healing to unhoused persons in Boston. Tracy Kidder [you may remember him from *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer*] chronicles O’Connell’s many years of outreach. This multifaceted account details effects of abuse, illness, drugs and alcohol along with poorly designed legal, medical, and housing rules.

Oct. 28 *Prophet Song* Paul Lynch Leader: Carole Dagg

This widely acclaimed dystopian novel is set in Dublin as Ireland falls into the grip of tyranny. “Timely and unforgettable... [Lynch captures] the social and political anxieties of our moment...” according to Judges for the 2023 Booker Prize. Timely and significant.

Nov. 25 What I am reading

We each tell author, title, and opinion of books we have read recently.

December No Book Group Meeting

To take part in monthly discussions, log in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. Watch your email for the link. To be added to the list please contact me by phone or email.

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Library Update

Before we offer this month's reading suggestions, there's someone I'd like you to meet.

If you already know **Stephen Moore**, you may soon see him in a new light. I am very grateful for his help in our library on Friday mornings as of this spring. It's past time for me to express my gratitude as you will understand after reading what he has told me about himself.

He was born and raised in Michigan and attended the University of Michigan to earn undergraduate degrees in English Literature and French along with a K-12 teaching certificate. In graduate school, he earned a master's in library science.

During 38 years in Illinois public schools, he was a classroom teacher for the first half of his career and a school librarian for the latter half, also serving as the director of libraries for his district.

In retirement, he worked as the assistant to the Director of a small public library. In 2020, he moved to Everett at the request of his son Robert, who had relocated here in 2015.

Steve says he is delighted to return to library work, especially after receiving such a warm welcome from the staff and congregation here at First Presbyterian Church of Everett. You can imagine how delighted I am to enjoy his meticulous help and unfailing good humor.

Now for those book suggestions.

First, look back to a recent Sunday School class focused on our congregation's OPOP participation. If you were present, the following books will broaden your understanding of what it takes to return to freedom after incarceration. If you were *not* present you will surely want to catch up on what you missed. Either way, the following titles, while not new, are still relevant and significant.

Two titles by Bob Ekblad who has spoken to our congregation:

Reading the Bible with the Damned 259.086 Ekb

New Christian Manifesto: Pledging Allegiance to the Kingdom of God 270.8 Ekb

Chris Hoke who has also spoken to our congregation left us a copy of his book:

Wanted: A Spiritual Pursuit through Jail, Among Outlaws, and Across Borders 259.5 Hok

Author Bryan Stevenson tells his story as attorney and activist in:

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption 353.4 Ste

Another pertinent title is Gregory Boyle's:

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion 277.94 Boy

In a different vein, Thursday Bible study resumes on September 5. The new topic will be the Gospel of Luke. Commentaries and other books about Luke are located at Dewey 226.4.

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FALL PREACHING SERIES

“Curious Discipleship in Mark’s Gospel”

September 8 – Questionable Healing Mark 7:24-37; Ed to play trombone
September 15 – Reverse Course Mark 8:27-38
September 22 – Difficulty of Welcome Mark 9:30-37
September 29 – Body Challenge Mark 9:38-50
October 6 – Word Communion Sunday – What is Community?
Mark 10:2-16
October 13 – Perception of Rank Mark 10:17-31
October 20 – Perception of Rank Pt. 2 Mark 10:35-45
October 27 – Reformation Sunday
November 3 – Marks of Love Mark 12:28-34
November 10 – Stewardship Sunday Mark of Wealth Mark 12:38-44
November 17 – Marks of Faithfulness Mark 13:1-8
November 24 – Christ the King Sunday John 18:33-37
December 1 – Lift Our Heads in Hope Luke 21:25-36
December 8 – Luke 3:7-18 The Peace of Contentment
December 15 – Luke 1:39-47 Joy Comes Where We Least Expect It
December 22 – Cantata
December 24 – Christmas Eve 7pm Luke 2:1-14 Surprising Love
December 29 – Luke 2:41-52 What to Search for
January 5 – Matthew 2:1-12 Included from the Start

SUNDAYS, 10 A.M.

FPCE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESENTS:

INFORMATION FAIR



A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

11 A.M

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WESTMINSTER HALL

**COME LEARN ALL ABOUT OUR
AMAZING FPCE GROUPS AND
COMMITTEES**

Meet some of our incredible volunteers and
learn how you can be involved too!



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

If you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

Anniversaries:

- 9/1 Christopher & Danielle Roberts
- 9/13 Jeff & Doreen Solberg
- 9/19 Randy & Debbie Roberts
- 9/27 Clayton & Kami Erickson

Birthdays:

- 9/2 Rob Sutin
- 9/6 Janet Kelly
- 9/7 Marilyn Larsen
- 9/10 Mary Davis
- 9/11 Marilyn Minch
- 9/13 Marne Larson
- 9/14 Mary Lou Finley
- 9/14 Michael Goza
- 9/17 Beverly Brandt
- 9/19 Christopher Roberts
- 9/20 Sharon Danitschek
- 9/20 Steve Torrence
- 9/21 Alan Dorway
- 9/22 Kami Erickson
- 9/23 Carol Gresham
- 9/24 Jeffrey Smith
- 9/29 Danielle Fowler

Special Dates:

- Labor Day, September 2, 2024
- National Grandparents Day, September 8, 2024
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2024
- Hispanic Heritage Month, 15–Oct. 15, 2024
- First day of autumn, September 22, 2024

Newsletter Deadline

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

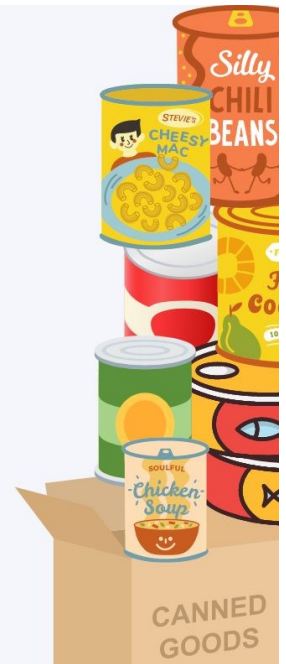
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**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.
ON DUE DATE.**



FPCE

VOA Food Collection



Our next drive-through collection is Monday, September 9th 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.

Your donations support those in need here in Everett.
Thank you for your donations.

Attention all SPAM attendees!

The next SPAM luncheon will be on Friday, October 4th at 12:00 noon in Westminster Hall. The punch bowl will be available at 11:30 a.m. The cost for lunch will be \$7.50. Program details coming soon!

Note that this is a change from the second Friday of the month to the first Friday of the month.

Adult Sunday School

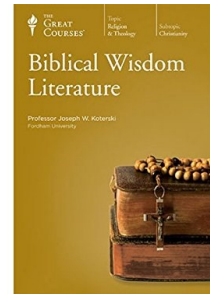
Adult Sunday School will continue this fall at the usual time after worship from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., except when we defer holding Sunday School in place of another special event.

We will continue the *Biblical Wisdom Literature* course. So far, we have heard in-depth discussion of Proverbs, Job, and Qoheleth (AKA Ecclesiastes), along with a few interludes from the Wisdom Psalms.

In September, we'll be starting to review Sirach, a wisdom book included in the Apocrypha, a collection of books written between the Old and New Testaments that are included in Catholic and Orthodox Bibles but usually not included in Protestant Bibles. The books of the Apocrypha serve as a bridge that helps explain the progression of Judaic thought between the Old and New Testaments.

After Sirach, we'll review the Song of Songs and Daniel before returning to an important book from the Apocrypha, The Wisdom of Solomon. The final phase of the course (which will not happen until next spring) will take us to the wisdom literature of the New Testament.

The *Biblical Wisdom Literature* course traces the development of wisdom thought and literature from early Judaism to early Christianity, helping to deepen understanding of the Biblical story of God's ongoing revelation of Godself to humankind. You can join us any time and still learn about the treasury of wisdom literature in our Bible.



Men's Breakfast resumes on Saturday, September 14th at 8:30 a.m. in Stocker Hall.
Pastor Alan will be teaching on John 7.

Priscilla Circle will start off the new year of study on Monday, September 9th, at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge. The title of our study book is "Let Justice Roll Down, God's Call to Care For Neighbors and All Creation". All women are invited. You may bring a lunch if you desire.
Dessert will be provided .



NOTHING BUT BEATLES?

Beatles music, best of Beach Boys, and more!

September 8 at 3 p.m.

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Ice Cream
Social to
Follow



Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Steve Hammond	John Gebert	Randy Fehlhaber
Jamie Hunter	Marne Larson	Susan Lynn
Jan Weakley	Steve Ulvestad	Kari Nupen

Deacons

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Bob Barren	Lisa Comstock	Rose Capetillo
Doris Pearson	Susan Davis	Sam Capetillo
Ed Pearson	Joan Lyderson	Mike Davis

