

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
September 3, 2023 – 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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* – Wells Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Spotlight on Special Sunday School Steve Hammond

Call to Worship Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #281

Prayer of Confession

Lord of All, we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them; we could welcome those we do not know, but choose to close our hearts; we could make outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our routines. Forgive us, Lord, for our foolish choices. Hold on to our shaky lives, until we learn how to clasp your goodness to our hearts, so we can give it away to those around us. Speak your grace and hope to us, until we can stop cursing our enemies, and bless them as our friends. Smooth the rough edges of our arrogance, until we become polished enough to reflect your presence to others. Then, we would put aside our stumbling blocks to discipleship, so we can follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as he leads us to your way of life.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!
We are God's children called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you!
And also with you!

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

Scripture Luke 9:46-61

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

Sermon *A Change is Gonna Come* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* #509

Communion Prayer

May God be with you.
And also with you.

We lift our hearts to God and rejoice in hope.
We bring our lives to the One who blesses us with love.

Together we join in preparing our hearts.

For the feast Jesus has set before us.

As we prepare to gather around your Table, Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us, and on the gifts of the bread and cup. Feed us on the rich food of your forgiveness and grace, so we might go forth to feed all your children. Quench our thirst for power with the living water of your servanthood, so we might choose honor over fame, humility over pride, forgiveness over vengeance, and in so doing, lose ourselves in your life of humble service and love, giving ourselves to others, thus returning your love for us.

And when all moments come to an end, and the time has come to gather around the great feast in heaven, there will be no enemy, no them, no us - just our siblings from every time and place joining hearts and voices in singing your praise, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

In Remembrance

Directed by Steve Torrence

Communion

Prayer

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Lord's Prayer

Led by Steve Torrence

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style – Gordon Young

Gary Norris, Organist

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Part of our liturgy today has been adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman ([Lectionary Liturgies](#))

Today's Choir Anthem

In Remembrance

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart.

Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me. Do this in remembrance of me. Do this in remembrance of me.

Announcements

Special Sunday School Session – September 10th

Should Christians care about the Holy Land? Come and hear from Bill Plitt, an American (Presbyterian) Christian who has visited the Holy Land many times over many years. Bill has met and befriended many people who live in the Holy Land and will share his memories, experiences, and thoughts about God's work in the land we call holy. Please plan to join us for this special Sunday School session from 11:30-12:30 on Sunday, September 10. We anticipate having some guests from other churches joining us for this special event.



Climbing Closer to God

**2023 FPCE
ALL-CHURCH
RETREAT**



September 16, 2023

Where:
Warm Beach Conference Center
20800 Marine Dr.
Stanwood, WA 98292

Cost:
Adults (18 and over) \$20
Kids (8 - 17) \$5
Younger than 8 Free

Time: 9am - 4:45pm with optional BBQ Dinner at 5pm

Summer Aire Concert – September 10th

The 2023 Summer Aire Concert is September 10th at 3:00pm here in the sanctuary: “PDQ Bach and Stranger!” Take a journey of musical surprises that provide lots of humor. Pieces will include the cantata, “The Seasonings”, and the songs “My Bonny Lass She Smelleth”, and “Who is Silvia?” Plus, a selection of other “unusual” music, including songs from “Sweeney Todd”, an anti-smoking piece from 1699, a comedic opera work, and more. Suggested donation \$5.00 per person. Ice cream social to follow.

Men’s Breakfast – September 9th

The Men’s Breakfast is this Saturday, September 9th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see you!

Priscilla Circle – September 11th

Priscilla Circle will have their first meeting this fall on Monday, September 11th at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. Sonya Beardsley will lead our discussion from our study book on Luke. Judy Campbell will serve as hostess. You can bring your lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble is on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on September 6th and 20th 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. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

VOA Food Donations

We donated 323 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this month. Great job! Our next drive-through collection is Monday, September 11th 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.

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...

- **Sunday School** today is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Steve Hammond is leading a lecture series “Great Figures of the New Testament”.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Lunch with Alan** – There will be no lunch tomorrow, September 4th, due to the Labor Day holiday. We will resume on September 11.
- **Thursday Bible Study** –
 - There will be no Thursday Bible Study on September 7, 14, and 21. We will resume on September 28.
 - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
 - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **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 September 3, 2023

- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- Please pray for Marilyn Minch and her family. Her oldest daughter, Karen, died suddenly and unexpectedly August 18th while on vacation in Jamaica with her husband, Les Underlin. Please also pray for Les.
- Peter Boonstra died August 17th. Please keep his extended family in your prayers.
- **Update:** Doug Schultz, son-in-law of Annette King. Praises to God! The reoccurrence of tumor has been diagnosed as benign! Besides the improvement in his balance and muscle tone as he is again working with a physical therapist, he has started the ‘chemo for life’ which will help the blood cells continue to do the good job they were intended for. He still has a long road ahead to regain good overall health and once again get his

driver's license. Doug & all the family are very grateful for your years of prayers. Please keep on praying! From Annette King.

- **Update:** Thank you for your continued prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel. She has been on a trial for a new drug through Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. It looks very promising. Jan appreciates your thoughts and prayers. From Judy & Clyde Pitcher.
- Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece, Leanne, whose IgA Nephropathy (Berger's Disease) is attacking her kidneys again. **New Update:** After many tests and doctor approvals, her husband's kidney is a match for transplant! Surgery will be October 4.
- Wes King died peacefully on August 5th. Please keep Annette and the extended family in your prayers during this time.
- Prayer request for our granddaughter, Melissa Mobeck. (She was our son's stepdaughter, but she has always been a part of our family). She has struggled with addiction and trauma issues over her life but is clean and healthy. She is married to Chris Butterfield, and they have two precious children: Tina 2 years old and little Amy 3 months old. They are active in a little church. Alan and I communicate with them daily by text or video chat so would also appreciate your prayers for wisdom as we continue to love and support them. From Alan and Dottie Villevik.
- We would like to ask for your prayers for our friends Tom and Pat Dotson. Tom has pancreatitis and has been hospitalized in poor condition. Pat has dementia and is not sure where she is. Pray also for their daughter Jennifer who has suddenly assumed a great responsibility. **Update:** Tom was released from the hospital to home. He had a heart attack and is back in the hospital awaiting open heart surgery. Thank you. From Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Susan Klingler who is recovering from hip replacement surgery. In addition, she fell and broke her femur. She had surgery and will now be recovering from two surgeries. From Lisa Comstock
- **Update:** On our friends Mike and Jeannine Schone. Mike was diagnosed with brain cancer and is involved in special cancer research with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Society and is in the third phase of one in which he may be getting the trial medicine or a placebo. He reports that he is feeling great and is hopeful that he may be getting the real stuff. Doctors seem pleased with his progress. They appreciate our prayers and believe his situation is due to the many prayers that have been offered on his behalf. From Alan and Dottie Villevik
- We pray for Marsha Lueth's severe chronic cerebral microvascular disease as it is causing even more weakness. We also pray for her health and spirit as she deals with other medical issues.
- Prayers for Linda Senter's great-niece, Leanne, whose IgA Nephropathy (Berger's Disease) is attacking her kidneys again. **Update:** She is now going through dialysis three days a week and is on the kidney transplant list.
- Please pray for Kari, good friend of Judy Hutchison, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Jimmy Sharp appreciates prayers for his on-going back injury.

- Aaron and Alicia, friends of Lisa Comstock who struggle with long-COVID problems. Thank you for your continued prayers. From Lisa Comstock.
- Please pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Arlene Mawudeku – for kidney transplant
- Cody, grandson of Marilee Richards
- Karen, daughter of Marilee Richards
- Art & Sue Hermansen
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- 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.

GOD

281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

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Genevan Psalter, 1551

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

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."

509 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

CROSS OF JESUS 8.7.8.7

Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

John Stainer, 1887

1. For the bread which You have bro - ken, For the wine which You have poured,
2. By this prom - ise that You love us, By Your gift of peace re - stored,
3. With the saints who now a - dore You Seat-ed at the heav-en-ly board,
4. In Your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time and the key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef.

LORD'S SUPPER

For the words which You have spo-ken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.
By Your call to heaven a - bove us, Hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
May the church still wait - ing for You Keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
In the world to which You send us Let Your king-dom come, O Lord.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time and the key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef.