



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – October 4, 2026 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship Today! Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.

Supervised Nursery Care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our 2nd floor nursery room. Please pick up children by 11:05 or 10 minutes after service.

Hearing Devices are available to amplify the worship service. Please see ushers.

*For our liturgy, **BOLD** text invites you to join in the reading*

<u>Prelude</u>	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i> (Oxenham/Reinagle/Brasseur)	Kevin McClenehan, cello
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<u>Ringing of the Bell</u>	Leslie Sutin
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<u>Welcome</u>	Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
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<u>Moment for S.P.A.M.</u>	Barbara Barren
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<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 80:7-14, 19	Shirley Newman
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Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less – #379

Prayer of Confession

Sin is our stumbling block. Repentance clears the way to hear and receive God's truth. Let us confess our sins together.

Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We hoard and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect people and get focused on our needs. We downgrade relationships and seek validation on worldly standards. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free us and our world for Jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all nations and peoples may thrive. Guide us to walk with Jesus and to come and see the love and grace he restores to our hearts. Hear us now as we turn to you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

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!**

Choir Anthem

Who But the Lord?
(Boersma/Courtney/Brasseur)

Dir. by Lorilee Brasseur
Kevin McClenehan, cello

Passing of the Peace

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

We've a story to tell to the nations That shall turn their
hearts to the right, A story of truth and mercy, A
story of peace and light, A story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday
bright, And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, The kingdom of
love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations That shall lift their
hearts to the Lord, A song that shall conquer evil And
shatter the spear and sword, And shatter the spear and sword.

[Refrain]

We've a message to give to the nations—That the Lord who
reigneth above Hath sent us His Son to save us And
show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.

[Refrain]

We've a Savior to show to the nations Who the path of
sorrow hath trod, That all of the world's great peoples Might
come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

[Refrain]

Scripture

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Sermon

Sticks and Stones

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West – #439

World Communion Prayer from Rev. Stephanie Hankey

May the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up our hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Alan and Peggy Ulvestad will continue the prayer.

Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion

Jesus Paid It All
(Hall/Grape/Brasseur)

Kevin McClenehan, cello

When invited feel free to come down to participate in communion.

Pastor Alan will offer communion to those sitting in the pews.

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Benediction

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Singing of the Lord's Prayer

Lorilee Brasseur

Postlude

Toccata on "Ein feste Burg"
(Jones)

Gary Norris, Organist

Today

Adult Sunday School – 11:30am in Calvin Lounge (and on Zoom). Join us for a review of a recorded lecture series titled *The History of Christian Theology*. Join Zoom with Meeting ID: 831 6855 5529 [click here](#)

Worship Next Sunday will be at 10:00 am (also available online on our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel)

Upcoming

Lunch with Pastor Alan – tomorrow (Monday) at noon in the library.

Thursday Bible Study – October 8th at 4:00 pm via Zoom. We will be studying the Peters, Johns, and other smaller letters not written by Paul. Join meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85889578184?pwd=hW0PMGJrPyVDb8aSwtPGLz3I7damO2.1> Meeting ID: 858 8957 8184

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, October 10th at 8:30 am in Stocker Hall. All men are invited for breakfast and Bible study.

Priscilla Circle – October 12th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge.

All women are warmly invited to join us! We will be studying from our book “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other”. You can bring your lunch if you desire. We hope you'll join us!

Scrabble – October 7th and 21st at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Chili Cookoff – October 25th after worship in Westminster Hall.

Calling all chili cooks! Our Chili Cookoff returns on Sunday, October 25th.

Bring out your top-secret family recipes for tasting right after worship!

There is a sign-up sheet for chili entries at the Welcome Booth. This will be a great event with free chili! Questions? Please contact Jered Fowler.

Announcements

World Communion Special Offering

“What does the Lord require of you ... to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God ...” Micah 6:8

Loving kindness is one of the most beautiful threads woven throughout the Old Testament. Again and again, we are reminded that the people we meet are not strangers or enemies, but beloved children of God. The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome, and to make room at the table for all God’s children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment.

It means making sure there is a place for everyone at Christ’s communion table, at the tables in our homes, among our friends and families, and here in our life together as a church. Loving kindness is the work of making sure



every person is seen, every person knows they are loved by God, and every person has what they need to flourish — because that is what God desires for all of us.

This year marks the first time congregations across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to receive the World Communion Offering. Through this new Offering, we join with other congregations in supporting the wider Church in the work for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet. Please give generously; when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

EvCP Pie Sale

Just in time for the holidays!



Sunday, Sept. 27
10:45 AM–11:15 AM

Sunday, Oct. 11
10:45 AM–11:15 AM



EVCP
Everett Cooperative Preschool

Pies delivered November 16th.

All proceeds support Everett Cooperative Preschool.

Port Gardner Bay Music Society Concert

Port Gardner Bay Music begins their 2026-2027 season here at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 pm. The concert features the Aaron Coe Brass Quintet. All concerts are open to the public, with suggested donations at the door as follows: General, \$20; Senior (65+), \$15; Military, \$15; Student (12+), \$5. Please feel free to donate as you wish.

Join the Choir!

Calling all singers! Choir rehearsals are on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to sing, you're invited to help lead worship through music. Talk with Lorilee for more information.

Please Pray for...

Carol, Merry, and Janet and their families on the death of their father, Rev. Dr. Edwin Coon.

Ryan & Emily Alfrejd, on the death of Ryan's dad, Richard.

Arlene, Abba, Rose, and the Mawudeku family on the death of their sister, Evelyn.