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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

# The Carillon

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August 2024**

**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](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.

## Off the Wall

We are halfway through summer; can you believe it? I know, I'm struggling with this too. There is that moment in the summer when I think I'm not going to get to all the things I wanted to do. Argh.

For instance, this summer, I wanted to:

- write letters
- hike Mt. Pilchuck
- have a picnic
- go swimming in the sound
- surf
- visit family
- watch a movie in a theatre
- BBQ
- have a campfire
- go for a mini-road trip
- take a ferry ride
- see tons of live baseball
- fix the portion of our fence that fell down
- replace some boards on our deck
- pick up more trash around the area
- have people over for dinner
- sit out on the deck and look at the stars
- plan out our fall schedule
- come up with an Advent theme
- clean up my office
- take things to the thrift store, and the list goes on and on.

True, by the true end of the summer, I *may* have completed some of these items.

I'm not sure if you do this, but I happen to be a professional list builder. I come up with lists and more lists and add to them. Then, I hit a point where I either need to toss the list away or begin a new one as the unfulfilled expectations get the better of me. When the list or the thought process in my head becomes overwhelming, I hit a point of anxiety where nothing gets done. Again, I have a need to redo the list or toss it out.

As we are exploring the theme of camp this summer, I have been reflecting on my time at camp as a camper and a staff member. At camp, there were always many things taking place. As a camper, I wanted to do everything. I wanted to do as many things as there were to do in a day. When we had 'free time', I organized those precious three hours into crafts, basketball, water slides, the lake, and swimming pool. Add in a game or two of foosball, an ice cream snack, and a shower before dinner, I hit the lottery. When on staff, during 'free time' there was a challenge to pack in rest, run to town for a corndog, jump in the pool, do lesson prep, and if I could get a shower in, then score!

Both as a camper and a leader, free time might seem like an oxymoron due to how much I tried to do. However, even if I did not get everything 'done', I felt energized and accomplished. Maybe it was due to my younger nature, but I think the truth was twofold.

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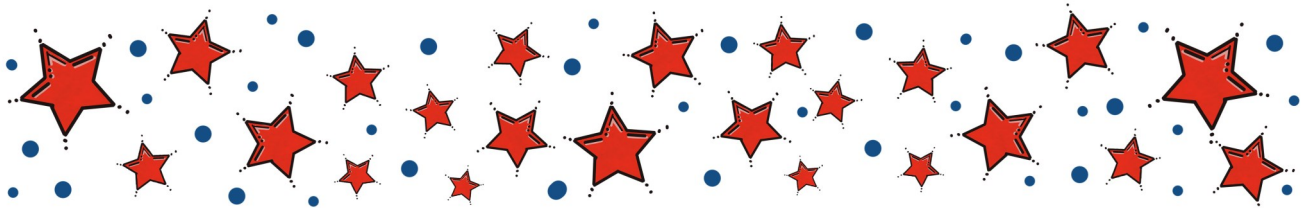
Second, I gave myself and others grace to be present in summer. Why is it that summer may feel different? True, it usually is warmer, but while we may like other seasons better, summer has that vibe of ‘suns out, let’s get out’. Being at camp taught me the whole was better than the parts. Every day there were things, activities, lessons, and people to be around, engage, and learn from. If I did not get to swim one day, then the pool was there the next. If my lesson was not the best, then the speaker and other Christ-like leaders were there. It was more than enough knowing no matter the time, camp sought to be a place of grace where loving God and loving others was good news.

Of course, somewhere along the way, I began to forget the lessons I learned over the summer. I did not apply grace and being present to being the chief goal of my year. I forgot the idea of ‘free time’. Time that allowed me to have fun, to explore, to throw off expectations, and to develop relationships. The change was and is subtle, but lists, production, work, earning accolades, comparing accomplishments, and being/feeling judged on what I do verses who I am took over. Sure, there are seasons and moments when I kick works-based love and remember God’s love is unconditional, but it is hard. Last summer, remember when I talked about the value of flip flops? They make me slow down and remember grace.

Our summer is somewhere in the middle. I think we need more ‘free time’, a good reason to get out, explore, laugh, be calm, jump in the pool or into a good book, and be present for God and each other. I want to enjoy grace and be present for grace more. I believe we all do. This does not have to be just a summer thing. God wants us to have free time – the space in our days and lives to know his love, experience Jesus’ grace, and be comforted and present through the Holy Spirit deeper. It is counter intuitive in our fast-moving world to know we are amazing, talented, interesting, accomplished, and worthy just as we are. God loves us lavishly. In turn, we are free to be present to each other. In Christ’s body, we do not need to punch a clock or figure out how to be the best. We are loved and appreciated as we are. **I hope you know you are loved, you are worthy, and grace has no strings attached.** We can have fun, be silly, get to know each other, try s’mores, and know there are more days and time to finish your craft, sit on the beach, jump in a puddle, and be present for each other.

Remember you are welcome at worship every Sunday in-person or online. We have two Wednesday evening programs in August on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Plus, in a first, we will be having s’mores on the 21<sup>st</sup> outdoors in our north parking lot. On Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>, we are having the all-church picnic at Legion Park, and we are getting excited for the Summer Aire Concert on September 8<sup>th</sup>. All you need to do is come.

Peace, *Alan*



# 2024 CAMP FPCE

A FUN, FAITH-FILLED SUMMER EXPERIENCE WITH PASTOR ALAN

JOIN US!

FAITH  
FUN  
FELLOWSHIP



CAMP FPCE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Week of July 28</b> Pool Olympics 1 Samuel 17:41-49	Psalm 5 Matthew 13:31-33	Psalm 9 Luke 12:22-31	AquaSox Game 	Psalm 15 Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 26 Luke 19:36-40	Psalm 34 John 14:1-17
<b>Week of August 4</b> Mid Week Campfire John 6:60-71	Psalm 42 Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 63 Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Camp FPCE Dinner and Service 5:30pm	Psalm 71 1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 82 2 Samuel 6:16-23	Psalm 85 1 Kings 3:1-15
<b>Week of August 11</b> Day on the Green Hebrews 12:1-13	Psalm 91 Matthew 5:1-20	Psalm 100 Matthew 5:21-42	Free Time!	Psalm 111 Matthew 5:43-6:15	Psalm 112 Matthew 6:16-34	Psalm 126 Matthew 7:1-14
<b>Week of August 18</b> S'Mores Hebrews 12:14-29	Psalm 133 Matthew 7:15-29	Psalm 139 Romans 8	Camp FPCE Dinner and S'Mores 5:30pm	Psalm 141 Proverbs 3	Psalm 143 Jonah 1 and 2	Psalm 148 Mark 5:21-43
<b>Week of August 25</b> Pine Cone Service 2 Corinthians 5	Psalm 16 Luke 15	Psalm 19 John 6:60-71	Free Time!	Psalm 43 John 15:1-17	Psalm 56 1 Corinthians 13	Psalm 115 Philippians 2
<b>Week of September 1</b> Last Day of Camp Exodus 33:7-23	Psalm 150 Revelation 7:9-17	Summer was awesome! Let's keep in touch :)				

## From the Organ Bench by Gary Norris, Organist

Come and listen for a rich variety of sounds on a beloved hymn tune and the classic *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor* by JS Bach played by an internationally acclaimed organist, Hector Olivera.

A small but versatile and powerful digital organ, a Roland C330, will be heard on Sunday, August 11 as worship is started with an improvisation on the hymn tune, *Crusader Hymn*, which you will recognize as the tune for the familiar and beloved *Fairest Lord Jesus!* See background on hymn and words below.

The service will conclude with a postlude — *J. S Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor* — played by Olivera.

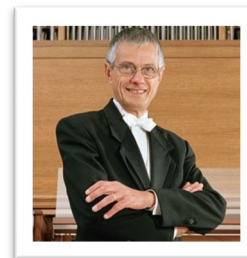
Come prepared to absorb the sounds of the music and pray the words of this great hymn:

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature  
O thou of God and man the Son  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine

The author of these words is unknown. The tune is *St. Elizabeth*, an eighteenth-century tune from the Glaz area of Silesia.



## 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.



## VOTE!

In our amazing country, we have the privilege of being able to vote. We vote for a variety of representatives, initiatives, and laws. As Christians, we can and should engage in our civic duty to learn, discern, advocate, and vote. Our Book of Order in the PC(USA) reminds us “God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of all persons which are in anything contrary to his Word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship. (F-3.0101 Book of Order, from Westminster Confession of Faith (The Book of Confessions, 6.109))” This means, we the church, do not tell you who or how to vote, because the way one votes is a private conversation between you and God.



This August, those in Everett will vote on Proposition One. This is a property tax levy lid lift. If approved, this will support public safety, like police and fire, and essential public services that contribute to quality of life, like street paving, libraries, parks, the animal shelter and more (from <https://bit.ly/FPCEProp1>). There are valid reasons for and against this proposition. We want to highlight a part of the proposition that may be helpful for those who are senior citizens or disabled.

Seniors and persons with disabilities may qualify for tax exemptions or deferrals.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/FPCETaxExempt> or 425-388-3540.

No matter the vote, if you qualify, then please use these resources to help ease financial strain.

## Book Group - August 2024

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 please watch for updates.

Special thanks to volunteer leaders for our September and October gatherings. I look forward to their fresh ideas, inspiration, and enthusiasm.

**\* NO MEETING THIS MONTH (August 2024)\***

Our 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.

**Nov. 25**                      “What I am reading” OR *The Measure* [if book set becomes available]

**December**                      **No Book Group Meeting**

To take part in monthly discussions, log in via Zoom at 10 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed above. 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 - August 2024

August is a time for fictional treasures old and new. It's a time to rediscover and reread old favorites or discover new titles on their way to becoming favorites. Here are a few suggestions from your church library:

Remember *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger? Shortly after its publication at the beginning of this century, Valerie Ryan of the *Seattle Times* wrote: "If you like a ripping good story told in robust prose that gives you goosebumps, latch onto this book. . . . More than a novel of miracles, it is truly a miraculous novel."

Enger's 2018 creation, *Virgil Wander*, again features quirky characters, small town ambience, intriguing relationships, and surprising happenings, presented in the author's spare descriptive prose. Textures and colors give that "you are there too" sense. *Wall Street Journal*: "... brings out the charm and the downright strangeness of the defiantly normal."

Author Barbara Davis has given us *Echo of Old Books* and *The Keeper of Happy Endings*, two engaging historical fiction tales to enrich the summer hours.

For another title in this vein, try *The Hidden Child* by Louise Fein. See how only a few decades ago it was considered a family's shame, perhaps dangerous to their other aspirations, to have given birth to a youngster beyond the bounds of "normal". Today's term "special needs" does little to conceal the family challenges.

*A Short Walk Through a Wide World*, a 2024 publication by Douglas Westerbeke combines travel and fantasy. "Cursed with immortality at the age of 9, but with a requirement that she stay in perpetual motion, Aubry flees Paris and embarks on a century-spanning, globe-trotting odyssey, seeking a cure and discovering a world beyond the boundaries of time and space."

In addition, this fruitful year has provided a new Kristin Hannah [remember *The Four Winds*?] historical novel, *The Women*. In the words of Bonnie Garmus, this tome: "Stuns with sacrifice, uplifts with heroism...an important, long overdue tribute to the brave women nurses who served in Vietnam."

These are just a few of the "fiction treasures old and new" available in our library. Browse the shelves of the main library on the first floor by the office or check the availability of a particular title in our online catalog: <https://15781.rmwebopac.com> .

As always, if you let me know what you are looking for, I will try to have a selection of helpful choices on the Burgundy Bookmobile in Westminster Hall the following Sunday morning.

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## Notes of Thanks:

*We would like to thank everyone for the well wishes, prayers and cards after my foot surgery and stroke. I am doing so much better.*

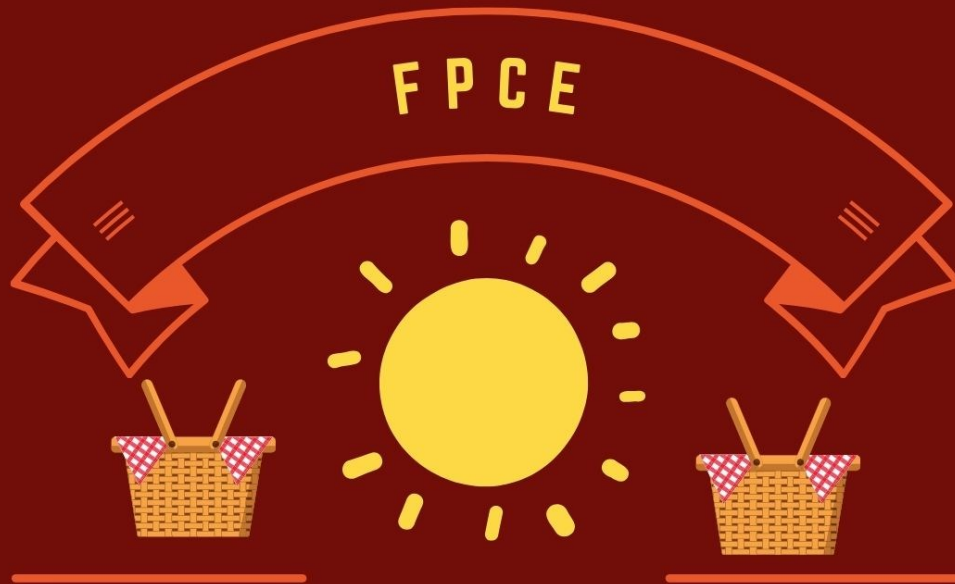
*Thank you,  
Jack and Darcie Cooper*



*When the praises go up, the blessings come down. Thank you for your prayers of healing for my brother Joseph (J.T.) following his burn incident. In June, I had the opportunity to travel to North Carolina to celebrate his birthday with him and I am so happy to report that he is doing very well. He continues to receive treatment to aid in the ongoing healing, but he is mobile and has even gone back to work. A blessing indeed. I am so grateful for you all.*

*What an amazing community we have here at FPCE.*

*-Sondra Santos*



# ALL-CHURCH

## PICNIC

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SUNDAY, AUG. 25, 11:30 AM  
LEGION PARK

HAMBURGERS, SALADS, DESSERTS,  
GAMES, AND LOTS OF FUN

## AUGUST 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:**

- 8/8 Joshua & Teresa Miniken
- 8/11 Howard Garner & Rosemary Rheinheimer
- 8/16 Michael & Susan Davis
- 8/16 Ed & Doris Pearson
- 8/17 Kurt & Kathy Shubert
- 8/21 Gary & Dariel Norris
- 8/28 Bill & Jean Messner

### **Birthdays:**

- 8/9 Ainslee Mattix
- 8/9 Kaye Muller
- 8/12 Kenzie Kermoade
- 8/14 Annette King
- 8/15 Katherine Campbell
- 8/16 Jean Rankin
- 8/21 June Wennick
- 8/23 Marcia Burnham
- 8/23 Patricia Erickson
- 8/23 Chris Mattix
- 8/24 George Tonn
- 8/25 Barbara Johnson
- 8/26 Howard Garner
- 8/30 Randy Roberts

# 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](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

**August 11, 2024**

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



**Our next drive-through collection is Monday, August 5th** 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.

## Scrabble Wednesdays in 2024

Let's play Scrabble on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

We invite newbies, the average "word-joe", experts, mentors, and YOU to join us on **from 1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall** for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE.

The north door will be open from 12:50-1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!



### Coffee Time

We so appreciate the Deacons and friends for hosting our wonderful coffee time after worship every Sunday!

Beginning Sunday, July 21st, the Deacons will continue to host the coffee. Here's the great thing, if you want to bring some of your delicious cookies (homemade or store bought), if you want to drop off a load of zucchini from your garden, if you made some muffins and want to share them, if you like fruit and you think others do to, then share.

That's right, the Deacons will set out coffee, but if we want some treats, then bring them, set them out, pick up your plate before you continue your day, and know we are thankful for your contribution.

If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Alan or Bob Barren.



## NOTHING BUT BEATLES?

Beatles music, best of Beach Boys, and more!

**September 8 at 3 p.m.**

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# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## **Ruling Elders**

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

## **Deacons**

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

