

# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT**

# Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

## October 31, 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett, in alignment with Snohomish County and the State of Washington, is **requiring masks indoors** for all ages above 5 years old.

We understand this is not where we wanted to be, but our desire as a church is to love God and love our neighbor. Masks are a tangible way we express our concern and compassion for our community. We ask you to join our session in praying for our county as together we navigate this time.

\*For our liturgy this morning, **BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading.

## Prelude J.S. Bach *Prelude VIII* Gwen Hildebrand, pianist

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

## Call to Worship

## Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**We will praise the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praises to my God all our life long.**  
Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

**Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,**  
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who  
executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

## Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (Hymn text at end of bulletin)

## Prayers of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, you whose Son did pray that all your children might be one, we come with repentance for the sin of useless division and for the secret vice of pride. We seek forgiveness for harsh judgment, for prejudice nourished as a virtue, for self-will, for scorn of others, whose experience before you are as valid as our own.

For all negative attitudes, for all denial of the worth of other views, for all exclusiveness which has kept out those of good will, receive our forgiveness and heal us of the sin which keeps us apart. Teach us what it means to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Open our eyes to the insight of others. Help us to appreciate those of other lands and of other races, who, differing from us in much, are yet one with us in faith. For problems beyond our minds to solve, grant us patience. For tasks too great for our weak hands, give us faith. For all tedious steps in discovering your way and your will for your church, endow us with necessary grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Moment of Silence*

**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.**

Chancel Choir

*Only God*

Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture

Exodus 1:8-14, 3:1-6; John 8:1-11; Galatians 5:1, 13-15

This is the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Fear and Freedom*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

(Hymn text at end of bulletin)

Benediction

Postlude

*Mattinata (Morning)* Ruggero Leoncavallo Gwen Hildebrand, pianist

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Part of our prayer of confession comes from George Stewart, *A Face to the Sky*, adapted, Language Modernized by Stuart Strachan Jr.

# When Morning Gilds the Skies

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German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak-ing cries:  
2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:  
3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:  
4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth-ly bliss?  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e-ter - nal song



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
My com-fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!



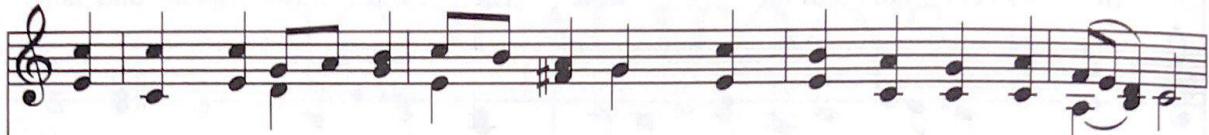
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Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

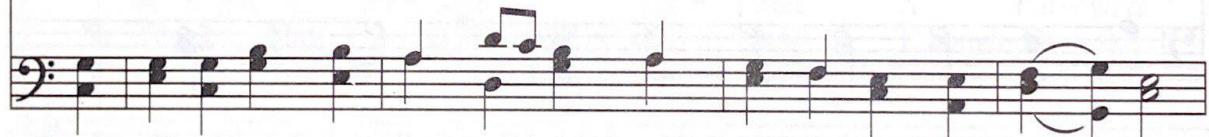
Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat-en to un - do us,  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help-er He a - mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -  
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem-ble not for him; His rage we  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor-tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid-eth still, His king-dom is for - ev - er.



## Announcements

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Our next non-perishable food collection for the Volunteers of America food bank is on Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm in the alley.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting Event**

We have been invited to bless our city with cookies and cocoa on Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas tree lighting at the intersection of Hewitt and Colby. There will be a day long celebration of small business and shop local Saturday combined with special events. We will have a table to share cookies and cocoa in the early evening. More details will be coming, but get your oven prepared to bake up some cookies as last year 1200 cookies were shared with our community.

### **Deacon Thanksgiving Gifts**

Our Deacons are awesome! The compassionate and caring spirit of Deacons, past and present, support our congregation. During the months of November and December, our Deacons will be giving money to Parent-Child Assistance Program (formerly Safe Babies Safe Moms) and two other organizations to be determined to help with their Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. You can give to our Deacons by using the green envelopes at the offering table or designate “Deacon’s Fund” in the memo line on your check. Thank you!

- Lunch with Pastor Alan is Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm. We have a new zoom link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTdzo9>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
  - Passcode: FPCE21!
- Thursday Bible Study is on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. We will be using *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren Chapters 10 &11. The verses we are studying are Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 22:34-40; Hebrews 10:1-18; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; Psalm 137:1-9, 149:1-9; Matthew 15:21-39. Our zoom link is:  
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- Sunday School class today at 11:30am. Today, our Sunday School class is back in hybrid mode. Join us in-person or on Zoom. Steve Hammond will lead our class beginning at 11:30am. Our Zoom link is:  
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## **Prayer Updates October 31, 2021**

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community. Recent numbers show a drop to 331 cases per 100,000 people. This is a great downward trend, and we pray our numbers continue to drop.
- Sondra Santos thanks you for praying for her uncle, Jimmy Sico. Sadly, he died on Sunday, October 10th. He was at home, surrounded by his family. Sondra asks that you keep the Sico family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- Prayers for healing, strength, and peace for LaMara Halstrom diagnosed with carcinoma and Jane McMahon diagnosed with esophageal and liver cancer. Both are “sisters” of Steve and Nancy Torrence.
- We pray for a friend of Sam and Rose Capetillo who’s 8-year-old son has leukemia. The friend is asking for immediate prayers during this time.
- Update on prayers for Arlene Mawudeku. Arlene had another surgery on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, to replace the wound vac to help with the care of her wound. After this is removed, then she will be seeking to be moved into a skilled nursing facility to help with her recovery. She asks for our continued prayers.
- Prayers for Tim Thornton who has esophageal cancer. From Shirley Morrow and Tom & Pat Erickson.
- We pray for Gary Norris. He is home, but faces a long recovery. We pray for his health, Dariel, and the family during this time.
- Prayers for a friend of Ari and Robin Kohler who is very ill with COVID.
- Prayers for Ari and Robin Kohler's niece's grandfather who is in critical condition with COVID.
- Jan Weakley asks for prayers for her sister-in-law Pat Weakley Hein now under Hospice Care for congestive heart and kidney failure. Pat is Dick's little sister.
- Update: We pray for Scott Morrow as he continues chemotherapy. We pray for his doctors, his strength, God's comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. He is home and is undergoing extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Update: We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris. Mary Lee needed another surgery and needs prayer as she heals.
- We continue to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling's sister. Linda had surgery and is recovering.

- Update: John Ortmeyer, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when an MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – She is on blood thinners to keep other clots from forming around her lungs. Praise as there is no cancer! Tricia tires easily but should be closer to normal within a year. Please continue to pray for her successful treatment. Friend of Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell – Larry continues to amaze with his improved energy level. He and the family need continuing prayers following the death of Larry's wife, Joyce, in August. From Annette King
- Praise – Our family appreciates the prayers for our grandson-in-law, Matt, who continues to be alcohol free almost 2 years. He is with an electrician apprentice program now. A special blessing arrived May 14<sup>th</sup> with the birth of Sarah and Matt's son, Jackson Paul. From Great Grandma Annette King

## Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
  - Rev. Ed Coon
  - Merle Kirkley
  - Dorothy Nerison
  - Family of Letty Ownings
  - Family of Prince Schaefer
  - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
  - Jay Kuhnhenn
  - Peggy Ulvestad
  - Judy Oberg
  - Judy Campbell
  - Jan Weakley
  - Family of Maurine Murray
  - Family of Bonnie Brown
  - Family of Celia Gordon
  - Sam and Rose Capetillo
  - Marcia Ricks and family
  - Joan Lyderson and family

- Bea Swafford's family
- Lucille Hofer
- Bev Fox's family
- Larry O'Donnell
- 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 Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- 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 Dale and Janet Good.