



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – August 16, 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.

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

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

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Leslie Sutin

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship

Psalm 96

Rosemary Rheinheimer

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, “The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.”

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; let the field exult and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Hymn

How Great Thou Art – #467

Prayer of Confession

We live in the tension of knowing that the Lord is quick to forgive and recognizing that we need to be forgiven. We also live in the tension of knowing that, through Christ, all things are being made new and recognizing that our broken world needs to be transformed. From the discomfort of this tension, let us offer a prayer of confession.

Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom. Hear us as we turn to you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Paul writes: “I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.” (Romans 11:29) God has shown us mercy and God will be merciful to all. Hear and believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

Special Music

O Worship the King
(Haydn/Grant/Curnow)

Ed Pearson, trombone
Lorilee Brasseur,
accompanist

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – #403

Scripture

James 1:2-8

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

Sermon

The Joy in Difficult Moments

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn

When Peace Like a River, It is Well with My Soul – (see screens)

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

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Today

Adult Sunday School: – Adult Sunday School will resume September 13th.

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

Upcoming

Special Congregational Meeting – today after worship the Nominating Committee will present Barb Roetcisoender to serve as a Deacon. This is the only item of business for this meeting.

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

The Gathering – August 19th – We will gather at 5:30 pm to eat, build community, and sing songs together with our friends at the Interfaith Family Shelter at 2520 Cedar St. Interfaith has asked us to park and enter along Fulton Street (around 2520 Fulton). Those who are cooking can arrive at 5:00 pm. Everyone else, we'll see you at 5:30 pm. Hot dogs, burgers, salads, and s'mores await. We hope you can join us at the Family Shelter! *There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth.*

Wednesday Summer of Joy Zoom Check In – No Zoom check-in August 19th.

Scrabble – August 19th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Announcements

Maury Spencer's memorial will be hosted by North Creek Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 5th at 11:00 am.

Top 20 Summer Challenge

With the limited parking downtown on Sundays with the market and other exciting events, let's fill our parking spaces first. We have 20 spaces and, on some Sundays, they are not totally filled. Our challenge is to first park in our spaces, to make sure they are used for members and friends to worship on Sundays, and to free up parking at the top of the hill for visitors.

Volunteers of America Food Donations

We gathered 204 pounds of food for the VOA this month! Great job!

We collect food donations every week at the baskets at both sanctuary doors. If you have a large donation or a heavy one, Ken Newman will be glad to help with collecting it before or after service on any Sunday. Thanks to all who donate food to help those in need in our community.

Calling New Members

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR Code or talk with Pastor Alan.



Pastor's QR Code

Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at: www.firstpreschurch.com.





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IN THE PARK

FPCE ALL CHURCH PICNIC

- BBQ and Food
- Games and Activities
- Fellowship & Fun

Aug. 30 at 11:30 a.m.

Legion Park
2nd St and Alverson Blvd
Everett, WA 98201

Please Pray for...

Todd Morrow, on the death of his mother, Shirley.

Darcie Cooper and the extended family. Darcie's dad, Jack Morrisson, died.

Pray for God's healing, protection, and peace for **Jean** and **Kory**.

Victor, a local landscaper and friend of Chris Hoke of Underground Ministries is home on "medical leave" and is receiving care with a cardiologist and may need a pacemaker. He has improved considerably since being home. He is not home for good but could be a year or two before ICE tries to take him back. He is completing his immigration applications. From Dottie Villesvik.