



First Presbyterian Church of Everett

# The Carillon

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**The Carillon**  
**September 2021**

**Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:**

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship  
11:00 am - Fellowship  
12:00 pm - Adult Sunday School

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As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Firestone



# Sing Advent

Advent is just around the corner. Yes, the special time of the church year between Thanksgiving and Christmas is almost here, even in August. This year the First Presbyterian Church of Everett's theme for the Advent season is **Sing Advent**. We are going to learn, celebrate, and sing our way through both traditional Advent and Christmas hymns, carols, and modern jingles pointing us to our Savior's birth.

We are putting together another Advent devotional on this theme. Last year, we were blessed by thoughtful and meaningful reflections on the four traditional themes of Advent (hope, peace, joy, love). We are doing the same this year and I'm asking for your help. I have daily scripture readings, a ton of ideas for songs, and we have 30 days to fill. If you are interested in being a part of this year's devotional, then all you need to do is:

- First, let me know you want to participate.
- Second, if you have a favorite scripture, Advent or Christmas hymn, song, or recording, then let me know.
- Thirdly, we will consult via email ([dorway@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:dorway@firstpreschurch.com)) or phone to make sure we are on the same page (we don't want to have 10 people write on Joy to the World – it's a great hymn, but there are other songs just as awesome).
- Pray and write about the song you chose. Let us know what it means to you, how you learned it, or special memories of singing it and why it ties into your experience of the Christmas season.
- Lastly, edit and submit your final draft of reflection to me by Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will allow me and our office staff to get the full devotional ready for a Thanksgiving delivery.

Just in case you are wondering, what are some Advent hymns, here are twelve to check out:

1. Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
2. Come, O Come Emmanuel
3. Of the Father's Love Begotten
4. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
5. Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
6. What Child is This?
7. Joy to the World
8. Love Divine All Loves Excelling
9. Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
10. Once in Royal David's City
11. On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
12. Little Town of Bethlehem



Think, pray, reflect, and join me in preparing the **Sing Advent** Devotional. We may not all be rock stars, but this Christmas season, we are going to sing like one.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway



## A Season of Peace: Sept 5 - Oct 3 (World Communion Sunday)

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four special annual offerings of the PCUSA.

Through participation in this offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports ministries that work for reconciliation and facilitate healing. 25% of the offering stays local, 25% regional, and 50% supports the work for peace & reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

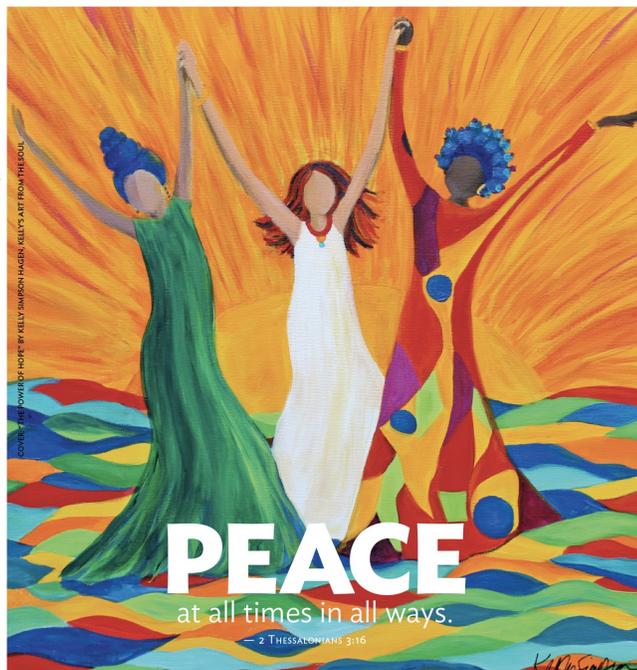
Offerings may be collected at church through October 3 or mailed to the church office. Envelopes will be available at church. Please note Peace & Global Witness Offering on your check.

Through our gifts we draw closer to God's peace, trusting in the God of Peace at all times & in all ways.

Thank you,

Your Mission Committee

 **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



### Priscilla Circle Resumes In-person Meetings

Priscilla Circle will begin meeting in-person again on Monday, September 13, at 11:30 AM in Calvin Lounge. Since it has been so long that we have been together, this will be a social meeting in which we will discuss our plans for the year and what our study lesson will be.

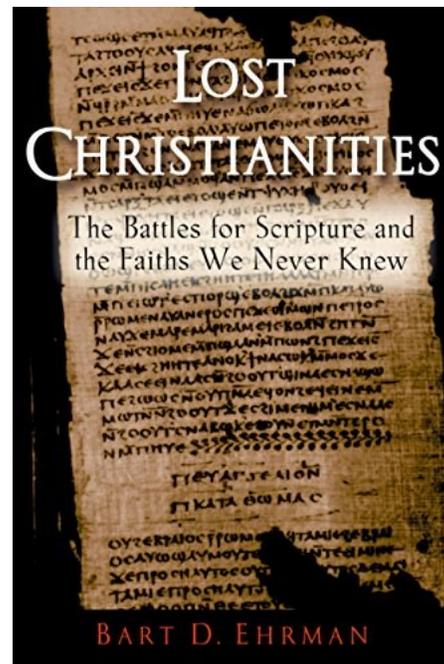
We welcome all women who wish to attend. Please bring a salad to share for our potluck lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Masks are required as well as Covid-19 protocols.

## Adult Sunday School: Lost Christianities

We plan to begin a new Sunday School class on September 12. It is based on a series of recorded lectures by Professor Bart Ehrman of the University of North Carolina Department of Religious Studies. This course explores the remarkable diversity of beliefs and writings propounded by people who considered themselves to be Christians in the first few centuries AD.

We will hear about the many Christian writings of the first few centuries that were often fanciful and entertaining, but which did not end up being included in the New Testament canon of Scripture. Some of these writings were eventually considered to be harmless, but not to belong in the core canon of Scripture, while other writings were considered to be misleading and even dangerous to salvation. The course is a fascinating study of what we present-day Christians generally take for granted and what perhaps could have been if Christian history had taken another direction.

While in modern times there remain notable variations in belief and emphasis between different Christian sects and denominations, these differences pale compared to more radical differences in understanding of the Christian message in the earliest days of Christianity. Interestingly, many “new” interpretations of the Christian message are not new at all, but merely the return of old ideas that have been rejected previously as erroneous. On the other hand, there is also room within the Christian faith for new interpretation and growing understanding that remains within the bounds of what is considered orthodox.



### **Coffee Time and Hybrid Sunday School, Resumes Sunday, September 12th.**

You are invited to join us for coffee time after worship in Westminster Hall beginning Sunday, September 12. We will also resume adult Sunday school in Calvin Lounge. Sunday school will be a hybrid format and broadcast on the Zoom platform. See your Sunday worship guide for Zoom information.

## Library Update - September 2021

“Advent is just around the corner.” So begins a recent pastoral letter. Seems that our pastor and congregation are again assembling an Advent devotional; such an undertaking requires an early heads up and some ingenuity.

A primary function of the church library is support of church studies, worship, and programs. Just a day after the letter came out, we had the first call inquiring about library resources. This year’s exciting theme, **Sing Advent**, offers several possibilities. The caller remembered correctly that the library has a number of historic hymnals which may suggest music and lyrics to treasured old favorites.

Hymnals are shelved on the south wall of the main library at 783.9. Our music collection is small but useful for browsing. Melville Dewey’s decimal classification designates 780 as the number for music, helpful to remember also if you’re in the excellent Everett Public Library looking for music. In all honesty, for finding a specific song, it is probably faster to try Google search!

On the subject of Advent, here are a few other titles of interest:

<i>Guidepost’s Christmas Treasury</i>	Guidepost	394.2 Gui
<i>Rise Up Shepherd!</i>	Luke A Powery	242.332 Pow
<i>Preparing My Heart for Advent</i>	Ann Marie Stewart	263.91 Ste
<i>Silence and Other Surprising Invitations at Advent</i>	Enuma Okoro	242.33 Oko
<i>Meditations for Advent &amp; Christmas</i>	James G. Kirk	242.33 Kir
<i>Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season</i>	Heidi Haverkamp	823.912 Hav

One more suggestion—probably not much help with selecting an Advent song but it may encourage someone to make time to prepare a submission for the Advent devotional:

<i>Simplify Your Christmas: 100 Ways to Reduce the Stress and Recapture the Joy of the Holidays</i>	Elaine St. James	394.2683 StJ
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As always, please let me know any other information needs you may have or if the listed titles seem elusive in a closed building. There are ways...

Keep reading. Keep in touch.

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## Fourth Monday Book Group - September 2021

Summer is disappearing way too fast (for me at least!) I hope you're finding time to read, mercifully not a seasonal activity for most of us.

For now, we will continue our monthly book discussion on the Zoom platform. At least there's no parking problem! In September, the fourth Monday falls on the 27th. I'm very grateful to Barb Yates for her offer to lead the discussion at that time.



We will be discussing the currently popular

*The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

previously scheduled for August. You won't want to miss this unusual novel anchored by an unusual library in the care of an unusual librarian. No book set this time, but I do have access to a couple of copies I can share.

At our meeting I would like to take a few minutes to consider how we would like to proceed once in-person gatherings again seem prudent.

We also need to choose a book for October. November has traditionally been reserved for "What I am Reading." December has customarily been a winter break with monthly discussions resuming in January. We are not bound by these traditions. Your input counts.

There is no fixed membership for this group. Just read the book and sign on to Zoom (check with me if you need the link) and join the discussion at 10:00 a.m. the fourth Monday of the month. I hope to see you on Zoom September 27.

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**For Zoom meeting details and additional Book Group information, please visit our website at <http://www.firstpreschurch.com/book-group>**

# CARING FOR OUR EARTH (It's easy being green!)

From the Estuary Angels



## *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remove, Refuse, Repair*

### **Alternatives to Lawns**

Much as we love our lush green grass, lawns are green in color only. A great amount of water and energy usually is spent on them. Here are some ideas for reducing or eliminating lawns in our yards. **Shrubbery.** Trees and bushes can be added to any existing woody plants in your yard to create deep shrub borders. Plant native species and mulch them to the drip line to reduce the need for water and protect trunks from lawnmower damage. Once established, native shrub borders can survive without supplemental water most years and need pruning no more than once a year. **Berry Beds.** Raised beds create a sense of structure in the landscape and keep cane berries like raspberry and blackberry from spreading. Filled with flowers or vegetables, raised beds can be as much work as lawn. But filled with berries, all they need is sun and water and you'll be rewarded with fresh fruit. **Ornamental grasses** can be used to create sophisticated designs. Choose native species and you can free yourself from both watering and mowing. Some ornamental grasses are invasive, so do your research. **Ground covers** can be appropriate in areas of the lawn that don't get very much, if any, foot traffic. Some, like creeping thyme and moss, can tolerate some foot traffic. The benefit, though, is ground cover requires relatively little water. Avoid invasive ground covers. **Permeable pavers** and **gravel** also can be used as grass substitute. *Source: Earth 911*

### **Is Bubble Wrap Recyclable? (Yes, but you can use it in other ways first.)**

Bubble Wrap is a trademarked term for plastic packaging, started in 1957. It's made of low-density polyethylene (LDPE), or #4 plastic, and can be recycled at many grocery and other stores that offer a plastic bag and film recycling bin at the front of the store (including 41<sup>st</sup> and Rucker Safeway). But Bubble Wrap is intended for reuse as packaging. And, if you can resist popping the bubbles, there are other uses as well. **Insulate** around ice cream and other frozen items in your grocery bag. **Cushion** tomatoes or other fruits when leaving them in a bowl or the fridge, to protect from bruising. **Prevent excess condensation** in the toilet tank by lining the inside with sheets of bubbles. Make a **burglar alarm** by putting a layer of Bubble Wrap on the floor inside your windows and doors, so you'll hear "pop-pop-pop" if someone tries to break in. **Maintain the shape** of your handbag by placing some Bubble Wrap inside while it's stored on the shelf. Make a **camping mat** by placing layers of Bubble Wrap under the sleeping bag for more comfortable sleep. **Protect delicate plants** in cold winters by wrapping around your pots and containers. *Source: Earth 911*

### **Special Days**

Sept. 4 is *National Wildlife Day*. Sept. 15 is *Greenpeace Day*. Sept. 16 is *Int'l Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer*. Sept. 18 is *Int'l Coastal Cleanup Day* and *National Cleanup Day from Sea to Shining Sea* and *World Water Monitoring Day*. Sept. 22 is *Elephant Appreciation Day* and *Carfree Day*. Sept. 25 is *National Public Lands Day*.

*"All things share the same breath – the beast, the tree, the man. The air shares its spirit with all the life it supports." - Chief Sealth*

## Presbyterian Writers Guild webinar explores the collaborative joy found in today's hymn-writing

by Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — As modest as they are talented, three Presbyterian hymn-writers shared their sources of inspiration and some of their favorite hymns Sunday during a webinar called “When in Our Music God is Glorified,” put on by the [Presbyterian Writers Guild](#). About three dozen people attended. Dr. Anita Coleman, a writer and former professor who’s vice president of the guild, moderated the hour-long webinar.

Asked to reveal his sources for inspiration, the Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, associate for Worship with the [Office of Theology & Worship](#) and a hymn-writer and musician, said he’s “contractually obligated” to say it’s the Holy Spirit, “and I mean that quite sincerely. The best ideas I have feel like a gift.”



Photo by David Beale via Unsplash

Of course, there’s plenty of work involved crafting and honing an idea for a hymn, “but that work too is empowered by the Spirit,” said Gambrell, adding he studies Scripture — especially the psalms — before writing a hymn.

“It’s like how jazz musicians learn the standards,” Gambrell said. “You immerse yourself in prayers and songs to develop the chops to play and improvise your own thing.”

“The Spirit needs a medium to work through,” said [Dr. Mary Louise \(Mel\) Bringle](#), a hymn-writer who chaired the [Glory to God](#) hymnal committee that also included Gambrell, “and the majority of the time the Spirit speaks to me through music.”

Before writing new lyrics, “I have to have a tune in my ears first. I prefer one that hasn’t been texted,” Bringle said. She’s found a number of composers willing to come up with a new tune, “and then I play it until the words start to emerge.”

The Rev. Chris Shelton, the pastor of [Broadway Presbyterian Church](#) in New York City and the author of a new hymnal called “[Sing No Empty Alleluias](#),” said it’s the task of a pastor who’s also a hymn-writer to “try to create moments for people to find and hear themselves in ways I have been privileged to do” by “writing out of that wonderful soup of experience, trying to give voice to these moments.”

Bringle said she started writing hymns unintentionally, writing parodies of hymns that her students enjoyed and started singing. Nearly 25 years ago, a student asked Bringle to write a legitimate hymn for his upcoming wedding. Like Gambrell, Bringle began to write a hymn each week as a spiritual discipline.

“I was pretty verbose in my early texts,” Bringle said. “I try to write bite-sized memorable refrains now.”

Gambrell and Bringle both touted [The Hymn Society](#), which has as its mission “to encourage, promote and enliven congregational singing both in the United States and Canada. “It’s where I met the composers I work with,” Bringle said. “They are all down to earth and will workshop your texts and share their tunes with you.”

“These are people who know and love hymns and can sing them in many types of traditions,” Gambrell said. “Collaboration is a gift. It’s such a joy to see your words take on new life and have new and different meaning through someone else’s musical interpretation.”

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**Questions about  
vaccination,  
testing, exposure,  
prevention, and  
contact tracing?**

**Monday-Friday  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**Call the  
COVID Call  
Center for  
Snohomish  
County:**

**425-339-5278**



**Special Dates:**

Labor Day, September 6, 2021

Patriot Day, September 11, 2021

National Grandparents Day, September 12, 2021

Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2021

First day of autumn, September 22, 2021



## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.



Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (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 the future celebration

### **Anniversaries:**

- 9/1 Christopher & Danielle Roberts
- 9/7 Lin & Mary Davis
- 9/13 Jeff & Doreen Solberg
- 9/19 Randy & Debbie Roberts
- 9/27 Clay & Kami Erickson

### **Birthdays:**

- 9/2 Rob Sutin
- 9/3 Roy Gresham
- 9/6 Janet Kelly
- 9/7 Marilyn Larsen
- 9/10 Mary Davis
- 9/11 Marilyn Minch
- 9/13 Marne Larson
- 9/14 Mary Lou Finley
- 9/14 Michael Goza
- 9/17 Beverly Brandt
- 9/19 Christopher Roberts
- 9/20 Sharon Danitschek
- 9/20 Steve Torrence
- 9/21 Alan Dorway
- 9/22 Kami Erickson
- 9/23 Carol Gresham
- 9/24 Dale Good
- 9/24 Jeffrey Smith
- 9/29 Danielle Fowler

## **E-Newsletter Submission Deadlines**

**\*PLEASE NOTE - During the pandemic, distribution of e-newsletters and the Carillon may be interrupted. We thank you for your understanding.\***

If you have information you would like included in upcoming 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletters, please send that information to [sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the following deadlines:

**September 9, 2021 (for 2nd Monday)**

**September 23, 2021 (for 4th Monday)**

If you have information you would like included in 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. Upcoming Deadline:

**September 12, 2021**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE.**

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“Liturgy and hymnody should be about building relationships, with God and neighbors and people beyond the church,” Gambrell said. “Hymn-writing can be a way to build those relationships by making a common song for the people of God.”

It’s those harmonies that many Presbyterians have missed during the pandemic, Gambrell said, adding, “We sing with different voices that bring different gifts and life experiences.”

Worship leaders do well to “engage the depth that’s already there,” Shelton said.

“I often am caught up in trying to craft a moment,” Shelton said. His solution was to “flip pages [of the hymnal] until I see the right sound on the page.” If that doesn’t work, “find a musician and sing your hymnal.” It can also be helpful to host a hymn sing at home or in the church parlor, Shelton said.

“Singing in church has become a dangerous activity,” Coleman noted. “But it has spurred innovation. People have used techniques to produce performances when they were physically separated.”

The pandemic “has spurred wonderful writing as well,” Shelton said. The Spirit “has moved between the walls that divide us ... Art has a way of flourishing in the midst of crisis.”

(Story online at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/art-has-a-way-of-flourishing-in-the-midst-of-crisis/>)



## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

And after the earthquake ... a sound of sheer silence.  
Then there came a voice ... that said, "What are you doing here?"

(1 Kings 19:12–13)

The scale of the disaster facing Haiti after the Aug. 14 earthquake is becoming clearer. The quake and its aftershocks have left almost 1,300 people dead, thousands more injured and an unknown number of people are still missing. At least 13,000 homes were destroyed and roads, bridges and communication systems have been severely damaged. This catastrophe comes on top of Haiti's ongoing struggles with endemic hunger and poverty, COVID-19 and continuing civil unrest, and as Tropical Storm Grace bears down on the region.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through our established local partners and in collaboration with ACT Alliance and its members. The PC(USA), through PDA and together with regional World Mission colleagues, will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience.

**The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.**

### **GIVE. ACT. PRAY.**

**GIVE:** Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

**ACT:** Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and [like us on Facebook](#), [download resources](#) and share updates with your congregation.

**PRAY:** As this earthquake continues to cause destruction and loss of life, please pray with us that the communities affected by this event and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met and be reminded of the hope found in God.



## Lunch with Alan

Prepare a lunch and sign on for a simple and fun opportunity to connect with one another. Lunch with Alan takes place Tuesdays at noon on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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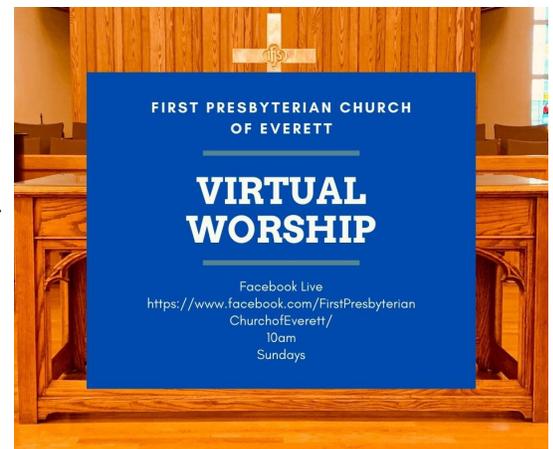
## Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am on Facebook

If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10:00am on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10:00am and wait for the live video to start. 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>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public)

Worship guides are posted on our website, the Saturday before worship.



# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## **Ruling Elders**

<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>
Steve Hammond	Marne Larson	Elizabeth Nelson
Jamie Hunter	Bill Grosse	Debbie Roberts
David Baer- Peckham	John Gebert	Roy Yates

## **Deacons**

<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>
Marilyn Minch	Lisa Comstock	Sonya Beardsley
Doris Pearson	Bob Barren	Amy Farnham
Ed Pearson	Barbara Barren	

