

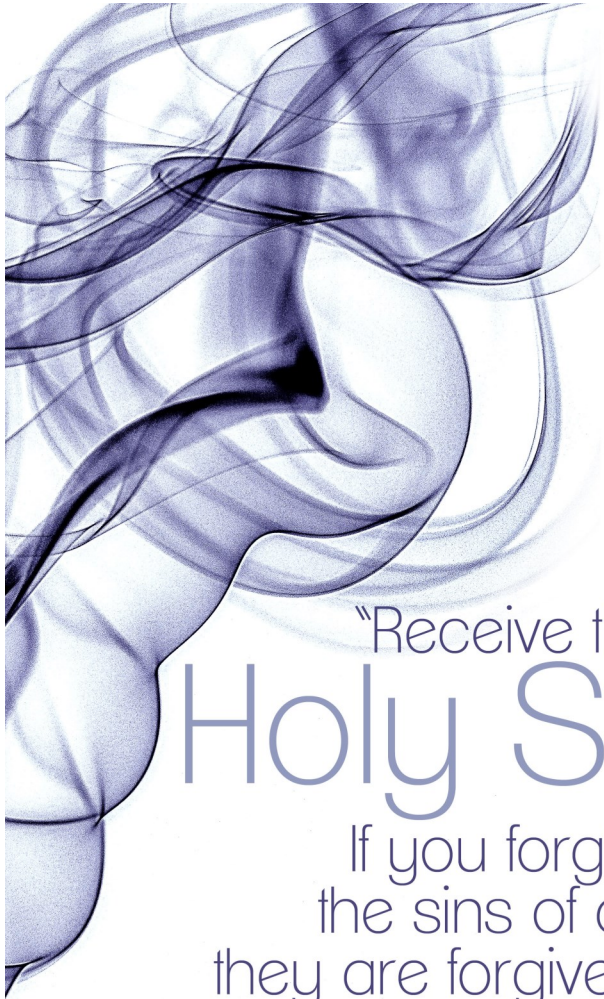
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First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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“Receive the
Holy Spirit.

If you forgive
the sins of any,
they are forgiven them;
if you retain
the sins of any,
they are retained.”

John 20:22-23, NRSV



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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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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. 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

Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.



Mother' Day is a day to celebrate those who have shaped us, to remember and honor them. There have been many women whose teachings have given me a diverse but solid foundation for my life. Beginning with my mother, grandmother, aunt, mother-in-law, sister-in-law and friend, and the women of this congregation who have taught me by example compassion, strength, humor, faith, joy, and kindness.

While preparing the memorial service for my beloved sister-in-law and friend Adelaide, we were going through her three Bibles and found them all filled with cards from flowers, thank you notes, notes from her three children, etc. She knew to confess her joys and keep them close. So in that spirit, I wish to say thank you and Happy Mother's Day.

Peace and Joy,

Barbara Barren

Notes of Thanks

A prayer of thanks for our musicians:

Thanks be to God for our musicians at First Presbyterian Church, Everett, WA

God of all creation, we thank you for your gift of our musicians, instruments, and voices. **WE** know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We thank you for those who faithfully provide the music of Sunday services and this year for our Easter service. We thank you for all the kinds of instruments, string, wind instruments, percussion and the great choir. We ask that you continue to bless all who guide through the ministry of music worship. May their gifts create the atmosphere that continues to lift you up, for you said “If you be lifted up from the earth you will draw all people unto you.”



Lord God, gracious and merciful, we pray for their strength, and the strength of their families and loved ones. We ask that you continue to cause them to create and share the gift of music through instrument and voice. May they find joy in their work and may it fill them with peace, comfort, and purpose. Fill musicians with your light and love as they generously share those gifts that bless and strengthen our faith and life. Lord let all creation sing your praise. Amen

- A grateful worshipper present for Easter Sunday 2023



We want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards over the past couple of weeks. This has meant so much to us and allowed us to feel so connected to our wonderful church. Thank you!

- Sam and Rose Capetillo



I would like to thank each and every person that sent me such beautiful cards and for all the wonderful phone calls. It meant more to me than I can fully express. You truly made my birthday the best I've had in a long time. Thank you, thank you. Who knew turning 90 years young could be so exciting!

Love you all,

Jean Kanter



We're so grateful for our church family. Your prayers and encouragement, during mom's recent bout with cancer and recovery continue to be uplifting.

You have prayed for Carol Venables through her struggles with kidney dialysis, her recent fall, and now her passing. This family and especially Marcia are comforted again by your expressions of love and sorrow.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Love,

The Burnham, Kuhnhehn, and Venables families

Everett First Presbyterian Music Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, which we hope will guide music improvements for you and the church.

1. I have attended FPC for:

- five years or less
- more than five years but less than fifteen years
- fifteen years or more

2. What worship style do you MOST prefer?

- Traditional - Choir, Music from Hymnal, use of organ, use of liturgy such as responsive readings
 - Contemporary - projecting words to songs on screens, newer and/or praise music, use of instruments with or other than organ/piano
 - Blended - a mixture of both traditional and contemporary styles
 - Other _____
-

3. If FPC changed to a worship style different from what you prefer, would you still attend here?

- Regularly
- Sometimes
- Rarely

4. Do you feel we need to change our worship style/music to attract more and younger members?

- Yes
 - No
 - Why? _____
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5. How often do you sing in worship?

- Regularly
- Sometimes
- Rarely

What would help you sing more often? _____

Library Update - May 2023: Books for the Continuing Easter Season

In our popular culture, Easter, like Christmas, is just one day and done. However, in church time, each of these holy days marks the beginning of a season. Christmas ends the liturgical season of Advent and begins the season of Christmas which culminates twelve days later with Epiphany, the “twelfth day of Christmas.”

And Easter? The *day* we celebrate not only closes Lent but ushers in the liturgical *season* of Easter which ends forty days later at Pentecost. Thus in 2023 it is still Easter until May 28. This rather lengthy introduction explains why in May your church library remains in Easter mode, following up on the Easter Sunday message to come fearlessly and see the empty tomb, then go fearlessly and tell others.

So, is there a new book for that? Definitely! Not our only book on sharing the good news of Easter but the most recent acquisition is:

Sharing the Gospel with Ease: How the Love of Christ Can Flow Naturally from Your Life by Thom S. Rainier (264 Rai). It’s short, readable, and full of specific advice and anecdotes. Don’t miss how Pastor Rainier dealt with a malfunctioning robot vacuum cleaner. One quotation (regarding priorities): “The tyranny of the urgent replaces God’s priority of the moment.”

Easter enacted reminds us that light overcomes darkness when we let the love of Christ flow from our lives. A practical way we attempted to do this during the dark days of the pandemic was participation in OPOP, One Parish, One Prisoner. We continue that endeavor in partnership with our sister church in Snohomish. For more information, see the April *Carillon* or talk to our members named in the article. And read the four books, “a good starting point to learn about the type of ministry provided by the work of Chris Hoke and Underground Ministries and OPOP.”

The first three were already part of our collection and will soon appear on the “Burgundy Bookmobile.” The last two by Kirk Blackard are recent purchases.

Wanted: A Spiritual Pursuit Through Jail, Among Outlaws, and Across Borders by Chris Hoke (259.5 Hok)

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Greg Boyle (277.94 Boy)

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson (353.4 Ste)

Restoring Peace: Using Lessons from Prison to Mend Broken Relationships by Kirk Blackard

Nurturing Peace: How Families Can Help Incarcerated Loved Ones Change Their Lives. by Kirk Blackard

For specific requests please contact me or go to our online public catalog:

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Fourth Monday Book Group - May 2023

Book Group continues on Zoom. We convene virtually at 10 a.m. on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. Our discussions help us understand both the featured book and our fellow readers in new ways. We strive for varied, well-written books, balancing novels and nonfiction. This month we return to historical fiction.

May 22 *The House in the Cerulean Sea* TJ Klune Leader: Pastor Alan Dorway
“A magical island. A dangerous task. A burning secret. . . . An enchanting love story, masterfully told, about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place—and realizing that family is yours.”

June 26 *Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago* Mike Royko Leader TBA
“New edition of the classic story of the late Richard J. Daley, politician and self-promoter extraordinaire, from his inauspicious youth on Chicago’s South Side through his rapid climb to the seat of power as mayor and boss of the Democratic Party machine. A bare-all account of Daley’s cardinal sins as well as his milestone achievements, this scathing work by Chicago journalist Mike Royko brings to life the most powerful political figure of his time. . . .”

July 24 *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* Isabel Wilkerson Leader: TBA
Another timely topic! The paperback edition containing updates of earlier material has been released recently. “An expansive interrogation of racism, institutionalized inequality and injustice . . . This is an American reckoning and so it should be. . . . It is a painfully resonant book and could not have come at a more urgent time.”—**Fatima Bhutto, *The Guardian***

To take part in book group discussions, log in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. If you are already on our email list, watch for the link. To be added to the list please contact me by phone or email.

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Pentecost Offering: : April 10 – May 28

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy spirit remains with us, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. The Pentecost Offering is one of four special offerings of the PCUSA. This offering supports ministries for children, youth, and young adults. 40% of this offering stays with the congregation while 60% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Of that 60%, 25% goes to Young Adult Volunteers, 25% to Youth Ministries, and 10% to Child advocacy.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and to inspire them to share their faith, ideas & unique gifts with the church and the world. By giving to the Pentecost Offering you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come.

Please consider giving. Gifts can be made to the church with Pentecost noted on your check or online at pcusa.org.

Thank you from the Mission Committee



Scrabble is resuming on the first and third Wednesdays beginning in May. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors and YOU to join us on May 3 and 17 from 1-3 p.m. in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, May 8 at 11:30 a.m., in Calvin Lounge. We will be studying chapter 9 . A potluck will be held as we finish up our year until we resume in September. Bring ideas for our study next fall. All women are welcome.



Priscilla Circle
WOMEN'S GROUP AT FPCE



Deacons' Mother's Day

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EVENT

May 14 at 11:15 am in Westminster Hall

Class of 2023

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Are you or someone you know graduating this year? Tell us about it! We would like to honor all graduates on June 11, 2023 – Graduation Sunday.

Please provide graduate information by completing this form and return it to the church office by May 30, 2023. You can complete the form electronically at: <https://subspla.sh/hgd86v7/>

Join us as we honor our graduates on June 11, 2023 at 10:00am during worship.

Graduate Name: _____

Your Name & Relation to Graduate: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Graduating From (school): _____

Honors/Degree: _____

Future Plans: _____





Presbyterian Women's Retreat
Calvin Lounge
Saturday, May 6, 2023
9:30am - 2:00pm

Invite a friend

**CHANGE, WHAT IS IT
GOOD FOR?**

Featuring

Janice Smith - Friend of Jesus

Lunch Provided

RSVP In person, email doreen@firstpreschurch.com
or leave a message at the church office by April 23rd

MAY CELEBRATIONS!



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



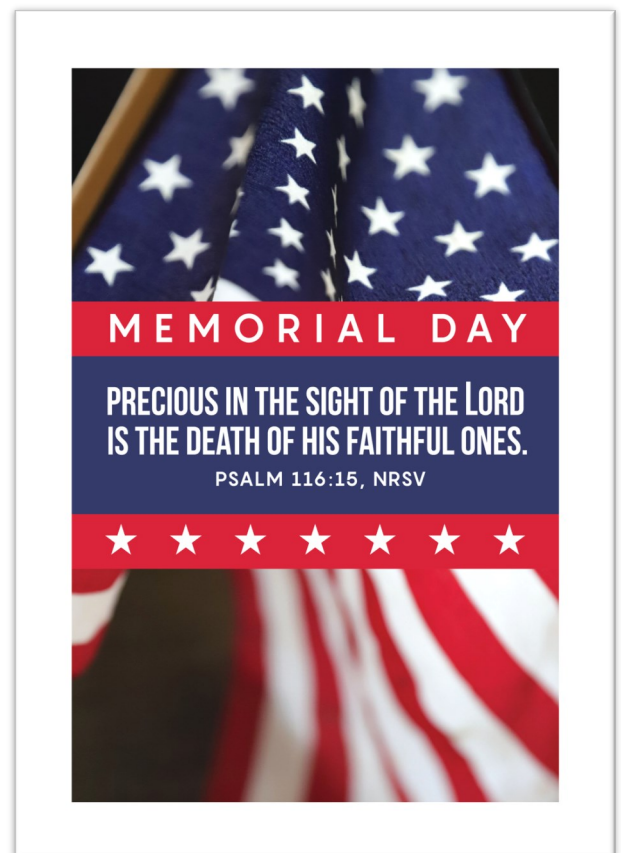
Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (if you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in the future celebration listings):

Anniversaries:

- 5/3 Sam & Rose Capetillo
- 5/24 Ken & Shirley Newman
- 5/27 David & Marla Baer-Peckham
- 5/28 Phil & Sonya Beardsley

Birthdays:

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| 5/1 Amy Farnham | 5/16 Emily Roberts |
| 5/3 Alan Hutchison | 5/20 Max Scoringe |
| 5/4 Debbie Roberts | 5/31 Elizabeth Nelson |
| 5/6 Andrew Scoringe | |
| 5/9 Linda Bloom | |
| 5/9 Keeanna May | |
| 5/10 Steven Ulvestad | |
| 5/12 Robin Kohler | |
| 5/14 Leslie Sutin | |



Newsletter Deadline

E-Newsletter If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to:
sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadline:

May 11, 2023

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 by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

May 14, 2023

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



We donated 292 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in April. Great job! Your donations support those in need here in Everett. Our next Monday drop-off is May 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.



**THANK YOU
TEACHERS!**

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12.

Save the Date

**FPCE
ALL-CHURCH
RETREAT**

Sept. 16, 2023 at Warm Beach

Adult Sunday School

We are reviewing another engaging lecture series, Great Figures of the New Testament, in our Adult Sunday School class. The lecturer is Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University.

The New Testament is full of stories about interesting people. The lecture series takes an in-depth look at many of these people, including the major figures such as John the Baptist, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Peter, Paul, and Jesus himself, but also at some of the lesser-known figures, such as Martha and her sister Mary, the Gentile Mother, Philip, the Centurions, the Samaritan Woman, and many more.

Dr. Levine's fascination with, and respect for, the New Testament writings and the human figures who populate them are infectious and at times provocative. You will be bound to encounter many new perspectives and insights on this familiar material, and there will be much to ponder and discuss as we journey through this course together.

Each lecture stands on its own, so you can drop in on class whenever you are able to, without preparation, though, as with any good course, there is much to gain by attending all the lectures!

Join us in person at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge or on Zoom. Please see the Sunday worship bulletin for ZOOM meeting information.



Special Dates:

National Day of Prayer, May 4, 2023
Mother's Day, May 14, 2023
Ascension Day, May 18, 2023
Armed Forces Day, May 20, 2023
Victoria Day (Canada), May 22, 2023
Pentecost, May 28, 2023
Memorial Day, May 29, 2023

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Elizabeth Nelson	Steve Hammond	Marne Larson
Debbie Roberts	Jamie Hunter	Steve Ulvestad
Roy Yates	Jan Weakley	John Gebert

Deacons

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Sonya Beardsley	Susan Davis	Lisa Comstock
Amy Farnham	Ed Pearson	Bob Barren
Mike Davis	Doris Pearson	Joan Lyderson

