THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin July 21, 2024 – 10am

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

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

Prelude Karin Larsen

Ringing of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Ice Breaker Question: Favorite summer fruit or vegetable?

Call to Worship Psalm 91:1-5, 14-16

Kory Kanter

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

Will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

God will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.

You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Hymn Light Dawns on a Weary World #79 Glory to God Hymnal

<u>Prayer of Confession</u> Kory Kanter

The scriptures teach that there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The scriptures also teach that we have a high priest who has been tested as we are, yet without sin. As the letter to the Hebrews encourages us, "Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with "busy-ness." Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Thank you, Jesus, for making us complete, for your grace and mercy. Speak to us now as we turn to you in silence.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon Kory Kanter

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Summer Camp Songs

Scripture Isaiah 35

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

Choir Anthem Down by the Riverside Directed by Steve Torrence

Sermon FPCE Summer Camp: Free Time 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 To God Be the Glory #485

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude Karin Larsen

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Part of our liturgy today was adapted from the Presbyterian Outlook, 2024 by Philip K. Gladden and provided for free distribution.

Today's Choir Anthem Down by the Riverside

Gonna lay down my burden; down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside. Gonna lay down my burden; down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

I ain't gonna study war no more, no more. Ain't gonna study war no more. Ain't gonna study war no more. Down by the riverside, the riverside.

It's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer. Not my mother, not my father, but it's me O Lord standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Gonna lay down my burden; down by the riverside. Gonna lay down my heavy load; down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield; down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside. Gonna lay down my sword and shield; down by the riverside, down by the river, down by the river.

It's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me O Lord.

Announcements

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.

VOA Food Donations

This month we donated 305 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America local food bank. Awesome job! Remember, we collect food throughout the month at either door to the sanctuary. We have our larger push on the first Sunday of the month when we celebrate communion. Our next in person collection will be August 5th.

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.

Lay Leadership

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be



Pastor's QR Code

added to this list to lead, then please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

Nubian Jam – Community Event Spotlights Black Heritage & Culture – July 27

The 32nd Annual NUBIAN JAM Community Celebration will take place on Saturday, July 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Forest Park 802 Mukilteo Blvd. Everett WA.

Sponsored by the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee, The NUBIAN JAM will celebrate the richness and beauty of the African American heritage and culture. There will be a variety of vendors selling food, wares, art, and other products. In addition, the event will have representatives and resource tables offering information about services, education, health, wellness, and resources available in Snohomish County. The event also features entertainment, fashion shows, activities, and games for kids, including NJ24 3-on-3 basketball tournament. A special ceremony to honor Black Snohomish County high school graduates will take place and is sponsored by the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee (SCBHC).

The SCBHC's mission is to acknowledge and celebrate Black heritage. This is accomplished by educating the Snohomish County community about the African American culture, promoting racial harmony, and embracing cultural diversity & inclusion.

The event is FREE. Shuttles will be available if attendees park off-site.

Podcast interview with event coordinator DanVonique Reed and Kevin P. Henry https://youtu.be/pHY9TL451z0

For more information: 425-583-7739; website <u>nubianjam.com</u> or <u>www.scbhcwa.org</u>

Upcoming Book Sale – Save Your Books

The Presbyterian Women will be sponsoring a book sale October 20 and 27. Please save your books. Look for the book collection box in Westminster Hall in the next couple of weeks.



Save the Date – Sunday August 25th is the All-Church Picnic!

Join our congregation as we head back to Legion Park for our classic picnic. There will be hamburgers, salads, desserts, games, and much more fun. More information will be coming!

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

This Week...

- Adult Sunday School Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. This class is based on a lecture series titled Biblical Wisdom Literature.
 - o Join Zoom using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526979826
 - o Meeting ID: 895 2697 9826
- Lunch with Alan Join Pastor Alan for lunch in the library at noon on Mondays. We gather to talk and share life together. The north door opens at 11:45am. All you need to do is bring a sack lunch and come on down.
- **Thursday Bible Study** We continue our study of Revelation this Thursday, July 25th at 4pm. Everyone can join via the Zoom link below. This week we will be wrapping up Revelation.
 - o Join with this Zoom link:
 - o https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81355042053?pwd=v3hNFobXeyapjxPWHZ66Z4TSC Wf3Qw.1
 - o Meeting ID: 813 5504 2053
 - o Passcode: 309161
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
 - o All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

To all worshipping with us...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. We ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Feel free to use any of the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.

Prayer Requests July 21, 2024

- We pray for peace and the cessation of war in Israel/Palestine. While there are historical and political complexities and layers to this conflict, we boldly pray for Israeli and Palestinian families who have been caught in the middle and torn apart. We pray for those grieving, for those suffering, for those confused, and for those whose only reaction is to seek revenge. We pray for comfort, relief, healing, and release. We seek your peace that defies understanding to settle on families, individuals, and leaders on all sides. We pray, fully knowing we do not have the answers, knowing we are weak and sometimes prejudiced, but trusting our Lord Jesus knows the answer, is working, and is present there.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- We pray for those who have been affected by Hurricane Beryl. We pray for the Capetillo family and many others who have loved ones in the area.
- Please pray for Mike Goza as he has been diagnosed with cancer. He is in the hospital recovering from surgery and beginning treatment. We pray for Mike, Carolyn, and their family during this time.
- We pray for Ben Gebert, nephew of John and Lisa, as he is waiting for a kidney transplant. Ben is currently undergoing dialysis three days a week and waiting to get on the transplant list. Is a very thorough vetting process, though he is a good candidate. Unfortunately, he just learned that he must have one of his kidneys removed because of an aneurysm in the renal artery that feeds the kidney. Substantial risk of a rupture and no way to fix it. He had surgery on July 15 at Harborview. Prayers are greatly appreciated.
- We pray for Merle Kirkley as he continues to recover.
- We pray for Elizabeth Nelson as she recovers from a broken foot.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku who had a stroke. She is at home working on a recovery and rehab plan.
- Pray for health and clarity for Chris Mattix, son-in-law of Mike and Martha Clemans, who had surgery and is at home recovering.
- Please pray for Lisa G, Ari and Robin's ex-sister-in-law, who will be going through upcoming surgeries.
- We pray for Eric Chavis who is recovering from heart surgery. We pray for his health and for Mary Ann during this time.
- Please pray for those affected by the devastating floods in my hometown of Brazil and the larger community. From Rosemary Cassady.
- Please pray for our friend's sister and husband who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Pray for strength and healing as he begins radiation treatments. Alan & Vicki Dorway.
- Thank you for the prayers for our friend's mom. She is responding well to her cancer treatments and appreciates your prayers. From Vicki & Alan Dorway
- Richan Jensen, sister of Dariel Norris, is terminally ill with cancer.

- We pray for Sophia, Sam & Rose Capetillo's niece, who is in the hospital going through tests. The doctors believe that with some antibiotics she will have the vision in her one eye restored. The family appreciates our prayers.
- Prayers for LeAnne, Mike & Martha Cleman's great granddaughter, who is beginning phase 2 of her chemo treatment for leukemia. Prayers for healing, strength, and wisdom.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, is homeless and needs stability in her life.
- Marilee Richards' grandson, Cody, needs direction and wisdom.
- Chris Butterfield is undergoing steroid treatments for his back pain and is seeing some improvement. Please pray for continued relief. From Lisa Comstock and Dottie Villesvik.
- Elizabeth Nelson's good friend Heather Burke, who has on occasion sung soprano at our church, has a sister Angie. Angie died after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Heather and their family in our prayers during this difficult time.
- Steve, friend of Mike Clemans, for successful recovery from a rare form of cancer.
- Good news for Dale Collver, son of Milt and Aurla Magee and friends of Tom and Pat Erickson. Prayers have been answered as Dale's cancer lymph nodes have shrunk! Jesus answers prayer! Please continue to pray for Dale as he continues his next step on this journey with cancer. He will undergo stem cell replacement in Seattle and faces several weeks of challenges. The family appreciates our prayers.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Family of Marilyn Carter
- Family of Hugh Minor
- Family of Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Family of Deirdre Hervey
- Family of Carol Hopper

- Jan Geibel
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans

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.



This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

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To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with refrain



