



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett

Worship Bulletin – August 23, 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

Ring of the Bell

Leslie Sutin

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Women's Association Spotlight

Leslie Sutin

Moment for Nursery

Emily Alfnejd

Call to Worship

Psalm 126

Merle Kirkley

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

Shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their harvest.

Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – #467*

Prayer of Confession

You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet the noise of the world, of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully.

God of truth, we confess our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for compassion. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Hear us as we turn to you.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us with abundant grace. We are grateful for God's unending forgiveness.

Through Jesus we are made whole! Thanks be to God!_

Special Music

Be Thou My Vision
(Traditional Irish/Brasseur)

Kirsten Skelton, violin
Lorilee Brasseur, harp

Passing of the Peace

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

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
'Til my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. [*Refrain*]

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. [*Refrain*]

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. [*Refrain*]

Scripture

Ezra 3:8-13

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

Sermon

The Challenge of Nostalgia

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God – #316

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

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

Lunch with Pastor Alan – No lunch tomorrow (Monday, August 24th).

Wednesday Summer of Joy Zoom Check In – No Zoom check-in August 26th.

Scrabble – September 2nd and 16th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The north door will be open from 12:50 pm to 1:00 pm.

Priscilla Circle – Monday, September 14th

Priscilla Circle will resume meeting for the fall on September 14th at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. This year, our study book is “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other”. This study explores Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, looking at early church divisions, community conflicts, and how the message of Christ’s resurrection calls modern believers into loving unity. You can bring your lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

Women’s Association Fall Gathering – “*So Many Hats*”

Saturday, October 3rd 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Calvin Lounge/Westminster Hall. Lunch provided. Sign-up sheet available soon or call/email the church office.

Announcements

Pastor Alan will be on vacation August 24th – August 29th.

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.



PICNIC

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**.

Update: Victor, a local landscaper and friend of Chris Hoke of Underground Ministries appreciates continued prayers for healing of his oversized and weakening heart, healing in Yesica (wife) and the boy's hearts, during a family's re-knitting. Yesica's father has also just been taken by ICE so pray for a path to his release. From Dottie Villevik.