



First Presbyterian Church of Everett

The Carillon

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His
love
endures
forever.

Psalm 118:1, NIV



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**The Carillon
February 2022**

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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Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway	Pastor
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Ari Kohler	Custodian
Steve Torrence	Director of Music
Gary Norris	Church Organist
Rev. Dr. Edwin C. Coon	Pastor Emeritus

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 10:00am 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

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

REMINDER - Masks must be worn in our church facility.

Off the Wall

Our theme for 2022 is *Read, Pray, Love*. Read God's Word. Pray. Love God and love our neighbor. Simple.

Okay, we understand life and the way we navigate it can get fast, crazy, and busier than we intended. We do not have to get swept away. Instead, we can adjust and keep focused on God by being grounded in the Word. When we are grounded, we can embrace the adventure of life with Jesus.



There are a million ways and plans for us to 'get and keep right with God' over a year. If you have a scripture reading plan, then please stick with it. If not, or if you'd like a variation for 2022, then I invite you to join me using the plan below. Each week read a Psalm. Just a Psalm. I have some listed below. If and only if you want, then read a selection from the Old and/or New Testament.

However, just read a Psalm. Then pray. Take a moment to calm your mind, breathe, and open your heart to where words or thoughts or reflections on God's Word expands in a prayer. Use the Psalm as a starting point or just let your time reading the Psalm open you up to talking with God. Lastly, ask this simple question: where have you seen Jesus in the last day? Use this question as a basis for embracing your day or your moment in love.

Join me this year in reading (just one Psalm a week!), praying (listen to the Psalm, reflect on your moment, lift up concerns), and refocus our love to Jesus (where did we see, notice, or experience Jesus in the last day and how can we share that love). Read. Pray. Love. Sure, I added other scriptures, but as I debated and wrote my thoughts down, I realize how tired and long each week in our current structure of life seems. Some days I only have enough for one Psalm. That's okay. Just read one Psalm. Pray one prayer. Love one little step at a time.

Repeat. Read. Pray. Love.

Yes, our lives are busy and there are a million and one things to stress over and pray for but take a breath. You are loved by God. Jesus lives so you can. The Holy Spirit walks with you. You are a beloved child of God and part of the body of Christ.

Peace, *Alan*

READ, PRAY, LOVE

Week	Psalm	OT	NT
January 2	Psalm 1	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Matthew 3
January 9	Psalm 5	Genesis 3	Mark 1
January 16	Psalm 8	Genesis 12:1-9	Luke 4:1-30
January 23	Psalm 15	Genesis 24	John 2
January 30	Psalm 16	Genesis 41	Matthew 5-7
February 6	Psalm 19	Exodus 3	Mark 8
February 13	Psalm 23	Exodus 11-12	Luke 11:1-13
February 20	Psalm 25	Exodus 16	John 10:1-21
February 27	Psalm 30	Exodus 20	Matthew 13



PER CAPITA: WHAT DO YOU GET FOR YOUR MONEY?

Often called the Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund, per capita pays for the operating overhead of the church at all levels beyond the congregation. It works like an insurance policy: the churches together provide services for congregations and spiritual leaders. Presbytery, funded by per capita, engages, equips and encourages congregations and their leaders.

The Westminster Confession states, "all believers, are therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of God throughout the whole earth" (6.058).

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/>

REFORMED THEOLOGY AND POLITY

including Constitution (*Book of Confessions & Book of Order*) and all support for a democratic, constitutional system of Christian governance. Processes for discernment, decision-making, and action responding to God's mission.

NETWORK OF PEOPLE, EXPERTISE, AND RESOURCES. All for one and one for all!

PRESBYTERY STAFF

Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Admin Assistant and Bookkeeper. Per Capita also pays a portion of staff salaries at Synod and GA.

MISSION

100% of your NWCP mission contributions go to recipient. Operations is paid by per capita.

HELP CHURCHES FIND, DEVELOP, AND SUPPORT LEADERSHIP

- Finding pastoral & professional leaders
- Assist churches as they define their mission and staffing
- Outside support for those leaders
- Training & development for teaching and ruling elders and others.

HELP FOR MINISTRY EFFECTIVENESS & CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HELP DURING DIFFICULTY

Conflict, power struggles, sexual misconduct, employment issues, etc.

- Executive Presbyter & Commission on Ministry
- Response, Investigation, Discipline

CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- Property issues, records, financing, co-signing, backup
- Liability, insurance, protection
- Budgets, audits, loans
- Legal issues and advice
- Church Constitution: advice, interpretation, accountability

2022 Per Capita

Presbytery	\$40.50
Synod	.25
GA	8.98
Total	\$49.73

RECORDS AND HISTORY

- Minutes, Annual Reports
- Bylaws, Charters, Incorporations
- History, photos, brochures, bulletins
- Personnel records
- Wills, bequests, legal cases, contracts

PRESBYTERY/SYNOD/GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS AND AGENCIES

- How the churches plan, agree, decide what to do together
- Build relationships and resources

THE COLLECTIVE WISDOM AND RESOURCES OF...

54 congregations and 7 new church expressions in NWC Presbytery and beyond for the benefit of each.

New: Online Giving

Our church website and app are great ways to stay in touch with our community. You can listen to sermons, read our weekly worship guides and The Carillon, see upcoming events and important announcements, and more. **And now, we have added a new online giving option.**

Our staff has been working with our website provider (Subsplash) to add their online giving platform - Subsplash Giving - to our website and mobile app. We believe this platform will allow for quicker one-time gifts, support easier regular giving, and provide more transparent giving receipts.

It takes just a minute to set up and then just a few seconds each time you give. We encourage you to consider a recurring gift on a schedule. If you like to give weekly, you can set up a regular weekly giving schedule. If you prefer to give monthly, you can set up a regular monthly giving schedule. Your generous and consistent gifts are appreciated and vital to ministry in our community.

If you have not already downloaded our church app to your mobile device, we encourage you to do so. It's like having our church in the palm of your hand and allows you to give with just a tap on your screen. You can download our mobile app at <https://subsplash.com/thefirstpresbyterianchurch/app>

And remember, you can visit our website at www.firstpreschurch.com/give to give today.

Your financial support is a blessing and a gift. Thank you for giving to our ministry.



Special Dates:

African American History Month

Valentine's Day, February 14, 2022

Presidents Day, February 21, 2022

Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 27, 2022

Library Update - February 2022

February rolls around again, bringing much to celebrate! Groundhog Day. Valentine's Day. Presidents' Day. Birthdays for Washington and Lincoln - and some in our own families and congregation. Black History Month. Your church library has a bit to say about each of these, especially the last. We built up this part of our collection in support of a study group undertaken shortly before the pandemic upended everyone's plans.

To see all that we offer for **Black History Month**, go to our online public catalog (accessible from the church website at <https://firstpreschurch.com>) or use the link below:

<https://15781.rmwebopac.com>

The search term "African American" as subject leads to a variety of books. Some (those marked E or J) are especially for children or young people, their parents or grandparents, or simply for the young at heart. Those marked CE are especially suited for teachers of young people. These books are located in the children's library on the third floor. Regardless of the author's intended audience or our call number designation, any book in our library is available to any user.



In another genre is our newest book which will soon be catalogued and on the shelf. A Christmas gift to the library from Jean and Kory Kanter, *Like Falling through a Cloud: a Lyrical Memoir of Coping with Forgetfulness, Confusion, and a Dreaded Diagnosis* by Eugenia Zukerman offers a unique reading experience.

Author Zukerman, flutist, poet, director of music events, educator, wife, and mother, shares her personal story in a strikingly beautiful poetic text. Her tale unfolds in 178 pages that depict the seasons, days, moments of her full life in New York City and rural upstate New York. As she increasingly gropes for familiar words to speak and notes to play, rails against a dreaded diagnosis, resists and rejoices in the help of therapists, Zukerman rebels and adapts. This fast read exposes and explores life in the lengthening shadow of Alzheimer's disease, daily life for far too many individuals and families.

This memoir unveils a life at once unique and universal. Reading Zukermann's story has power to inspire fellow sufferers, family members, or those who stand by and care. This book is for any who love poetic language, fragile humanity, rotating seasons, and life itself.

Thanks are due to Eugenia Zukerman for sharing her life and to Jean and Kory Kanter for providing her story for our library.

So, whether one of the African American titles, *Like Falling through a Cloud*, or a totally different reading experience fits your need right now, let your church library help you find just the right book for your February enrichment.

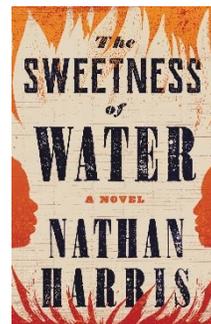
Shirley Solberg 425-501-1607 or 425-252-2706 shirley.solberg@icloud.com

Fourth Monday Book Group - February 2022

The new year is well underway. So is our book group - not a club with membership but an open opportunity to meet, right now virtually on Zoom, with other readers to discuss a variety of books. Choices are from suggestions by attendees affirmed by group and led by volunteers. Sorry, there are no book sets for the February and March selections.

February 28 *Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris Leader - TBA

“A historical page-turner about social friction so powerful it ignites a whole town . . . *The Sweetness of Water* joins the national conversation on race and reckoning with history . . . Nathan Harris makes those extraordinary, still-contested times comprehensible through immersive... storytelling about the lives of ordinary people . . .

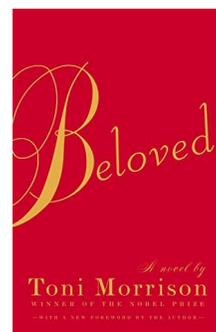


“Harris spins an increasingly complex tale about the postwar South, and he tells it in a humane and intimate way, by exploring interpersonal relationships of all kinds in and around this rural Georgia town. . . And even though the story focuses on hope and unexpected kinship, it doesn't diminish the horrors of slavery or the struggle in its wake. . .

“*The Sweetness of Water* leaves a lasting and multifaceted impression: It’s warm and absorbing, thought-provoking and humane.”—*NPR*

March 28 *Beloved* by Toni Morrison Leader - Pastor Alan Dorway

“Staring unflinchingly into the abyss of slavery, this spellbinding novel transforms history into a story as powerful as Exodus and as intimate as a lullaby.... *Beloved* is a towering achievement by Nobel Prize laureate, Toni Morrison.” [from the back cover]



Watch your email for the Zoom link; if you need to be added to (or deleted from) the email group please contact me.

To take part, sign in at 10:00 a.m. Pacific time on the dates listed.

Shirley Solberg (425-501-1607 or 425-252-2706) shirley.solberg@icloud.com

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, February 14th, at 11:30, in Calvin Lounge. Our lesson will be chapter six. A sack lunch is optional. All women are welcome.

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

From the Estuary Angels



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remove, Refuse, Repair

Happiness is Good for the Planet

When scientists and activists encourage the public to protect the environment in any way they can, that may mean bringing reusable bags to the grocery store, recycling plastic, or donating your unwanted clothes. But what if you can help save the planet even by focusing more on happiness and well-being? As an individual, your happiness affects the way you interact with the environment. Contrary to a common myth that consumerism equals happiness, studies show that happy people buy less stuff and buying less stuff makes you happier. Another proven source of happiness is a connection to animals. Whether it's a family pet, a deer that comes to graze in your yard, or an eagle that builds a nest in your neighborhood, animals consistently inspire happiness in people who engage with them. Animals also bridge the connection to nature. *Source: EARTHDAY.ORG*

Ways to Reuse and Upcycle Old Pillows

The National Sleep Foundation recommends you replace your pillow every one to two years. This may seem often, but pillows go through quite a bit of wear and tear. And because you rest your face on them, they can accumulate unpleasant things like saliva, skin oils, makeup, dead skin cells, and even dust mites and mold. If the average person replaces bed pillows that often, what happens to all the old pillows? They can still be useful after their days on the bed are done. **1. Make floor cushions.** If you have several old pillows, making larger floor cushions is one practical solution. Find pre-made cushion covers or sew your own. **2. Make pet beds.** A pet bed made from your old pillows will smell like you and not a factory, so your pet may be more apt to nap there. **3. Use as packing and moving material.** Keep old pillows around to use as packing filler or for moving. Vacuum storage bags can be a good way to compress them until needed. **4. Make throw pillows.** No need to pay big bucks for designer throw pillows when they are a simple DIY sewing project. Compress the filling to make into square throws or turn them into oblong bolsters for a bench or daybed. **5. Seal up drafty doors.** Draft stoppers are an easy project and a good way to reuse pillow stuffing. **6. Make a gardening cushion.** Double up an old pillow in a sturdy pillowcase to make it easier on the knees when weeding. An outdoor-safe fabric will make it more durable. **7. Donate to an animal shelter,** if they can use old pillows for pet beds. *Source: Earth911*

Special Days

Feb. 2 is ***World Wetlands Day***. Feb. 3 is ***Feed the Birds Day***. Feb. 5 is ***National Play Outside Day***. Feb. 19 is ***World Whale Day***. Feb. 22 is ***National Wildlife Day***. Feb. 27 is ***World Polar Bear Day***.

Enjoy the Beauty Around Us

National parks are for everyone, and folks are encouraged to discover their wonder and awe. It is wise to plan well in advance, especially for these ***free days***: **April 16** – National Park Week kicks off; **Aug. 4** – The two-year anniversary of the signing of the Great American Outdoors Act; **Sept. 24** – National Public Lands Day; **Nov. 11** - Veterans Day. See www.nps.gov for information.

“Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees.” - John Muir

From the Northwest Coast Presbytery: Welcoming Amy Delaney as Acting Executive Presbyter!

The Rev. Amy Delaney began her service as the part-time Acting Executive Presbyter for Northwest Coast Presbytery this week! Her role is to provide continuity between the departure of long-time Executive Presbyter, Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall, and the arrival of a Transitional Executive Presbyter later in the year.

In congregations, she has served as pastor, designated pastor, temporary pastor, parish associate and director of Children's ministries. In Northwest Coast she has also served on numerous commissions, co-moderated the Commission on Ministry, and served as a Commissioner to the General Assembly. As a Northwest Coast staff member, she was the Studio E3 Catalyst for congregational renewal for two years, and the On-call Executive Presbyter for the summer of 2021.

Her formal education includes a BA from Whitman College, a M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary, Conflict Resolution training, Interim / Transitional Ministry training, Ignatian spiritual director training through the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (Puget Sound) and Seattle Coach certification.

Amy and her husband have recently moved to Beaverton, Oregon, happily settling near their first grandchild who was born in 2021. Unless her presence is needed in-person, Amy will be serving the Northwest Coast Presbytery remotely. Following this position she hopes to grow her coaching and spiritual direction practice, where she sees clients online.

Rev. Amy Delaney
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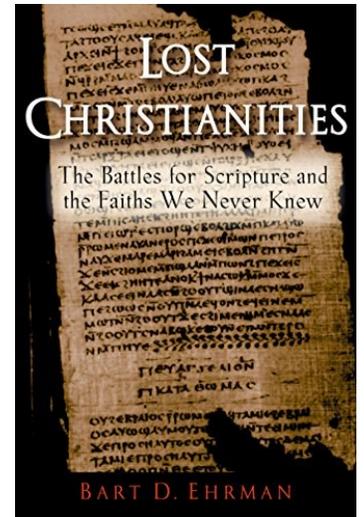
Adult Sunday School: Lost Christianities in Hybrid Format

Our Adult Sunday school series continues with Lost Christianities from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom.

Lost Christianities 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.



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

 SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT
WWW.SNOHD.ORG

 Snohomish County

FEBRUARY 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:

2/5 Alan & Dottie Villevik

2/12 Jeff & Marne Larson

2/8 Tony & Sarah Scoringe

2/24 Alan & Vicki Dorway

2/9 Roy & Carol Gresham

Birthdays:

2/3 Arlene Mawudeku

2/5 Carol Venables

2/6 Merle Kirkley

2/8 Nancy Faith

2/9 Sonya Beardsley

2/12 Marilyn Carter

2/14 Lucille Hofer

2/16 Donna Bosman

2/18 Tom Erickson

2/22 Hugh Minor

2/25 Roy Yates



E-Newsletter Submission Deadline

***Update: We are consolidating our 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletter into one mid month e-newsletter, sent on the second Monday. We'd love for you to share any news and updates for your church group.**

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

February 10, 2022

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

February 13, 2022

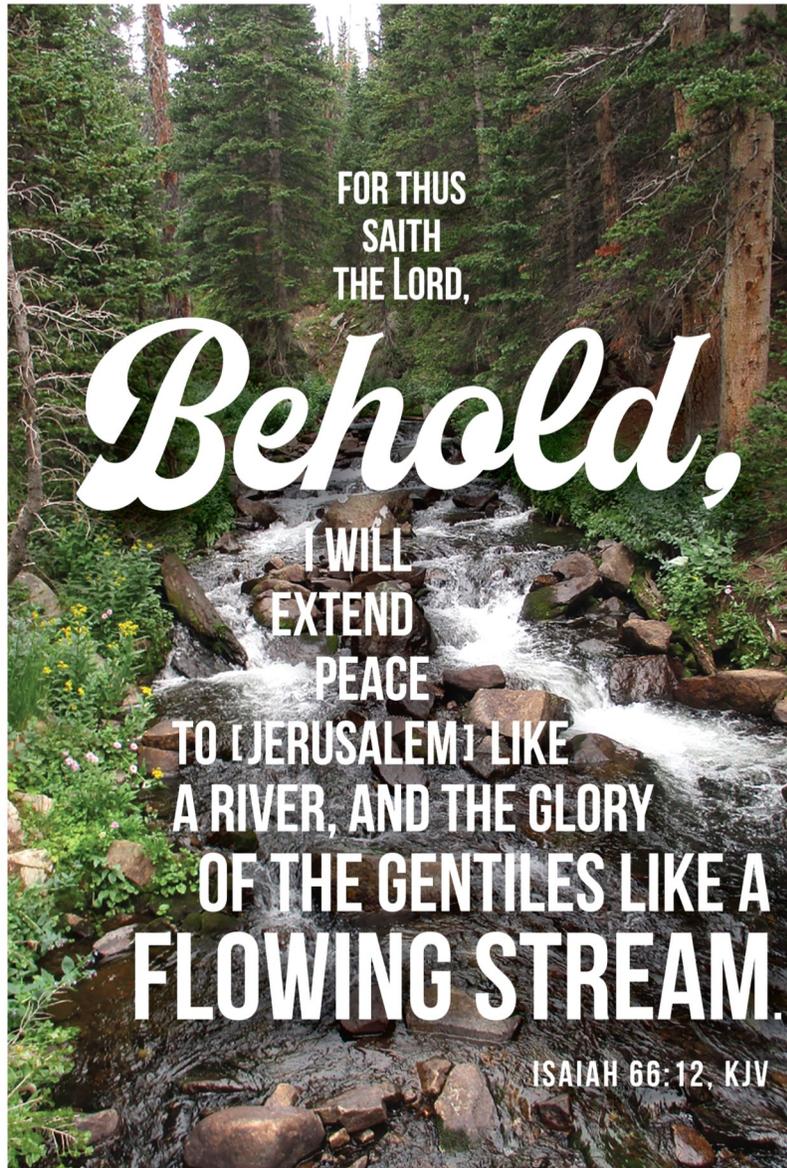
ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5:00PM ON DUE DATE.

Puzzle!

Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Jesus healed Peter's wife <i>(Matthew 8:14).</i>	E	(N)
2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish <i>(14:17).</i>	R	A
3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah <i>(17:3).</i>	M	S
4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus <i>(19:22).</i>	T	C
5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" <i>(21:13).</i>	I	G
6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age <i>(24:7).</i>	V	D
7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens <i>(25:1-13).</i>	F	A
8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake <i>(26:48).</i>	P	L
9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated Jesus <i>(27:11-14).</i>	W	O
		N

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I was really blessed by our “Sing Advent” 2021 Advent devotional.
A BIG thank you to Pastor Alan, the CFD Committee, Doreen Solberg
and to all those contributors who made it possible.

What a joy the personal stories were.

Blessings,

Shirley Newman



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.

See worship guide for Zoom meeting details.



Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2022

Marne Larson

Bill Grosse

John Gebert

Class of 2023

Elizabeth Nelson

Debbie Roberts

Roy Yates

Class of 2024

Steve Hammond

Jamie Hunter

Jan Weakley

Deacons

Class of 2022

Lisa Comstock

Bob Barren

Barbara Barren

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Sonya Beardsley

Amy Farnham

Mike Davis

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Susan Davis

Ed Pearson

Doris Pearson

