

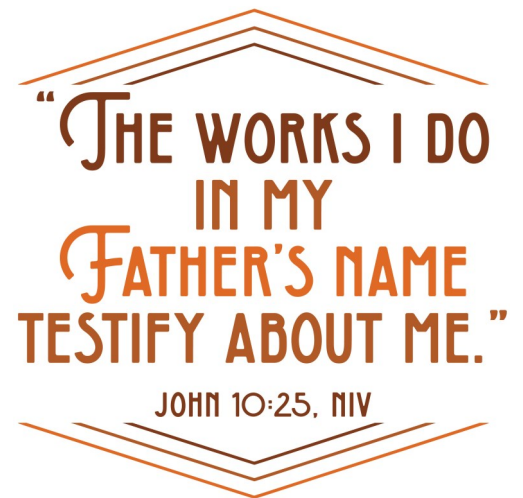
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The Carillon

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**The Carillon
May 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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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.

Off the Wall by Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

We've just completed a meaningful Holy Week here at FPCE. Our Chancel Choir performed a beautiful cantata on Palm Sunday. We had hearty and healthy soups before our Maundy Thursday worship. I was grateful to lead prayers on Good Friday. Add in a successful work party on Saturday and we were drawn to Easter Sunday. The rains held off for our sunrise service at Mukilteo Beach and we warmed up with a breakfast provided by our Deacons. Then, we celebrated Easter together. Whether you joined in, in -person for all or some of these or joined us online, I am grateful to be your pastor and serve as we grow in our faith together.



Top off Easter with some good family time and I am exhausted. I know we all are. Our faith calls us to engage in life and life moves quickly. I know we balance between moments of grace and grief, loneliness and holiness, and needs for calm and turning up the celebration. We have come a long way in two years as we've navigated the pandemic and we continue to be faithful in our following of Jesus as we move into this chapter in our church's history.

In 2020, you honored me by allowing me to plan and take a Sabbatical. From our Northwest Coast Presbytery, "A sabbatical is a planned time of study and renewal by which one seeks personal and professional growth. The concept of a sabbatical comes from the seasons of life affirmed in the Jewish Bible/Old Testament. There is the commandment to honor the seventh day and to keep it Holy, in that same spirit there is a call to have a seventh year where the land and the laborers are given a rest. The idea of a Sabbatical every seventh year to study, grow, and recharge is of tremendous benefit for the pastor and for the church. It is an opportunity for a minister to engage from regular and routine tasks so that their ministry may be viewed from a new perspective, and their soul renewed to serve refreshed. It is not a prolonged vacation. Through reflection, prayer, rest, study and travel, one finds through this temporary vocation, the promise of God who sustains us through a period of reflection, leading to the renewal of energy upon the return to the permanent call."

However, we know our world changed in 2020 and I delayed my Sabbatical until this summer. Session approved my plan for the Sabbatical, and I will be gone Monday, June 6 through Wednesday, September 6. Effectively, I will preach and lead worship on June 5 and be back in the pulpit on September 11. During this time, we will have pastoral and preaching coverage. Part of the challenge of a Sabbatical is that I will not be responding to nor fulfilling my 'normal' pastoral duties over the summer. Yes, we may see each other in the community, but I will be taking time to visit family and friends and recharge my batteries. I know this is a privilege and I do not take this time for granted. I am seeking to use this time to walk with Jesus and learn about sustainable practices of leadership to help me lead and guide our congregation in the years to come.

More information will be coming, and I know this summer will be different. Yet, we know God continues to refine and redeem us as we walk with Jesus and grow in our discipleship. I believe the Holy Spirit will be accomplishing amazing things for all of us, even when we do not expect it or are looking in our hearts, lives, and congregation.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan".



The Chosen—Now Available on the FPCE Mobile App

On Sunday, May 1, we begin a new journey with our Adult Sunday School. We will be watching *The Chosen*. *The Chosen* is a scripturally faithful interpretation of Jesus with the disciples. You can watch the first season (8 episodes) through our mobile app! If you do not have the app, you can [watch the first season on YouTube](#) or through the [Angel Studio's app](#) that can plug right into your smart tv. We will show the first episode next week during Sunday school prior to discussion.



Download the FPCE mobile app today at www.firstpreschchurch.com.



FPCE

VOA FOOD COLLECTION

Mondays:

May 9

June 13

11am – 1pm

FPCE Alleyway



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/thefirstpresbyterianhur/app>

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



Special Dates:

National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2022

Mother's Day, May 8, 2022

Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2022

Victoria Day (Canada), May 23, 2022

Ascension Day, May 26, 2022

Memorial Day, May 30, 2022

Library Update - May 2022

In May, as in April in our beautiful part of the globe, our thoughts easily turn to flowers. The church library has a small but lovely collection of books to enjoy when it's too chilly to be out with the flowering and leafy plants. A few of these are listed below.

From the main collection (first floor):

The Language of flowers: A novel

Diffenbaugh, Vanessa

"The story of a woman whose gift for flowers helps her change the lives of others even as she struggles to overcome her own past" (Publisher's note)

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Consider the Lilies: Plants of the Bible

Paterson, John (John Barstow) / Paterson, Katherine / Dowden, Anne Ophelia Todd

Presents botanical illustrations of familiar and exotic flowers, trees, and plants mentioned in the accompanying Bible verses and selections.

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Flowers of the Holy Land. Seventeen color reproductions

Vester, Bertha Spafford

759.95 Ves

And in the children's library (third floor):

Flower Alphabet Book

Pallotta, Jerry / Evans, Leslie

Describes a variety of flowers from A-Z, beginning with the amaryllis and concluding with the zinnia.

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Plant Leaves (Look Once, Look Again)

Schwartz, David M. / Kuhn, Dwight

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Plant blossoms (Look Once, Look Again)

Schwartz, David M. / Kuhn, Dwight

E 580 Sch

For help in locating these or other books, please contact me. It will make my day.

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Fourth Monday Book Group - May 2022

This month's "update" is actually a review of our previously announced decisions for May and June. Watch for new titles in the June *Carillon*. Several interesting books are under discussion, but no new definite choices have fully jelled as of this writing. To have input, please come to the May gathering, still on Zoom, or email one of the regular attendees to have your ideas considered at that meeting.

Don't forget to check the Everett Public Library's list of book group sets to see whether they offer 10 copies of a title you would like to recommend. We look for varied genres, engaging topics, sound information, and beautiful writing.

Zoom allows us to reach beyond our geographic boundaries, cross state lines, and avoid parking challenges. It also brings challenges. We are open to creative suggestions of how to enjoy the best of all worlds. For now, we continue on Zoom.

As previously announced, here are our final spring titles. Both of these very different books, one fiction, one nonfiction, have rich opportunities for lively discussions under gifted leadership as noted. Please join us even if you have never attended book group before.

May 23 *The Lincoln Highway* Amor Towles Leader - David Dorway

Back to fiction. This novel by the author of *Gentleman in Moscow* offers unforgettable characters in mind-bending relationships pursuing unexpected travels. "*The Lincoln Highway* has suspense, humor, philosophy, and a strong sense of time and place..." St. Louis Post-Dispatch

June 2 *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*
Clint Smith Leader - George Lockeman

Clint Smith's graceful prose takes us to seven historical sites related to slavery: Monticello Plantation; Whitney Plantation; Angola Prison; Blandford Cemetery; Galveston Island; New York City; Goree Island. Of the account Ibram X. Kendi writes: "...frees history, frees humanity to reckon honestly with the legacy of slavery. We need this book."

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 above.

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

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter 9 in our study book. Lois Tysseling will be our study leader.
All women are welcome.

Class of 2022

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Are you or someone you know graduating this year? Tell us about it! We would like to honor all graduates on June 12, 2022 – Graduation Sunday.

Please provide graduate information by completing this form and return it to the church office by June 1, 2022.

Join us as we honor our graduates on June 12, 2022 at 10:00am, during worship.

Graduate Name: _____

Your Name & Relation to Graduate: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Graduating From (school): _____

Honors/Degree: _____

Future Plans: _____



Mission Committee Update: Dinner at the Bell

Dinner at the Bell is more than just a hot meal on Wednesday evenings. We are beginning to actively recruit for volunteers to help us move inside with a target date of Wednesday May 18. After moving back inside, meal service will begin at 5:30 p.m. There is a volunteer sign up sheet at the Welcome Booth. Please sign up and we will be in touch to add you to our wonderful team.

If you'd like to learn more about Dinner at the Bell, please talk with Pastor Alan or a member of the Steering Committee: John Gebert, Jay Kuhnhenh, Dottie Villevik, Katherine Campbell, Elizabeth Nelson, David Baer-Peckham, Joan Lyderson, Jimmy Sharp, or Steve Hammond.

Mission Committee Update: PC (USA) Contributions

Did you know that the [FPCE Mission Committee](#) makes two significant annual contributions to the [PC\(USA\)](#)? We bet you did know this! One contribution is to the PC (USA) general missions fund and the other is specifically to [PC\(USA\) Disaster Relief Assistance](#).

It seems like the world is being overcome with more and more disasters, both natural and man-made. Both PC(USA) funds serve national and international causes and sometimes they even respond locally - e.g., the Oso mudslide disaster. But with the state of the world, PC(USA) funds may or may not make it to our region when disaster hits locally.

Last spring the community of Sumas and surrounding areas suffered greatly from flooding. Your Mission Committee felt a tremendous need to provide direct support to our neighbors to the north, so we contributed to the Whatcom County Foundation/Resilience Fund. Please know that we are trying to be very thoughtful and intentional in representing FPCE and how we allocate our resources.

Your continued, ongoing prayers for the work of the Mission Committee is greatly appreciated.



Thank you all for your prayers. They have been felt. I'm doing well and have discovered the healing process, post heart attack and stents, is a bit like that which followed my battle with cancer. That process is not an overnight thing. No worries. God continues to hold me in the palm of His hand. If you want to sneak in a quick prayer now and then, that would be great. God Bless!

Mike Clemans

Get At-Home COVID-19 Tests; Free with Fast Delivery

You can order free at-home COVID-19 tests through the federal government and the State of Washington.

Households that order COVID-19 tests through the federal government are eligible to order 2 sets of 4 free at-home tests. Order your today at www.covid.gov/tests.

Households that order COVID-19 tests through the State of Washington, can order up to 5 free tests. Order today at www.sayyescovidhometest.org.

Read, Pray, Love: Updated Psalm Schedule

READ, PRAY, LOVE

Week	Psalm	OT	NT
April 24	Psalm 61	1 Samuel 16	Acts 2
May 1	Psalm 62	1 Samuel 17	Acts 4
May 8	Psalm 63	2 Samuel 6	Acts 8:26-40
May 15	Psalm 65	2 Samuel 7	Acts 9
May 22	Psalm 66	1 Kings 3	Acts 10
May 29	Psalm 67	1 Kings 18	Acts 16:16-40
June 5	Psalm 71	1 Kings 19	Romans 1:1-17
June 12	Psalm 73	2 Chronicles 6	Romans 5



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
- 5/27 David & Marla Baer-Peckham
- 5/28 Phil & Sonya Beardsley

Birthdays:

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



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 or third 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 the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to:

sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadline:

May 12, 2022

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 15, 2022

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



Recently, Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson experienced an uplifting, colorful, and enjoyable visit to the Skagit Valley tulip fields. These are a couple of the wonderful pictures he took while there.

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

From the Estuary Angels



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remove, Refuse, Repair

Making an Earth Decade Plan

The 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report established that humanity had approximately 12 years to reduce CO2 emissions to 45% of the global levels recorded in 2010. Doing so will stabilize global temperature. Combined with additional cutbacks, land restoration, and carbon capture technology, it will put us on a path to reduce atmospheric CO2 levels enjoyed by our grandparents.

The **2022** IPCC report paints an even more troubling picture. Climate change is already wreaking havoc around the world with just 1.1 degrees C of warming. We need to make big changes in every aspect of life.

Earthday.org aims to inspire individuals, businesses, and governments to **Invest in Our Planet**. What each of us does, and how we do it, has a huge ripple effect on our ecosystems and on the pace of corporate and government action.

If we choose one big project annually, such as replacing our internal combustion car with an electric vehicle, going solar at home, eliminating excessive carbon-producing foods from our diet, or switching to sustainable sources of clothing, electronics, or groceries, the cumulative reduction over a decade can make a meaningful difference. If we all did it, humans could hit the 45% goals laid out by the IPCC. *Source: Earth911*

Special Days

May 3 is ***Garden Meditation Day***. May 6 is ***National Public Gardens Day***. May 7 is ***Mother Ocean Day*** and ***National Play Outside Day***. May 14 is ***Int'l Migratory Bird Day***. May 20 is ***National Rescue Dog Day***, ***World Bee Day***, and ***Endangered Species Day***. May 22 is ***Int'l Day for Biological Diversity***. May 26 is ***Eat More Fruits and Vegetables Day***. May 29 is ***Learn About Composting Day***.

Enjoy the Beauty Around Us

Beautify your porch and yard for months with Mother's Day baskets, spring-blooming shrubs, and assorted annuals at the Evergreen Arboretum on May 7 from 10 to 3. You can pre-order baskets online at EvergreenArboretum.com/mothers-day-shop or choose at the sale.

*"As the fisherman depends upon the river, lakes and seas,
and the farmer upon the land for his existence,
so does mankind in general depend upon the beauty of the world about him
for his spiritual and emotional existence."
- Ansel Adams, Speech to the Wilderness Society*



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

Class of 2024

Susan Davis

Ed Pearson

Doris Pearson

