

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin for FPCE Facebook Live at 10am

October 18, 2020

Prelude – *Amazing Grace* – Arr Swann Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell – Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome – Steve Torrence

Call to Worship – Psalm 99

One: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earthquake!

All: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

One: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is God!

All: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

One: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is the Lord!

All: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

One: They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

All: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

One: Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

All: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Hymn – *God of Grace and God of Glory* #420

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee,
that we fail not them nor thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Dariel Norris

Gracious God calm our hearts and guide our attention to you. It is easy to miss your presence in our lives. We get focused on our point of view and proving ourselves right, rather than listen to others. We allow social media and news dictate our time and energy, rather than see your creation and freedom surrounding us. We desire the world and our lives to align just as we envision, rather than release control to you and humbly follow where you lead. Forgive us Lord, for ignoring you. We confess our tendency to choose the easy way over your way, we confess we have blinders in our lives we use to protect our egos, we confess we press others to follow rules while justifying our exclusion from them. Lord hear those prayers on our hearts, draw our attention to grace for us and others, release us from the unnecessary bondage we adhere to, and restore us as only you can. Speak to us during this time of stillness.

Friends, take heart and rest assured of God's faithfulness. 1st John says, "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9) Through the gracious act of Christ, we are forgiven and pray together,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Quartet – *You Sing Over Me*

Jean Rankin, Tony Tysseling,
Leslie and Rob Sutin
Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture – Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon – *Father's Will*

Mason Rutledge

Hymn – *How Great Thou Art* #467

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy Hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed,

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Refrain

3 And when I think, that God,
His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

4 When Christ shall come, with shouts of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou
art!"

Refrain

Benediction

Postlude – *Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy* - Arr Jones Gary Norris

Reminders and Announcements

We are excited to have Mason Rutledge preaching. While Pastor Alan is away celebrating his mother-in-law's 80th birthday, Mason will guide our worship. Mason is the President of C3, a Christian Leadership company, is married to Brenda, they have three children, and will be a grandparents next year. Mason brings a lifetime of following Christ, a heart for evangelism and compassion, and countless hours of prayer, teaching, studying, and preaching to our pulpit. Let us welcome warmly Mason today.

Join us for our learning series on Christianity!

This course is a remarkable class on how Christianity was born, how it grew, developed, and how it remains central to lives around the world. This is a chance to examine the religion that many of us grew up within, and which continues to transform our lives daily.

FPCE Sunday Coffee Time and Bible Study – **NEW** Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82991650201?pwd=ZDE1YzRZaDhIRWFteDg5ZC9xaUMxQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 9165 0201

Passcode: 049854

1. Virtual Coffee Time at 11:15am today! Use the link above to join for a relaxed time of greeting and talking to each other.
2. Next Sunday we will be having virtual worship at 10am.
3. Lunch with Pastor Alan this week is on Tuesday at 12pm.
4. We are using Zoom for a Thursday Bible Study at 4pm. We are looking at the words of Jesus. This Thursday, October 15th, we will be studying Matthew 15.
5. All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.

Prayer Updates for October 18, 2020

- Prayers for Clyde and Judy Pitcher. Clyde is home recovering.
- Pray for Pat Stanley and her husband Dennis as Pat is battling cancer and in hospice care. From Bob and Barbara Barren
- Prayers for Mike Gresham, his family is moving to Colorado soon. From Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Marty Blea. Her brother died in Albuquerque and was not able to go but watched via Facebook till he took his last breath. Marty is having a hard time. [from our online prayer request form]
- Please pray I will find a job soon and be able to sleep at night – Crystal Vines [from our online prayer request form]
- Prayers for Susan Davis as she recovers and rehabs from knee replacement surgery.
- Prayers for Pastor Alan's sister-in-law, Nicole, and family after Nicole has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Update: Thank you for the prayers! Wayne and family were able to get insurance money plus support through a GoFund Me page. This enabled them to move to Spokane closer to family. Wayne is related to Rose Capetillo.
- We pray for all who have been displaced, had homes destroyed, or loved ones die in the fires along the west coast. We pray for firefighters, hospitals, and community organizations working to fight the fire and care for people during this time.
- We pray for our young adults, youth, and children as they head back to school.
- We pray for teachers, administrators, and faculty as our youth head back to school.

- Update on Leslie Sutin's nephew Jason. He is no longer in need of a liver transplant. The new medication is working. Praise God and we continue to pray.
- Pray for Lisa Comstock's Aunt Mary and Uncle Len. Mary had a surgery and was in the hospital for longer than expected. She is now home. However, Len fell and is in the hospital with a broken elbow, cuts and swelling on his face.
- Pray for Steve Torrence as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Pray for Larry Nalbach who is dealing with health issues. Larry is Marilyn Nalbach's brother.
- We pray Mary Villevik and family as her mother Virginia Shelly died. Mary is married to Eric, Alan and Dottie's son.
- Update: Tim and MaryAnne LeCompte. MaryAnne is slowly recovering from her stroke and is in long term rehab – Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Gregg DeSchepper died. Terrie appreciates continued prayers. – from Tony and Lois Tysseling.
- Our daughter Jessica Rozal completed chemo and started radiation treatment on the 23rd. Thank you for your prayers and support – from Bob and Barbara Barren.
- We pray for Jeff Mackey and family as Maurine Murray is in hospice.
- We pray for Marilee Richards' friend Kim. Kim has Covid-19 and is ill with underlying health problems.
- From Judy and Clyde Pitcher: Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers for our daughter, Jan Geibel, as she continues her treatment for cancer.
- Hugh Minor prayers for recovery.
- Update: Bonnie (Miller) Ronan is under home hospice care. Continued prayers for her pain management and comfort. No visitors. From Annette King
- Update: Larry O'Donnell is doing well and has been home for several months now. He takes short walks and is working on a local history book. He appreciates our continued prayers – from Annette King
- Update: Grandson Matt remains alcohol free nine months after his rehab graduation in November. Continued prayers are appreciated. – from Annette King.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's family as they are going through some tough times.
- Prayers for Elizabeth Nelson with ongoing health issues.
- Pray for Sumana Banerjee, Alan and Judy Hutchison's daughter in law's mother, as she is in the hospital. They are not sure of the problem, but are praying for healing.
- Prayers for Maureen, Judy Hammond's mother. We lift up all families who are apart from each other. We pray for health, safety, and comfort.
- Cody Richards as he is being shipped to the Middle East, from grandmother Marilee Richards.
- Celia Gordon asks for prayers as she begins cancer treatment again.
- Jim White, prayers for cancer recovery from Celia Gordon.
- Prayers for Bev Fox in rehab.
- Prayers for Stephanie, daughter of Renee Lambert, for Crohn's related surgery and her hospitalization three times in the last month – from Diane Preston

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
 - Dorothy Nerison
 - Rev. Ed Coon
 - Merle Kirkley
 - Family of Letty Ownings
 - Family of Prince Schaefer
 - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
 - Jay Kuhnhenh
 - Peggy Ulvestad
 - Judy Oberg
 - Judy Campbell
 - Jan Weakley

- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Jay Gano – Jan Weakley
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher’s daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Bonnie (Miller) Ronan – Annette King.
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- Bob Salinas, brother of Rose and Sam Capetillo
- Cy Paydar – nephew of Steve and Nancy Torrence

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.

- Don and Joan Lyderson
- Suzan, Judy Kutz’s sister
- Dale and Janet Good