

# ✠ FPC BELLINGHAM

*sharing a living faith across generations*

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

rejoice

*always*

pray

*continually*

give thanks

*in all circumstances*

stay connected this week

Visit [fpcbellingham.org/calendar](https://fpcbellingham.org/calendar) for more of this week's regular meetings or email [info@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:info@fpcbellingham.org) for links and further information.

## **TODAY—A TASTE OF ADVENT BRUNCH**

after worship in the Fireside Room | Join Pastor Doug for brunch and to learn about prayer practices for Advent FPC 2023, which begins December 3rd.

## **FPC STORY HOUR:**

Mondays on Zoom | 7—8pm

This week we continue Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. Reading, discussion... always a great hour of the day.

## **COMMONS OPEN STUDIO TUESDAYS**

Every Tuesday morning: 9am—noon

Bring anything you want to work on and share community time and space with other creative folks.

**\*NO BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEEK DUE TO THANKSGIVING.\***

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:** Tuesdays on Zoom | 9:45—11:15am | resumes 11/28

Wednesdays at FPC | 9:15—11:15am | resumes 11/29

**PASTOR DOUG'S EVERY-BODY-IS-WELCOME BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays on Zoom | 4:30pm | resumes 11/29

# worship guide

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Give Thanks, Come Ye Thankful People Come* Hymn 392

Confession and Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

*Acts 20:35 | What do you have to give?*

*Children through 5th grade are dismissed for Godly Play + The Link*

Thanksgiving Litany

Up Close + Personal | *Brad Day*

Offering

Scripture Readings | *Psalms 103:1-4, Philippians 4:4-7*

Meditation 1 | *Steve Thames*

Examen + The Lord's Prayer

Meditation 2 | *Jeannie Cox*

Meditation 3 | *Greg & Christy Hart*

Affirmation of Faith

Worship in Song | *For the Beauty of the Earth, Come Thou Fount,  
Now Thank We All Our God* Hymn 525

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Jocelyn Meyer, Music  
Brad Day, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Host*

# discussion questions

We need to establish a practice of giving thanks.

- What are you thankful for right now?
- How is giving thanks connected to exalting?
- How does giving thanks work against forgetting?
- How does thankfulness weave its way through your day?
- What is one practice of giving thanks you could add to your routine?

# Sunday info

## CAFÉ PRES

Join us each Sunday after the service for some community time, coffee and treats.

*If you'd like to host Café Pres, sign up downstairs or email Alissa: [info@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:info@fpcbellingham.org)*

## PEW CARDS

Fill out a card and place in the offering plate or in the box in the foyer.

**CONNECT** | get involved, update your contact information

**CARE** | request prayer, visitation, sign up for Prayer Vine emails

**GIVE** | ways to give of your time, talents and treasure

*\*Safety note: Once the service begins, the downstairs door will be locked for security during children's programs. Please enter through Garden St. doors after 10am.*

## CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

An unstaffed, equipped nursery, Room 2, is available downstairs for parents to change diapers, settle babies and watch the service livestream.

### Godly Play Prep: Toddlers —3-Year-Olds

Toddlers through 3 years old are welcome in Godly Play Prep. Rooms 3 & 4. (Please enter through the door for Room 3.) Godly Play Prep is open to receive toddlers through 3-year-olds five minutes before (9:55am) or anytime during the service.

### Godly Play: Preschool—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Godly Play Mentors are excited to welcome your children to Godly Play!

Children ages preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be blessed from congregational worship to sing, wonder about God's story, respond through art and play, and care for one another.

We treasure your children! Thank you for trusting them with us for Godly Play!

### The Link: 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School

Meets in Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall and is dismissed from worship with Godly Play. The Link will be dismissed to connect with parents at Café Pres.

## YOUTH (MIDDLE SCHOOL + HIGH SCHOOL)

Small Groups meet every other week on Sunday. If you'd like to get involved, email [youth@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:youth@fpcbellingham.org) for details. There's a group for everyone!

upcoming events +  
invitations

**AV VOLUNTEER INFO LUNCH + TRAINING**

Sunday, November 26 | following worship

Anyone interested in learning more about helping our Sunday morning AV team is invited to lunch! Contact Jocelyn: [jocelyn@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:jocelyn@fpcbellingham.org)

**MEN'S NIGHT: THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**

Thursday, November 30, at 5:00 pm | Steve Thames' house

Men and their children (of all ages) are invited to watch the Seahawks play the Cowboys. Ask Doug for details: [dougb@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:dougb@fpcbellingham.org)

What do you  
have to give?

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LYNDEN CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:

*Messiah*  
**SING-ALONG**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 2PM  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1031 N. GARDEN ST. BELLINGHAM

EVERYONE  
WELCOME!



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# advent

## SKILL SHARE

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 3RD  
(AFTER THE  
SERVICE)  
FOR ALL AGES!

MAKE  
CHRISTMAS  
CRAFTS  
+ GIFTS!

Join us for a chili lunch,  
make Advent crafts, sing  
carols, learn something new!

Contact Alissa if you can make a pot  
of chili or a tray of sugar cookies.

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