



WORK AND VALUE

Visit fpcbellingham.org/calendar for more of this week's regular meetings or email info@fpcbellingham.org for links and further information.

THIS WEEK: DETAILS INSIDE

Prayer Praxis Group

TODAY | 6:30-8pm Sundays in January and February | In person at FPC and on Zoom

A Service of Lament

Monday January 15th | 7pm in the Commons

Commons Open Studio

Tuesdays | 9am to noon

Women's Bible Studies:

Tuesdays on Zoom | 9:45—11:15am

Wednesdays at FPC | 9:15—11:15am

Pastor Doug's Every-body-is-Welcome Bible Study:

Wednesdays on Zoom | 4:30pm

COMMUNION

The sacrament (mystery) of communion is celebrated at FPC every Sunday. The table is open to all followers of Jesus of any age or stage. Once the table is opened, you are invited to come forward and receive communion from a server. Please raise your hand if you would like to be served at your seat. The cup is grape juice; the intinction bread is gluten-free. Optional disposable cups (with gluten), can be put in the lobby trash can after the service. During communion, you're invited to light a candle in lament or hope.



CAFÉ PRES

Join us each Sunday after the service for some community time, coffee and treats. Today's Café Pres is in the Commons, an opportunity to view the new art show.

If you'd like to host Café Pres, sign up downstairs or email jocelyn@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

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—3rd Grade

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

Children ages preschool - 3rd 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: 4th + 5th 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 for details. There's a group for everyone!

Family Caregiver Support Group

hosted by FPC's Faith Community Nurses



Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm via Zoom.

Whether a person is caring for a loved one in their home, or overseeing their care in a facility or even in a different state, they share many of the same concerns. Caregivers of any gender are welcome to come learn together and encourage one another. Zoom link can be found on the church calendar. fpcbellingham.org/calendar Please email bandml@comcast.net with any questions.

FPC Children's Choir

FPC is excited to offer a children's choir program in 2024! Children will grow in their capacity to sing with others while having fun and nurturing friendships. The choir will be led by Christy Hart. Christy has been teaching children to sing together for many years.

Practicing each Sunday after worship 11:30 to NOON open to ages 4 - 12

Begins January 28th!



register in the Church App or scan the QR code



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(FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION)
CENTENNIAL
EXHIBIT

VIEW THE EXHIBIT BY JENNIFER NEWELL IN THE COMMONS AFTER THE SERVICE JANUARY 14 + 21



A SERVICE OF LAMENT

Monday, January 15 at 7pm
in the Commons

FPC BELLINGHAM

Lamenting war and loss together



MISSION MOMENT:

Urgent prayer is needed for Christians working in war zones in Ukraine, Gaza, Nigeria and elsewhere, who are bringing help and the gospel to many people. They get discouraged, perplexed and stressed. **PRAY** that God will strengthen them to carry on each day, to bring help, hope, and the truth of joy in Jesus to often destitute people.

worship guide

Welcome + Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Come All Who Are Weary, Rising Sun*

Confession and Pardon, Passing of the Peace

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

Proverbs 31:18 | Which of your talents do you value?

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

Worship in Song | *Oh Love That Will Not let Me Go*

Up Close + Personal | *Frances Howard Snyder*

Offering

Scripture Reading | *Proverbs 31:10-31*

Meditation | *Work and Value*

Lectio Divina

Worship in Song | *The Breastplate of St. Patrick*

The Lord's Prayer

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *What a Friend We have in Jesus* Hymn 466

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Jocelyn Meyer, Music
Kristen Frankland, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

discussion questions

Proverbs 31:10-31

Good work feels good and is meant to be celebrated. Your work is valuable.

- What do you appreciate about this remarkable business woman?
- This can be seen as a text of terror, what feels hard about this text?
- What type of employee would this woman be? Would you want her as a supervisor?
- Verse 18 says that she sees her merchandise is valuable, what does that mean?
- What would it look like for you to perceive that your merchandise was valuable?

STAY CONNECTED

TODAY:

Prayer Praxis Group

*Sundays 6:30-8pm January and February
In person at FPC and on Zoom* | Come and join us as together we seek for a deeper experience of the Spirit in our lives. We will be Reading Mike Neelley's book, *Hearing the Heartbeat of God* and also practicing the exercises that Mike talks about.

THIS WEEK:

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Women's Bible Studies:

*Tuesdays on Zoom | 9:45—11:15am
Studying Hosea with the help of Lifeguide's Bible study—Ephesians: Wholeness for a Broken World* by Andrew T. LePeau and Phyllis J. LePeau

*Wednesdays at FPC | 9:15—11:15am
Everyday Faith* Childcare is available.

Pastor Doug's Every-body-is-Welcome Bible Study:

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Discussion, dialogue and deep interaction with God's Word. Join us as we study The Life and Times of Moses.*

UPCOMING:

Art + Faith Conference

Join us March 15-17, 2024 for a weekend of gathering with other creatives, getting inspired, and doing art together! We have a wonderful line-up of featured speakers, opportunities to do art and experience the arts scene in Bellingham, and chances to network with other artists and creators. This special event is presented by our community art space, The Commons Bellingham. Tickets: fpcbellingham.org/the-commons

PASTOR REVIEW PROCESS:

Every year our church reviews our pastors and their fit in our congregation, just as the Pastors and session review all the staff. The goal is to make sure we are all communicating well, hearing feedback, and have access to all we need to grow. If you are open to participating, scan the QR code or pick up a hard copy at the back table. Please respond before Monday, Jan 24th. If you have any questions about this process please contact our Personnel elder Fred Hartsook: Fredhartsook@gmail.com



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