

# ✝ FPC BELLINGHAM

*sharing a living faith across generations*

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023



*The Burgers of Calais, Auguste Rodin*

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—COMMONS BOOK CLUB | THE ARTIST'S RULE**

just after the service | in the Commons

Discussing chapters 2 + 3. Copies of the book are available downstairs, provided by the Calvin grant.

## **FPC STORY HOUR:**

Mondays on Zoom | 7—8pm

This week we begin 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.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:**

Tuesdays on Zoom | 9:45—11:15am | Studying Hosea with the help of Lifeguide's Bible study—*Hosea: God's Persistent Love* by Dale Larsen and Sandy Larsen.

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

**PASTOR DOUG'S EVERY-BODY-IS-WELCOME BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays on Zoom | 4:30pm | Discussion, dialogue and deep interaction with God's Word. Join us as we study The Life and Times of Moses.

# worship guide

## Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Hymn 377

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*

Up Close + Personal | *Rachel Buri*

Offering | *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Hymn 118

Scripture Reading | *Acts 21:7-15*

Meditation | *Hard and Healthy Futures*

Examen + The Lord's Prayer

Special Music | *Crossing the Bar*

Affirmation of Faith

Worship in Song | *Christ is Mine Forevermore, Is He Worthy*

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *My Lighthouse*

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Jocelyn Meyer, Music • Kerrie Bauer, Host  
Ozzie Lewis, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

# discussion questions

*Acts 21:7-15*

Paul listens to the counsel of his peers, but then follows Jesus on his own.

- What do you think it felt like to hear the prophecy of Agabus?
- Luke says in verse 12 "*we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem.*", who do you think he refers to?
- Paul listens to their counsel, but still chooses to go to Jerusalem. How did it affect his relationship with Agabus and the leaders? with Luke and his own entourage?
- How do you think Paul felt standing alone, in disagreement with the room?
- Do you think Paul does the right thing?

# Sunday info

## 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. Please put the disposable cups in the lobby trash can after the service.

## 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)

TODAY: Harvest Meetup! 4-6pm, costumes welcome!

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

### **ORGAN CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE LIGHTHOUSE MISSION**

Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00 pm | Dutch organist Peter Wildeman presents his second annual organ recital at FPC. Donation offering to benefit the Lighthouse Mission. Also features the King's Men of Song directed by Gerald Rutgers. This family friendly organ recital includes audience singing. All ages welcome. Details: [fpcbellingham.org/calendar](http://fpcbellingham.org/calendar)

### **A TASTE OF ADVENT BRUNCH**

Sunday, November 19 after worship | Join Pastor Doug in the Fireside Room for brunch and to learn about prayer practices for Advent FPC 2023, which begins December 3rd.

### **LYNDEN CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS: MESSIAH SING-ALONG**

Sunday, November 26, at 2:00 pm | All are welcome to join us in singing at this annual community event. Bring your own book or borrow one during the event. Choral sections will be labeled, or come to listen. Coffee service and treats downstairs following the sing-along. Doors open at 1:30. A special offering will be taken to benefit the Bellingham Food Bank. More at [fpcbellingham.org/calendar](http://fpcbellingham.org/calendar)



What do you  
have to give?

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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