

✝ FPC BELLINGHAM

sharing a living faith across generations

December 10th, 2023



stay connected this week

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

FPC STORY HOUR: Mondays on Zoom | 7—8pm

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

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 & Zechariah's Song

Special Music | *Song of Elizabeth* Rob and Eshinee Veith

Lighting the Advent Candle | *Advent Artists*

Worship in Song | *Angels from the Realms of Glory, Welcome to Our World*

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

Luke 1:78-79 | What do you imagine the dawn from on high will look like?

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

Up Close + Personal | *Advent Artists*

Confession and Pardon, Passing of the Peace

Worship in Song | *O Come All Ye Faithful* Hymn 193

Offering, Special Music | *Brynn King*

Scripture Reading | *Luke 2:8-20*

Meditation | *Angel Song*

Visio Divina

Worship in Song | *Angels We Have Heard on High* Hymn 192

Doxology, The Apostles' Creed

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* Hymn 184

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Jocelyn Meyer, Music
Diane Tate, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

discussion questions

Luke 2:8-20

Praising God may be the most important thing you do today, so do it.

- What do you think it felt like to see the glory of the Lord?
Can you imagine their terror?
- What is the gist of the message the angels bring the shepherds?
- How do the shepherds respond?
- The shepherds heard the angel praise, and then the shepherds praised, how is praise contagious?
- How will you praise God today?

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. 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.

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

**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—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)

Get ready for our middle + high school Christmas party on December 17!

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!

upcoming events + invitations

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating Committee is beginning to search for Elders and Deacons to start in July 2024. Elders meet monthly to discuss church leadership decisions and work with the staff to care for our ministries. Deacons meet monthly and attend to the practical and spiritual needs in our community. If you can think of anyone you think would be a great Elder or Deacon, please give the name to Doug or send the name to Alissa: info@fpcbellingham.org

CHRISTMAS EVE AT FPC


No Sunday morning service.

4pm | Family Candlelight Service

In person | Children are welcome to come in costumes; stable animals, angels, etc!

7pm | Traditional Candlelight Service

In person and livestreamed | Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols



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from on high will
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ways to Give advent 2023

fpcbellingham.org/advent-2023

PURCHASE ITEMS FOR

ywca Christmas gift bags

We are collecting items to provide a Christmas gift bag for each resident at the YWCA. If you can help, please **order items** from this **online wish list** to arrive no later than **Sunday, December 17th 9:30-12:30**.



PREPARING + SHARING

christmas dinner FOR THE Y W C A



SIGN UP TO
VOLUNTEER
OR DONATE
FOOD

Join us as we prepare and share Christmas Dinner with our YWCA neighbors on **Christmas Day at 4 PM!** Dinner will be served at the YWCA.

Prep and cooking will be done in the FPC kitchen.

We are looking for teams of people available on **Christmas Day** to help prep, decorate, cook, serve, and clean-up a beautiful Christmas dinner for about 50 women. Have family plans on Christmas day?

You can still **contribute financially** to the meal or **bake a Christmas pie** and bring it to the FPC kitchen before one of the Christmas Eve services.

Celebrating a Merry and Bright Christmas with our Y neighbors is a gift!



HELP FUND
THE DINNER

fpcbellingham.churchcenter.com/giving

Select '**Homeless Ministries**' on our Giving page.

OR write a check to FPC and designate '**Homeless Ministries**'

Christmas Eve

4 p m ^{in person}
family service

2023 7 p m ^{in person & livestreamed}
traditional service

candlelight services

no Sunday morning service



December 31st is

Comfy
Cozy
Sunday

at FPC!

slippers, blankets
& warm pjs welcome!
no children's programs*

