

Celebrating and Supporting our

FPC Scholarship Fund

Full and partial scholarships help individuals and families looking to grow in faith through participating in service trips, retreats, and further spiritual formation education opportunities. Your generosity enriches the soil of the Kingdom.



Give online or write "scholarship fund" in the memo line of your check. You can also support the fund by picking up delicious baked goods for your next get together TODAY after the service!

Thank you!



Our family has been given the opportunity to participate fully in the life of our church through this scholarship. Things that would be financially out of reach have been made available to us and **our connections, as well as the spiritual formation of our children have been impacted.** We are incredibly grateful and want others to have these chances to grow as well. - FPC member



Psalm 23 Retreat September 2023

"Scholarships are such a tool of grace to the recipients, and a way to let people in need know that they belong, too. Thank you so much to all who have supported this fund!"
- FPC member

FPC BELLINGHAM

sharing a living faith across generations

January 21st, 2024



WORK AND OPPRESSION

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Todd Fisher, Music
Mikyn Sygitowicz, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

See events inside, visit fpcbellingham.org/calendar for this week's regular meetings or email info@fpcbellingham.org for links and further information.

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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!

Lenten Pilgrimage 2024

Ash Wednesday

February 14th, 7pm
St. James Presbyterian

Join us for a time thoughtful reflection around repentance and mortality. The service will end with imposition of ashes. Join Pastor Doug on an optional walk from FPC to St. James. Meet by the FPC mailbox (downstairs) at 5:30pm.

Maundy Thursday

March 28th, 7pm
Cordata Presbyterian

Maundy comes from the Latin for mandate. This feast day is all about the great commandment that we love one another. No better way to celebrate than to gather together. Join Pastor Doug to walk from FPC to Cordata PC for the Maundy Thursday service. Meet by the mailbox at FPC at 4pm.

Tenebrae

March 29th, 7pm
First Presbyterian

The service of darkness. This is a night of increasing darkness as we explore the last seven words of Jesus. It is a somber night of remembering the sacrifice, acknowledging the darkness, and remembering the light that still shines.



worship guide

Welcome + Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Your Labor is Not in Vain*

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

Up Close + Personal | *Nicki Lang, Art + Faith Conference*

Offering

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

Scripture Reading | *Colossians 3:22-4:1*

Meditation | *Work and Oppression*

Lectio Divina

Worship in Song | *In Christ there is No East or West*

The Lord's Prayer

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Let Us Break Bread Together* Hymn 564

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

discussion questions

Colossians 3:22-4:1

We are all laborers and all bosses and there is calling to doing both well. Do your work whole-heartedly as to God and work for justice and fairness.

- It is hard to read a verse about slaves. Replace the word slave with laborer and the word master with boss. How does that feel?
- What does Paul call laborers to?
- What does Paul call bosses to?
- Where do we see injustice and unfairness in the workplace?
- What does it mean that there is no partiality?
- How can we live this way?

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:

FPC Story Hour

Mondays | 7-8pm on Zoom

Join us as we continue *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 Ephesians 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: *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. No study 1/24.

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 Wednesday, Jan 24th. If you have any questions about this process please contact our Personnel elder Fred Hartsook:



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