

✠ FPC BELLINGHAM

sharing a living faith across generations

December 17th, 2023



Song of Mary, Kathy Harvey

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 *Resumes January 10.*

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 | *Magnificat* Laurie Bunnell + Rob Veith

Lighting the Advent Candle | *The Verneuil Family*

Confession and Pardon, Passing of the Peace

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

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

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

Up Close + Personal | *The Verneuil Family*

Special Music | *O Come All Ye Faithful* FPC Children's Choir

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

Worship in Song | *O Come O Come, Emmanuel*, Hymn 169

Scripture Reading | *Luke 1:46-55*

Meditation | *Mary's Magnificat*

Visio Divina

Special Music | *Magnificat* Eshinee + Rob Veith

Worship in Song | *Child in a Manger, He Who is Mighty*

Offering, Special Music | *Ave Maria* Elena Bauer + Christy Hart

The Apostles' Creed

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Rob + Eshinee Veith, Music
Kerrie Bauer, Host • Doug Bunnell, Preacher

discussion questions

Luke 1:46-56

The lowly Mary is favored by the almighty and sings the joy of the upside down kingdom.

- What do you think Mary means by 'my soul magnifies the Lord'?
- What does Mary Celebrate about the Almighty?
- How does our world treat the proud, wealthy, and powerful?
- How does God treat them?
- What does it mean for us to follow this type of God?

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. 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.

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)

TODAY! Youth Christmas Party | 2-5pm | downstairs at FPC We'll have treats, a movie, games, a **white elephant gift exchange**, and more surprises! Join in the fun and bring and a white elephant!

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

CHRISTMAS EVE AT FPC

No Sunday morning service.

4pm | Family Candlelight Service

Children are welcome to come in costumes; stable animals, angels, etc.!

7pm | Traditional Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

Both services will be in person *and* livestreamed

DECEMBER 31ST IS COMFY COZY SUNDAY...

That means you can wear your pajamas to church! (Or bring a cozy blanket.)

Sip on coffee and cocoa before the service.

No children's programs or Café Pres.

PRAYER PRAXIS GROUP

Sundays 6:30-8pm January and February | In person 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.



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