

worship guide

Welcome + Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Build My Life, Always with Me*

Confession and Pardon, Passing of the Peace

Remembering Our Baptism

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

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 | *Mike Morse*

Offering, Doxology

Scripture Reading | *Genesis 1:26-31*

Meditation | *Work and Creation*

Lectio Divina

Worship in Song | *Holy, Holy, Holy* Hymn 323

Affirmation of Faith

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Morning Has Broken* Hymn 5

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

Jocelyn Meyer, Music • Aven Bates, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher

discussion questions

Genesis 1:26-31

We were created to work to the glory of God and we will do so for eternity.
Work is holy.

- What is mentioned that is so very good on this 6th day of creation?
- Where do we see community in this text?
- Where do we see work in this text?
- What would life be like if this was the end of the story and brokenness never entered the story?
- How do we work against God's very good?

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sharing a living faith across generations

January 7th, 2024



WORK AND CREATION | REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

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

The Artist's Rule Book Group

TODAY after worship in the Commons

Holy Work Brunch+ Discussion

TODAY downstairs after the service OR January 14th on Zoom after the service

Prayer Praxis Group

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

Championship Game Watch Party

Monday January 8th | 4pm (kickoff 4:30) at FPC

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.

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

FPC FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

There will be no dedicated nursery care or children's programming on 12/31

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!

STAY CONNECTED

TODAY:

The Artist's Rule Book Group

TODAY after worship in the Commons | We will be focusing on chapter 5 and 6 and will be doing an art experience together! Anyone is welcome to come!

Holy Work Brunch + Discussion

TODAY downstairs after the service OR January 14th on Zoom after the service | We spend almost half our waking hours working. Is that wasted time when we think of the Kingdom? Is that Kingdom time? What would make work a Kingdom activity? What does God think about work? This winter we will be exploring these questions during our sermon series. To kick off the fun we will be hosting a Holy Work breakfast after today's service to begin reflecting on these questions. January 14th we will hold the same gathering on Zoom after the service for all interested in joining in that way.

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. Books are available downstairs.

THIS WEEK:

Championship Game Watch Party

Monday January 8th | 4pm (kickoff 4:30) at FPC
UW vs. Michigan Bring game food to share!
Story Hour returns on January 22.

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 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.

NEXT WEEK:

A Service of Lament

January 15th 7pm at FPC | Lamenting war and loss together.

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

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