

# Lenten Pilgrimage 2024



## Ash Wednesday

February 14th, 7pm  
St. James Presbyterian

Join us for a time of 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

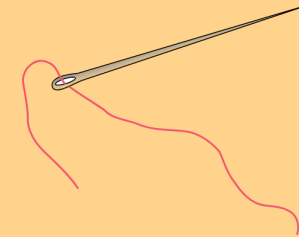
The service of darkness. This is a night of increasing darkness as we explore the last seven words of Jesus. It is a somber night of remembering the sacrifice, acknowledging the darkness, and remembering the light that still shines.



# FPC BELLINGHAM

sharing a living faith across generations

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## WORK AND MEANING

Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Jocelyn Meyer, Music  
Doug Bunnell, Preacher

See events inside, visit [fpcbellingham.org/calendar](https://fpcbellingham.org/calendar) for this week's regular meetings or email [info@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:info@fpcbellingham.org) for links and further information.

Phone messages are checked throughout the week. 360.734.5510

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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. The youth are serving fresh beignets today!

If you'd like to host Café Pres, sign up downstairs or email [jocelyn@fpcbellingham.org](mailto: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—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)

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!

## MISSION MOMENT:

**PRAISE God** for Eshinee's safe return from Ethiopia and for the good teaching accomplished there. **Pray** for complete healing for her body.

**Praise God** for the willingness of Leah and Eliot to spend this month separated for the purpose of recruiting young people for mission with SEND International. **Pray** for Leah as she cares for their two girls alone. Pray for Eliot to have wisdom and cooperation in Nashville for the large conference. **Praise God** for the work of the Holy Spirit in lives now being trained for service with YWAM. **Pray** for many to respond to the call of Jesus to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel" during the conference later this month.



# Walking with Chitul

In 2021, FPC began a partnership with Food for the Hungry by committing to partner with the village of Chitul in Guatemala through child sponsorships and special project fundraising. In 2023 we raised almost \$10,000 for a new school roof. Last spring, our 5th graders raised \$800 for school supplies. *This year the Chitul community determined that a retaining wall and fence is needed around the Health Post.*

Together we can raise the funds for this new project! still needed:

**\$7370.00**

to begin Health Post retaining wall project



Checks or online giving to **Food for the Hungry - Chitul fund**



Project site and example of another retaining wall built in Chitul.



# worship guide

Welcome + Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Great are You Lord, Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Confession and Pardon, Passing of the Peace

Putting Away the Alleluias

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

*Ephesians 2:10* | What good works have you been created to do?

Walking with Chitul | *Kristin Frankland and Linda Miller*

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

Offering

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

Up Close + Personal | *Brad Day*

Worship in Song | *Amazing Grace* Hymn 107

Scripture Reading | *Ephesians 2:1-10*

Meditation | *Holy Work and Meaning*

Lectio Divina

The Lord's Prayer

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

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

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

# discussion questions

Ephesians 2:1-10

As beloved children who love God, we engage in the good work God created for each of us.

- In what ways were we dead?
- How are we alive in Jesus?
- What does it mean that we are saved by grace and not by works?
- What is the place then of works (vs 10)?
- What does it mean that these good works are to our way of life?

## STAY CONNECTED

TODAY:

**Children's Choir**

*TODAY after worship in Room 1* | All children ages 4-12 are welcome!

**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 1 and 2 Peter.

**Ash Wednesday Service at St. James**

**Presbyterian:** *Wednesday February 14th* | 7pm  
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**Walking with Jesus, A study in the Gospel of Luke:** *Thursdays at FPC* | 1:30-2:45pm  
Join friends from FPC, neighbors and others to read and discuss passages from the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome!

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, musicians, 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](https://fpcbellingham.org/the-commons)

*Sign up by February 29th for the early bird price!*

**Lent in Plain Sight**

Lent begins February 14th, when we'll begin reading the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield together. Copies are available downstairs in the library. One per family, a \$10 donation covers the cost of one book.

**Congregational Meeting + FPC's 2nd Annual Dip-a-Palooza!**

February 25th after the service.

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