

# worship guide

Welcome + Call to Lenten Reflection

Worship in Song | *Wonderful Maker*

Confession and Pardon

Baptism of Piper Berard

Passing of the Peace

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

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

Up Close + Personal | *The Flory Family*

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

Worship in Song | *The Old Rugged Cross* Hymn 256

Welcome New Member | *Ian Ballentyne*

Offering

Worship in Song | *Lift High the Cross*

Scripture Readings | *Mark 8:31-38, Corinthians 1:18-25*

Meditation | *Cross*

Lenten Song | *All Shall Be Well*

Affirmation of Faith

Communion + Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *The Lord's Prayer* Hymn 440

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

# discussion questions

1 Corinthians 1:18-25/ Mark 8:31-38

The cross means that the worst thing to happen is not the worst, it might be the best.

Trust God in bad news.

- What did a cross mean to the disciples?
- How would they have interpreted Jesus's call to pick up our crosses?
- How do we understand Jesus's teaching about losing our life?
- How was the cross foolishness to those perishing?
- How was it foolishness to Jews? to Greeks? to Romans?
- How is it the power of God to us?
- How do we pick up our cross now?

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*sharing a living faith across generations*

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT: CROSS

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Todd Fisher, Music • Kerrie Bauer, Host  
Steve Thames, Liturgist • 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.

*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

## 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!

## STAY CONNECTED

### TODAY:

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

Stay for a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary following the worship service, then head downstairs to enjoy a light lunch of special homemade dips and vote for your favorite! Please pick up children from Godly Play before the meeting begins.

### 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.

### Lent in Plain Sight

This Lenten season we are 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.

### 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 follow along with our Lent Devotional *Lent in Plain Sight*.

**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!

**Clean Up/Glow Up Saturdays:** *Saturdays March 2 + 9 | 8am-4pm* come when you can. Help us clean and beautify for spring and ahead of the upcoming conference!

### UPCOMING:

#### The Artist's Rule Book Group

*March 3 after worship in the Commons* | We will be focusing on chapter 9. Anyone is welcome to come!

#### 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](http://fpcbellingham.org/the-commons)

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

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