

✝ FPC BELLINGHAM

sharing a living faith across generations

Palm Sunday | March 24th, 2024



LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT: COATS, TOWELS, THORNS

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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.

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!

Holy Week

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 5pm.

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. Godly Play for children downstairs.

Rocky Soil Scripture Show

March 30th, 6-9pm

In the Fellowship Hall. All ages welcome to join in this rowdy participatory reading where we experience the gospel in a whole new way! Arrive early to choose your part!

Easter Sunday

March 31st

Bring flowers to adorn the cross on the front steps. If you have an abundance of blooms, please bring more for others!



FIRST PRES PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL '24!

Blended Preschool and Pre-K classes for children ages 3 to 5.

Pick the days that work best for your family!

fpcbellingham.org/preschool

Contact Laurie Bunnell at: preschool@fpcbellingham.org

worship guide

Welcome + Call to Lenten Reflection

Worship in Song | *All Glory Laud and Honor* Hymn 249

Children's Choir | *Hosanna, This is the Day*

Prayer of Confession

Passing of the Peace

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

Mark 6:8 | What would help you to travel more lightly?

Four Years of Online Worship

Chitul Trip Commissioning

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

Up Close + Personal | *Evelyn Lape*

Offering Lenten Song | *All Shall Be Well*

Scripture Reading | *Luke 19:29-40*

Meditation | *Coats, Towels, Thorns*

Welcoming Prayer

Worship in Song | *Take My Life and Let it Be* Hymn 458, *The Lord's Prayer* Hymn 440

Affirmation of Faith, Communion + Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Let Us Break Bread Together, Hosanna*

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

discussion questions

Genesis 37:1-11/ Luke 19:29-40

We are invited to go all in, and we are not necessary.

- What was the significance of the coat of many colors to Joseph? to the brothers?
- What was the significance of a cloak to a first century person?
- What does it mean that they are putting these cloaks on the path?
- What did Jesus mean to convey by riding the donkey?
- What did it mean that they were shouting out Psalm 118:26?
- What do you think bothered the Pharisees about the shouting?
- What do you think Jesus means by the rock's crying out?

STAY CONNECTED

TODAY:

Rideshare 101: *Sunday, March 24th | after the service in the Fireside Room.*

Ever wondered how to use a Rideshare service? Is it as safe as using a taxi? How does the app work? Join Uber and Lyft driver and FPCer Michael Kettman for a tutorial on using rideshares at home or when traveling. Bring your questions and your smartphone. He'll teach you how to use the apps and answer all your questions!

Prayer Praxis Group

Sundays 6:30-8pm | 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 begin reading *Redwall* by Brian Jacques. 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!

HOLY WEEK GATHERINGS:

Maundy Thursday Service:

Thursday, March 28th | 7pm at Cordata Presbyterian Church

Tenebrae:

Friday, March 29th | 7pm at FPC

Rocky Soil Scripture Show:

Holy Saturday, March 30th | 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Easter Worship Service:

Sunday, March 31st | 10am

SAVE THE DATE:

Embrace Your Inner Artist: A Retreat at the Grunewald Guild

May 17-19

VBS 2024: Alpine Ascent

June 24-27 | 9am—12 noon

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