

worship guide

Welcome + Call to Lenten Reflection

Lenten Song | *All Shall Be Well*

Worship in Song | *Abide with Me*

Confession and Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

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

Up Close + Personal | *Laurie Bunnell*

Offering

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

Lenten Hymn | *The Lord's Prayer* Hymn 440

Scripture Readings | *Luke 21:1-4, John 2:13-22*

Meditation | *Coins*

Worship in Song | *The Love of God* Hymn 18

Affirmation of Faith

Communion + Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Lay Down Your Sorrows, No Longer Slaves*

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

discussion questions

Luke 21:1-4 / John 2:13-22

The kingdom is a radical welcome to all, we are not to do anything that might inhibit someone, especially financially.

- How do you think Jesus felt when he saw the widow put in her pennies?
- What does he mean by lifting her up as an example?
- What else might he have been commenting about?
- In the Mark text, what bothered Jesus about the commerce in the temple?
- What was he saying by his actions? What was he saying with his words?
- What do we do that "inhibits" others from entering into worship?
- What can we do to live out the radical welcome of the kingdom?

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sharing a living faith across generations

March 3rd, 2024



LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT: COINS

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Jocelyn Meyer, Music • Kerrie Bauer, Host
Laurie Bunnell, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

See events inside, visit fpcbellingham.org/calendar for this week's regular meetings or email 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

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

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 17—19, 2024

EMBRACE YOUR INNER ARTIST: A RETREAT AT THE GRUNEWALD GUILD

Whether you are looking to get inspired, rest, or a little of both, you are invited to a weekend of creative play at the Grunewald Guild in the heart of the Cascade mountains. This retreat will provide participants with the space and time to explore their creativity through a variety of hands-on art sessions, taking advantage of the beautiful natural setting and daily rhythms of community living and contemplative practice. Give yourself the gift of a time away with like-hearted others, to greet, nurture, and embrace your inner artist.

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!

STAY CONNECTED

TODAY:

Chitul Team Fundraiser Lunch

The Chitul Team invites you to a Comidas típicas (a typical meal) after church. Learn more about our trip and how you can be part of supporting Chitul through child sponsorship or by contributing to this year's work project!

The Artist's Rule Book Group

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

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.

Commons Open Studio

First Tuesday of the month (3/5): 9am—noon
Bring anything you want to work on and share community time and space with other creative folks.

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: *Saturday March 9 | 8am-4pm*
Come when you can. Help us clean and beautify for spring and ahead of the upcoming conference!

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

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