

worship guide

Welcome + Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Father of Lights, Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Prayer of Confession

Passing of the Peace

Doxology

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

James 1:2 | When have you experienced joy in the midst of trial?

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

Up Close + Personal | *Sarah Lewis*

Offering

Worship in Song | *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Scripture Reading | *James 1:1-3*

Meditation

The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

Baptism + Welcome New Member | Jen Rubio

Worship in Song | *It Is Well With My Soul* Hymn 495

Communion + Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Breaking Bread, I Shall Not Want*

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

discussion questions

James 1:1-18

We can approach trials in our life with hope and faith because God will use them to draw us into maturity and contentment.

- What are trials you have faced?
- How did God use these trials to carve out maturity and character in your life?
- What would it look like to consider those trials with joy?
- What future trials do you dread?
- What does it look like to face them with joy?

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sharing a living faith across generations

April 14th, 2024

My brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of any kind,
**CONSIDER IT
NOTHING BUT JOY**

James 1:2

JAMES: TRIALS WITH JOY

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Jocelyn Meyer, Music
Ann Hinz, 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 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)

Pins + Pizza: April 21st after church | Eat pizza in the Fellowship Hall at 12, then walk downtown together to 20th Century Bowl from 1-3pm! Food, bowling and shoes are all free.

STAY CONNECTED

TODAY:

The Artist's Rule Book Group

TODAY after worship in the Commons | We will be focusing on chapter 10. Anyone is welcome to come!

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 continue reading *Redwall* by Brian Jacques. Reading, discussion... always a great hour of the day.

Pasta with the Pastors

Tuesday, April 16 | *12 noon*
All are invited for a casual lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Come chat with friends old and new.

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+2 Peter.

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:

VBS 2024: Alpine Ascent | REGISTER TODAY!

June 24-27 | *9am—12 noon* Registration is now live for children and volunteers! Register: tinyurl.com/AlpineVBS2024

Advance Care Directive Workshop

April 28th | *after church in the Fireside Room* Join us for a workshop on completing an Advance Directive, a written form recommended for everyone 18 years and older regardless of your health status. You will be guided through the process of choosing a health care agent and putting your wishes in writing related to your health care in the event that you are unable to speak for yourself.

The Chitul Report!

May 5th | *11:30-12:30* Light lunch provided. Slide show + stories.

Cinco de Mayo + Musical Night!

May 5th | *6pm* Join us for a Mexican potluck and fun celebration of musicals and showtunes!

THE COMMONS

The Artist's Rule Book Group

today after worship in the Commons

Embrace Your Inner Artist: A Retreat at the Grunewald Guild

May 17-19
tinyurl.com/GRUNEWALDRETREAT

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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