

## worship guide

Welcome + Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Hymn 289

Prayer of Confession

Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

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

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

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

Offering | *Father of Lights*

Scripture Reading | *James 1:19-27, 2:1-9*

Meditation

The Lord's Prayer

Worship in Song | *In Christ there is No East or West* Hymn 685

Affirmation of Faith

Communion + Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Hymn 560

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

## discussion questions

James 1:19-2:13

- We live out true faith when we treat all with welcome and kindness. What might it look like to be slow to speak and slow to anger?
- What is important to doing the word as opposed to only hearing it?
- True religion is caring for orphans and widows, why might James list these two categories?
- How do we show favoritism? Why might we be tempted to show favoritism?
- What would it look like to have a community that doesn't show favoritism?
- What can you do today?

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*sharing a living faith across generations*

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**MERCY TRIUMPHS  
OVER JUDGEMENT**

**James 2:13**

**JAMES: NO FAVORITISM**

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ*  
*Rachel Buri, 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 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)

Pins + Pizza: TODAY 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:

#### 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.

#### 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. Next study book available downstairs, \$9.

*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](https://tinyurl.com/AlpineVBS2024)

### Advance Care Directive Workshop

*April 28th | after church in the Fellowship Hall* 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

### Embrace Your Inner Artist: A Retreat at the Grunewald Guild

*May 17-19*  
[tinyurl.com/GRUNEWALDRETREAT](https://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](https://fpcbellingham.org/preschool)

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