

## worship guide

Welcome + Call to Lenten Reflection

Worship in Song | *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Hymn 297

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*

Offering

Worship in Song | *Father of Lights*

Scripture Reading | *Acts 15:12-21*

Meditation | *Meet Brother James*

Welcoming Prayer

Worship in Song | *Crown Him With Many Crowns* Hymn 345

Affirmation of Faith, Communion + Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Man of Sorrows*

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

## discussion questions

Acts 15:12-21

James, the apostle and brother of Jesus, was not a part of Jesus' ministry until after his death, when he quickly became the head of the church.

- What are good reasons that James was slow to embrace Jesus as Messiah?
- What do you think happened on Easter Sunday to change his mind?
- How would it feel to jump late on to a band wagon many others had already jumped on?
- How do you anticipate James was welcomed by the disciples?
- How do you think this slowness to see impacted James in his ministry?

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*sharing a living faith across generations*

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**James 1:2**

### MEET BROTHER JAMES

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Jocelyn Meyer, Music  
Doug Bunnell, Liturgist • Fred Hartsook, 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: 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:

#### 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.*

*The Artist's Rule Book Group moved to 4/14. (See Commons events.)*

### 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.

*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!

### 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 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.

#### 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.

## THE COMMONS

#### The Artist's Rule Book Group

*4/14 after worship in the Commons | We will be focusing on chapter 10. Anyone is welcome to come!*

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

May 17-19

Register: [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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