

✝ FPC BELLINGHAM

sharing a living faith across generations

November 26th, 2023



Zechariah's Song, Nicki Lang

stay connected this week

Visit fpcbellingham.org/calendar for more of this week's regular meetings or email info@fpcbellingham.org for links and further information.

TODAY—AV VOLUNTEER INFO LUNCH + TRAINING

just after the service | in the Fireside Room

Anyone interested in learning more about helping our Sunday morning AV team is invited to lunch!

FPC STORY HOUR:

Mondays on Zoom | 7—8pm

This week we begin Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. Reading, discussion... always a great hour of the day.

COMMONS OPEN STUDIO TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday morning: 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 Hosea with the help of Lifeguide's Bible study—*Hosea: God's Persistent Love* by Dale Larsen and Sandy Larsen.

Wednesdays at FPC | 9:15—11:15am *Everyday Faith* Childcare 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 *The Life and Times of Moses*.

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worship guide

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Come All Who Are Weary, Great I Am, How Great Thou Art*

Confession and Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

Acts 20:35 | What do you have to give?

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

Up Close + Personal | *Dave and Louise Martz*

Offering

Scripture Reading | *Luke 1:67-80*

Meditation | *Benedictus*

Examen + The Lord's Prayer

Worship in Song | *Lo, How a Rose e're Blooming* Hymn 174

Affirmation of Faith

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hymn 169

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Jocelyn Meyer, Music • Alissa McSharry, Host
Nick Berard, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

discussion questions

Luke 1:67-80

After months of silence Zechariah erupts in prayer to the God of Salvation and blessing upon his son.

- What would it be like to not be able to talk for 10 months? How would you be different?
- Zechariah's prayer is all about God, what does he appreciate about God?
- How does Zechariah describe Jesus?
- What words of encouragement and blessing does he offer his son?
- What does it mean that the dawn from on high will break upon us? Has that happened yet?

Sunday info

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. Please put the disposable cups 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

**Safety note: Once the service begins, the downstairs door will be locked for security during children's programs. Please enter through Garden St. doors after 10am.*

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!

upcoming events + invitations

LYNDEN CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS: MESSIAH SING-ALONG

TODAY at 2:00 pm | All are welcome to join us in singing at this annual community event. Bring your own book or borrow one during the event. Choral sections will be labeled, or come to listen. Coffee service and treats downstairs following the sing-along. Doors open at 1:30. A special offering will be taken to benefit the Bellingham Food Bank. More at fpcbellingham.org/calendar

MEN'S NIGHT: THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Thursday, November 30, at 5:00 pm | Steve Thames' house

Men and their children (of all ages) are invited to watch the Seahawks play the Cowboys. Ask Doug for details: doug@fpcbellingham.org

ADVENT SKILL SHARE FOR ALL AGES!

Next Sunday, December 3rd after worship

Join us for a chili lunch, make Advent crafts, sing carols, learn something new!



What do you
have to give?

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LYNDEN CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:

Messiah
SING-ALONG

TODAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 2PM
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EVERYONE
WELCOME!

MORE AT: [FPCBELLINGHAM.ORG/CALENDAR](https://www.fpcbellingham.org/calendar)

advent

SKILL SHARE

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 3RD
(AFTER THE
SERVICE)
FOR ALL AGES!

MAKE
CHRISTMAS
CRAFTS
+ GIFTS!

Join us for a chili lunch,
make Advent crafts, sing
carols, learn something new!

Contact Alissa if you can make a pot
of chili or a tray of sugar cookies.

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BRING KNIVES
TO SHARPEN!

GET EXPERT
TECH HELP!

TUMBLE IN THE
FIRESIDE ROOM!