

✠ FPC BELLINGHAM

sharing a living faith across generations

October 29th, 2023



What flock are you called to shepherd?

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 — PSALM 23 ART SHOW + CAFÉ PRES

just after the service | in the Commons

Today is the last day to view the art made by the FPC community + inspired by Psalm 23. Artists, please take your pieces from the display.

FPC STORY HOUR:

Mondays on Zoom | 7—8pm

This week we read a selection of short stories. 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*.

worship guide

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners, Fairest Lord Jesus, There is a Redeemer

Confession and Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

Acts 20:28 | What flock are you called to shepherd?

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

Up Close + Personal | *Hillary Thomsen*

Offering | *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Hymn 118

Scripture Reading | *Acts 20:17-27*

Meditation | *Healthy Goodbyes*

Examen + The Lord's Prayer

Worship in Song | *God of Grace and God of Glory* Hymn 528

Affirmation of Faith

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Todd Fisher, Music • Jocelyn Meyer, Host
Jan Dougherty, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher

discussion questions

Acts 20:17-38

Healthy relationships include healthy goodbyes.

Living wholeheartedly involves joy and tears.

- What strikes you about Paul's Goodbye speech?
- Where do you live without regret?
Where might you be tempted to shrink back?
- What hard things are coming up for you?
How might you face them like Paul?
- What role do tears and grief play in your life?
- How are you at healthy goodbyes?

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.

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 Alissa: info@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)

TODAY: Harvest Meetup! 4-6pm, costumes welcome!

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

LOVE INC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

November 3rd | 6pm | Northwest Baptist Church

Annual fundraiser and celebration of God's goodness. Please come hear how God has been at work with Love INC this year.

whatcomloveinc.org/fundraiser for tickets.

COMMONS BOOK CLUB: THE ARTIST'S RULE

November 5th | after worship | in the Commons

Read chapters 2 + 3 for this meeting. Bring a lunch!

ORGAN + KING'S MEN OF SONG LIGHTHOUSE MISSION BENEFIT CONCERT

Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00 pm | Dutch organist Peter Wildeman presents his second annual organ recital at FPC. Donation offering to benefit the Lighthouse Mission. Also features the King's Men of Song directed by Gerald Rutgers. This family friendly organ recital includes audience singing. All ages welcome. Details: 360-734-5510 or fpcbellingham.org/calendar

APPLY FOR THE SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIP TO CHITUL, GUATEMALA

April 2-9, 2024

Embody our partnership in Chitul as the community leans into development and transformation. Space is limited, applicants must be current Chitul sponsors.

<https://www.fpcbellingham.org/chitul>

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT NOVEMBER 10-12: DAY REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Want to come for the day? Please register!

Get away with your church family for a weekend of rest, play, creativity and reflection. We will explore what we have discovered through Psalm 23 together.

Registration link on the **Church Center App** and **fpcbellingham.org/psalm23**

Email Kerrie to join the overnight waitlist: kerrieb@fpcbellingham.org

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partnership

turkey trot | teacher support & appreciation

Shuksan Staff t-shirts... ***and more!***

Those interested in more information should contact
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FPC Shuksan Partnership Fund
For checks, please note
Shuksan Partnership in the memo
and drop in the offering plate or in
the box in the foyer.



We support Shuksan all school year long!

Psalm 23

ART SHOW



VIEW THE
ONLINE GALLERY:
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