

# ✠ FPC BELLINGHAM

*sharing a living faith across generations*

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## stay connected this week

Visit [fpcbellingham.org/calendar](https://fpcbellingham.org/calendar) for more of this week's regular meetings or email [info@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:info@fpcbellingham.org) for links and further information.

### **TODAY — PSALM 23 CELEBRATION:**

just after the service | in the Commons + courtyard

Join us in celebrating the work of our Psalm 23 art explorations with an art show, apple press and a delicious home-cooked Honduran feast!

**FPC STORY HOUR:** Mondays on Zoom | 7—8pm | This week we continue our journey into The Penderwicks. Reading, discussion... always a great hour of the day.

### **COMMONS OPEN STUDIO TUESDAYS**

First and third Tuesday mornings: 9am—noon

Second and fourth Tuesday evenings: 6:30pm—9pm

Bring anything you want to work on and share community time and space with other creative folks.

# worship guide

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness, I am Not My Own*

Confession and Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Worship in Song | *In Christ Alone*

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 | *Debbie Bernard, Deacon*

Offering

Scripture Readings | *Acts 19:11-17, 18-20*

Meditation | *Evil Wary*

Prayer of Examen

Affirmation of Faith

Worship in Song | *The Church's One Foundation* Hymn 547

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Speak O Lord*

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Christy Hart, Music • Kerrie Bauer, Host  
Kristen Frankland, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

# discussion questions

There are evil Spirits at work, and while not as powerful as God, they are not to be under-estimated. Renounce evil and fill yourself with light and truth.

- What do you think the itinerant Jewish exorcists were thinking?
- What do you think they thought while running for cover?
- What do we learn from this odd story?
- How should we view evil?
- How should we view God?

# Sunday info

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

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](mailto: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—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)

The fall events schedule is online at [fpcbellingham.org/youth](http://fpcbellingham.org/youth)

Small Groups meet every other week on Sunday. If you'd like to get involved, email [youth@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:youth@fpcbellingham.org) for details. There's a group for everyone!

## FPC Bible studies

### 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.

**WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE?:** Wednesdays in the Fireside Room and on Zoom | 3pm  
Do you ever feel like getting back to basics. This is a basic 4 week long course about what is in the Bible. All people, questions, and opinions are welcome.

**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.

## upcoming events + invitations

### FPC JOBS

We are hiring for the new position of Children's Coordinator.

For job description and to apply, visit [fpcbellingham.org/employment](https://fpcbellingham.org/employment)

### NEW MEMBER CLASS: OCTOBER 15

just after the service | in the Fireside Room

Interested in knowing more about becoming a member at FPC? Start here!

Lunch provided. RSVP to [info@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:info@fpcbellingham.org)

### 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](https://fpcbellingham.org/psalm23)

Email Kerrie to join the overnight waitlist: [kerrieb@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:kerrieb@fpcbellingham.org)

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# deacons + faith community nurses

FPC deacons and Faith Community Nurses come alongside individuals and families during times of need, offering the care of Jesus Christ through practical support, compassionate presence and prayerful listening.

Deacons visit those who are sick, isolated or in crisis, serve communion to those who are homebound, host memorial services, deliver meals, and designate emergency funds to those in need.

## Faith Community Nurses



Mary Lynn Palmer



Glenda McLachlan



### ***Contribute to the Deacon Fund!***

donate in the Church Center App with your linked account; be sure to choose **Deacon Fund**

contact Alissa to be part of the meal train/baking ministry team:

[info@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:info@fpcbellingham.org)

## Deacons



Carol Bajema



Debbie Bernard



Karin Clumpner



Chris Day



Dave Dougherty



Kristen Frankland



Kathy Kipp



James Murphy



Margaret Murphy



Diane Tate

# Walking *with* Chitul

**Service trip to Guatemala**  
**April 2-9, 2024**

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

learn more, sponsor + apply for the trip:  
[fpcbellingham.org/chitul](https://fpcbellingham.org/chitul)



contact Kerrie with any questions:  
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