

worship guide

Welcome + Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Prayer of Confession + Passing of the Peace

Doxology

Walking with Chitul | *service trip recap*

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

James 2:8 | How do you honor others?

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

Offering

Scripture Reading | *James 3:1-12*

Meditation | *Strong Tongues*

Lectio Divina

Worship in Song | *Near to the Heart of God* Hymn 35, *May the Words of My Mouth*

Up Close + Personal | *Linda Miller*

The Lord's Prayer

Worship in Song | *Father of Lights*

Communion + Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Take My Life and Let it Be* Hymn 458

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

discussion questions

James 3:1-18

We can do great damage by what we say, let us be quick to listen and slow to speak.

- What are the reasons that teachers will be judged with greater strictness?
- What does James have against the tongue?
- Do you think he is being hyperbolic, or is a tongue really capable of such damage?
- What does the image of a spring have to do with the tongue?
- How do you feel like responding to this strong word?

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sharing a living faith across generations

May 5th, 2024

James 3:6

the
tongue
is a
FIRE

JAMES: STRONG TONGUES

*Tammy Rutgers, Organ • Todd Fisher, Music
Diane Tate, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

See events inside, visit fpcbellingham.org/calendar for this week's regular meetings or email 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

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—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!

STAY CONNECTED

TODAY:

The Chitul Report!

11:30-12:30

Light lunch provided. Slide show + stories.

Cinco de Mayo + Musical Night!

6pm | Join us for a Mexican potluck and fun celebration of musicals and showtunes!

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.

Neighborhood Bible Study: Thursdays |

1:30-2:45pm in the Commons Closer to God's Heart, a look at the life of David. Anyone is welcome!

UPCOMING:

The Link (4th and 5th grade) Service Project Fundraiser: May 12th

Baked Goods Sale during Café Pres to benefit Whatcom Humane Society. Can pay with cash, check or online. (Choose 5th Grade Service Project for online giving.)

VBS 2024: Alpine Ascent | REGISTER TODAY!

June 24-27 | 9am—12 noon Registration is now live for children and volunteers! Register: tinyurl.com/AlpineVBS2024

THE COMMONS

CALL FOR ART: Poetry, Pottery & Photography

Summer showing in the Commons. Deadline is May 22. Contact Ann Hinz for more details: revann.hinz33@gmail.com



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

Contact Laurie Bunnell at: preschool@fpcbellingham.org

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