



# First Presbyterian Church of Bellingham

Sharing a Living Faith Across Generations

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*Visit [fpcbellingham.org/calendar](http://fpcbellingham.org/calendar) or email [info@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:info@fpcbellingham.org) for links and further information on future gatherings and events.*

## **CHURCH CHRISTMAS REST**

All weekly gatherings will not take place the week of 12/26 and will resume in January. This includes: FPC Story Hour, Wednesday morning Prayer gathering, Bible Studies.

The church office will be closed through 1/2. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, leave a message at 360.734.5510 or email [info@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:info@fpcbellingham.org) and we will respond as soon as possible.

## **NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 2: COMFY COZY SUNDAY ROUND 2**

Slippers, blankets, and warm pajamas welcome in church (again)!

# worship guide

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Confession and Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Intergenerational Question and Memory Verse

*"Where do you see God's goodness in plain sight?"*

*Romans 1:19*

A Special Story for Kids

*Laurie Bunnell*

Invitations & Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Light

Intro to Scripture

Scripture Reading 1

*Psalms 51:1-12*

Meditation 1

Scripture Reading 2

*Luke 2:8-20*

Meditation 2

Affirmation of Faith

Gracious Dismissal

Worship in Song

Charge and Blessing

*Nicki Lang, Pianist • Zoe Bunnell, Liturgist  
Laurie Bunnell, Participant • Todd Fisher, Music  
• Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

# welcome!

## CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

### Babies & Toddlers:

*The Godly Play Prep room is open to receive toddlers through 3-year-olds five minutes before (9:55am) or anytime during the service.*

- A cry room is available off the balcony to the left of the lectern (south side) for parents to settle babies and continue to listen to the service.
- An unstaffed, equipped nursery, Room 2, is available downstairs for parents to change diapers and settle babies.
- Toddlers through 3 years old are welcome in our staffed Godly Play Prep Rooms 3 & 4. *(Please enter through the door for Room 3.)*

### Godly Play:

**NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING OR TODDLER CARE 12/26 or 1/2. Resumes 1/9.**

Godly Play Mentors are excited to welcome your children to Godly Play!

Children ages preschool - 4th grade will be blessed from congregational worship to wonder about God's story, respond to God through art and play, and care for one another. All mentors are fully vaccinated. Masks required for all ages at all times.

We treasure your children! Thank you for trusting them with us for Godly Play!

**The Link—5th Grade Sunday School**  
No meeting this week.

## YOUTH GROUP

No meetings this week.

### High School youth group:

Sundays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
(Inside and masked)

### Middle School youth group:

Sundays from 11:45am to 1:15pm (Inside and masked)

## THE GARDEN COLLEGE MINISTRY

What was once The INN has become The Garden. The Garden exists to grow the Kingdom by creating agenda-free spaces for community, serving the world with no strings attached and seeking Jesus together.

Learn more at [www.whatisthegarden.org](http://www.whatisthegarden.org) or follow us on Instagram and Facebook @thegardenbellingham.

## PRAY WITH US!

Email

[prayervine@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:prayervine@fpcbellingham.org)  
to receive weekly prayer requests.

Wednesday Prayer Room | 7AM  
Zoom | Meeting ID: 635 595 092  
Or link in FPC calendar

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*Phone messages are checked throughout the week. 360.734.5510*

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## MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

### FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY SPONSORSHIP:

[fpcbellingham.org/chitul](http://fpcbellingham.org/chitul) | Sign up to be a sponsor online or learn more about our partnership with Food for the Hungry in Chitul, Guatemala.

### FPC CHOIR:

If you're interested in joining choir - please email [worship@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:worship@fpcbellingham.org).

## Advent

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For what can be known about God  
is plain to them, because  
God has shown it to them.

ROMANS 1:19



**MISSION MOMENT:** Praise God this week for the strength Jesus provides His people, especially those facing life-threatening persecution. This is true in many countries now: China, Nigeria, Belarus, parts of India and Pakistan, and places in the Middle East. **Pray** that these believers will be able to stand strong for the Lord, have wisdom to respond in love toward their persecutors, and shine like lights in our dark world. Also pray for the Truth to be recognized especially in our country and the spread of lies to be stopped.



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