

Christmas Eve 2021

7 pm Candlelight Service



☆ welcome!

We are glad you are with us for Christmas Eve worship. Wherever you may be on your journey, you are welcome here. If you would like more information about FPC, please fill out an Info Card in the pew rack, drop it in the black box in the foyer and pick up a Welcome Packet in the Lobby. Please silence your cell phones, open your hearts, and sing and celebrate with joy. Tonight's offering, in its entirety, goes to the Lighthouse Mission: if you would like to participate please make your checks out to the Lighthouse Mission (and not FPC) and place in the black box in the foyer OR visit thelighthousemission.org/donate

COVID Safety

We ask that you wear a mask at all times in the church building, regardless of vaccination status. All congregational singing will take place at the end of the service, in case you would prefer to exit at that time.



First Presbyterian Church of Bellingham
Sharing a Living Faith Across Generations

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| Prelude | Tammy Rutgers |
| Ringling of the Bells | FPC Carillon |
| Welcome and Prayer | Doug Bunnell |
| Candles in Remembrance | <i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> |
| Scripture Reading Thomas Clinkenbeard | Matthew 1:18-25 |
| Scripture Reading Doug Bunnell | Luke 2:8-14 |
| Ministry of Music | <i>Angels are Making Their Rounds</i> —FPC Choir |
| Passing of the Peace | |
| FPC Serving & Giving To Others | James Murphy |
| Offertory | The offering in its entirety will be given to the Lighthouse Mission. <i>Please make your checks out directly to the Lighthouse Mission or visit thelighthousemission.org/donate</i> |
| Special Music Jan Dougherty | <i>O Holy Night</i> |
| Scripture Reading Fred Hartsook | Luke 2:1-7 |
| Christmas Meditation Doug Bunnell | <i>Cloth</i> |
| Lighting the Christ Candle | Jan and Dave Dougherty |
| Passing the Light | |
| Special Music | <i>Silent Night</i> |
| Prayer of Thanks for the Light | Doug Bunnell |
| Gracious Dismissal | |
| Anyone who does not feel comfortable with congregational singing may step out of the service at this time. | |

Carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Carol

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let
every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And
heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ; while fields
and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat,
repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove the
glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of
His love.

Carol

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations rise

Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail! the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the some of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Benediction
Doug Bunnell

Join us for Sunday Morning Worship

On Sunday, December 26 and January 2 we welcome all ages to our Comfy Cozy Sunday services. In the event of snow, our services are still held in the building and available on livestream: fpcbellingham.org/live

No children's programs or childcare but the services will each include a story for children. On January 9 we resume all programs.

FPC Office Holiday Closure

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 and we will respond as soon as possible.

