

Be patient,  
beloved.

James 5:7

**JAMES: BE JUST, PATIENT AND FAITHFUL**

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Elodie Bates, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher  
Jazz Combo: Elliot Smith, trumpet • Kaden Smith, trumpet • Jamison Schmidt,  
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*See events inside, visit [fpcbellingham.org/calendar](https://fpcbellingham.org/calendar) for this week's regular meetings or email [info@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:info@fpcbellingham.org) for links and further information.*

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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](mailto: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—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)

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 youth

FPC Youth is a safe space built on connection, belonging, and stability that invites students to pursue a relationship with Christ.



large events

We get together every other month to celebrate and have fun! In the past, we have gone bowling, hung out on the beach, made beignets, tie-dyed, and much more.

small groups

Three small groups meet bi-weekly with several adult youth mentors to foster fellowship and intergenerational connections. (Also, soccer, snacks, and lots of fun.)



ways to help!

- **Become a youth mentor.** Work with another mentor to directly guide and support middle school and high school students. Supported with scheduling, content ideas, and materials
- **Sign up for one-time snack donations.**
- **Host a youth group for a meal.**



If you'd like more info, please contact Alison at [youth@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:youth@fpcbellingham.org)



## 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](http://fpcbellingham.org/preschool)

Contact Laurie Bunnell at: [preschool@fpcbellingham.org](mailto:preschool@fpcbellingham.org)

# worship guide

Prelude | *Aurelia, The Church is One Foundation*

Welcome + Call to Worship

Worship in Song | *Earth and All Stars* Hymn 10, I Stand In Awe of You, I am Not My Own

Prayer of Confession + Passing of the Peace

Memory Verse + Intergenerational Question

*James 2:8* | How do you honor others?

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

Youth Mentors

Up Close + Personal | *FPC Deacons*

Offering | *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Scripture Readings | *James 5:1-6, 7-11*

Meditation | *Be Just, Patient and Faithful*

The Lord's Prayer

Worship in Song | *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

Affirmation of Faith

Communion + Candle Lighting | *Father of Lights, As We Gather at Your Table*

Invitations

Worship in Song | *Holy, Holy, Holy* Hymn 323

Charge + Blessing

Postlude | *The Lord Bless and Keep You*

# discussion questions

Be responsible and generous with your money, patient, and live with integrity.

- Why might James be so down on rich people?
- As rich people, how do we hear these hard words?
- What does patient living look like?
- How might we strengthen our hearts?
- What is the upside to letting your yes be your yes and your no be your no?
- Which of these hard words will you work on today?

# STAY CONNECTED

## 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:

### Salish Sea Early Music Concerts at FPC: Baroque Concerti

*May 24 at 7pm* | \$30 suggested donation

### VBS 2024: Alpine Ascent | REGISTER TODAY!

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

## SAVE THE DATE:

### FPC Women's Backpacking Excursion to the Chain Lakes! All Ages!

*August 7 - 8*

### All-Church Camping at Camano Island State Park

*August 29 - September 2*

### Story Camp: All-Church Retreat at Rosario Marine Lab

*November 15 - 17*

# THE COMMONS

### CALL FOR ART: Poetry, Pottery & Photography

Summer showing in the Commons. Deadline is May 25. Contact Ann Hinz: [revann.hinz33@gmail.com](mailto:revann.hinz33@gmail.com) or Kathy Harvey: [artsy152@hotmail.com](mailto:artsy152@hotmail.com) for more details.

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