

First Presbyterian Church



August 2022

From the Heart

Dear Friends in Christ,

This may sound like a broken record, but we live in exceedingly anxious and divisive times. You do not need me to tell you this, but maybe my mentioning it will give you pause to consider the multiple stressors we must deal with each day. Go ahead, make your own list, I will wait.

What did you come up with? Maybe your list includes some combination of the following: ongoing pandemic, political intrigue, Supreme Court decisions, crime, mass shootings,

inflation, gas prices, war in Ukraine, supply chain issues, climate change, strained relationships with family and friends, and so on. That list is by no means exhaustive, but already feels eerily apocalyptic, doesn't it?

The weight of such stress and strain weighs on all of us. It is not healthy. It is not sustainable. If what we are describing were to apply to an individual, the prescription would be some combination of counseling, exercise, a healthy diet, and lifestyle changes to reduce stress. Left unchecked, an individual

under such stress might develop hypertension, diabetes, depression, extreme weight gain or loss, and fatigue. But what happens when all these stressors apply to a society? How can we go about creating a healthier environment when we are only a small part?

There is no easy answer to this question, except that it is our calling to try. Remember we have been blessed by God to be a blessing to the world (Genesis 12), called by Christ to share the Good News (Matthew 28), and empowered by the Holy Spirit to

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LAVENDER POTLUCK
Sunday, August 28 @ 6:00 pm



Our church family invites everyone to a potluck hosted by B & B Family Farm. Come out and join us for a working lavender farm experience. Bruce and Bonnie McCloskey are the owners of an old dairy farm now growing lavender at 5883 Old Olympic Highway, across from the Sequim Airport. The old barn will provide our dining area on this three generational farm. The southern view overlooks the lavender plants with a backdrop of the Olympic Mountains. The McCloskeys will share some lavender information and show you a one-of-a-kind bud cleaning machine. They'll also have a farm store, The Shoppe, available to peek into and a chance to have a farm walk-about if you're so inclined. For the more adventurous or young at heart, there will be a tractor ride.

Sign-up at the Connection Center, bring the kids and grandkids, your favorite potluck dish, and enjoy the farm's lavender lemonade.

carry out this mission (Acts 1 & 2). We also have at our disposal the powerful tools of prayer and the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:4-7).

While there are many ways to employ the spiritual resources we have in Christ, there is one I would like you to consider: it is the gift of inquiry (or listening), namely: *Be curious, not judgmental. This quote is widely misattributed to Walt Whitman, though the sentiment applies well in times such as ours.*

Whether we acknowledge it or not, we have been increasingly acclimated to polarization. We have come to expect division, so we begin to anticipate it wherever we go. As we do, our list of things to say in polite society has dwindled to the point that weather and sports don't

even feel safe. This is where inquiry can come in.

Jesus warns us that we are prone to nitpicking at others while neglecting our own, obvious, faults. "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" he asks in Matthew 7:3. And James cautions us to "be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for [our] anger does not produce God's righteousness" (James 1:19-20). Rather than assume the motivations of others, why not try asking? Be curious—and loving, of course—and take interest in the other as you would like them to take interest in you. Listen from the heart and be slow to offer opinions; let your love for Christ shine through an attentive ear.

One reason for all the division and anxiety these days is because the powers that be see little value in dialogue, collaboration, compromise, and discernment. You can always find a space to affirm your views or confirm your deepest fears, but spaces where we can feel loved, heard, and connected, and where we can grow in understanding through thoughtful dialogue and discovery, are few and far between. My prayer is that the church can be such a place of refuge.

Godspeed,

Matt



Summer is finally here and we need to take advantage of sunny days! Check out the many opportunities this area of Washington has to offer. So make your choice and call a friend or a new acquaintance to share the experience, grab the gear you'll need, and hit the road. Make sure you bring your camera so you can share your adventures on our weekly slideshow!

TAFY Dinner on August 6 at 3:45 pm

We are responsible for a dinner for the TAFY Youth Center on **August 6**. If you can provide a portion of a meal - a hot dish, salad, side dish, beverage or dessert, - please sign-up at the Connection Center or contact Marcia Logan at 360-452-3535.

This year the remaining dates are October 1, and December 3. Thank you for helping to continue this ministry.





Session Notes

The Session met via Zoom on Monday, July 18, at 7 pm and the following actions were taken:

- ◆ Approved Pastor Matt’s request for time off on August 8-9 and August 24-25.
- ◆ Approved continuing to abide by the previously accepted Session Covenant in our present and future interactions.
- ◆ Approved the request from Building and Grounds to inform the Garden Club that the church can no longer be used for their meetings due to not having adequate staff to host them.
- ◆ Informed by the Community Life Committee of the dates of the Sizzling Summer Sale: September 9 and 10.
- ◆ Discussed items from General Assembly and started preparation for Session members to attend Presbytery in October.

June 2022 Operating Budget

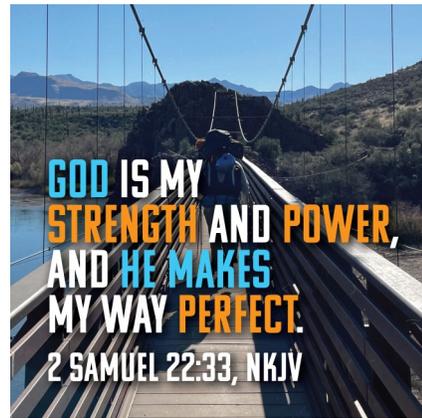
Income Year-to-Date:	\$159,832
2022 Budgeted:	\$356,325
Expenses Year-to-Date:	\$191,263
2022 Budgeted:	\$382,521
Capital Spending YTD:	\$ 31,352
Capital Budgeted 2022:	\$ 52,900

Susan Fisher, Treasurer, finance@fpcpa.org

REMINDER: Please submit expense documents and reimbursement requests to Finance Clerk Iantha Frazer (financeclerk@fpcpa.org).

Records Retention and Digitization Planning

We are hoping to create a working group that can help devise a comprehensive plan for retaining and digitizing, where appropriate, our church records. Are you familiar with what we have and where we have it? Do you have experience with organizing and digitizing? Do you know what records need to be maintained and how? If you answered yes to any of these questions or you are interested being able to answer yes in the future, please consider helping us out in this planning process. We hope to activate the group this fall. If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Pappas (bob.p@fpcpa.org) or let the office know.



Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry and Church Family,

Lorrie and I send our love and thanks to you for your support and prayers during her mother’s illness. Joyce turned 80 on Sunday, July

10, and passed the next morning, July 11. After all the busyness of hospital visits and hospice care, now as the grief really sets in, wrapping ourselves in these beautiful prayer shawls is a great source of comfort. Thanks also to everyone who sent cards and flowers to add a gift of beauty to our lives during this time. You have blessed us!

Lauren

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

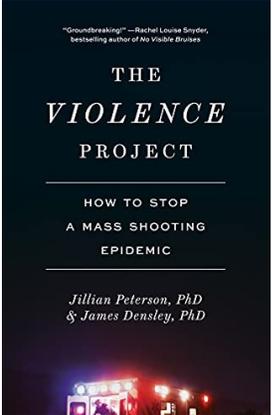
Christian Formation held a four-session conversation on the special role Christians play in creation care. Out of this conversation it was agreed to form a Creation Care Team, moderated by Barb Pappas. The team shall meet quarterly with the goals of 1) bringing information to the congregation, 2) creating hands-on activities for the congregation, and 3) researching and developing ideas to implement within the physical church. Please contact Barb Pappas (bpappas378@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.



COMING THIS FALL!

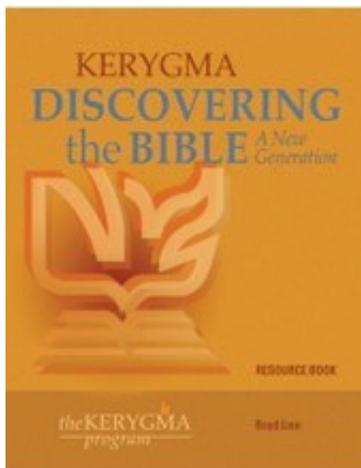
The Adult Christian Formation Committee is offering a class based on the book *The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic* by Jillian Peterson and James Densley. The book presents a data-backed, mental-health based approach to the problem. It charts new pathways to prevention. The book looks at the lives of mass shooters, their mental health, and motives. The authors share their data-driven solutions for exactly what we must do at the individual level, in our communities, and as a country to put an end to these tragedies.

We hope you will buy the book and read it this summer. The Odyssey Bookstore is a possible source for the book.



Adult Christian Formation: *Discovering the Bible*

30 Sessions, Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8 pm, Zoom, beginning September 14



Are you looking for a new acquaintance or re-acquaintance with the Bible? How do the ancient journeys of faith taken by Moses, Ruth, Miriam, and Isaiah mirror your journey today? Where are Jesus and the apostles leading us now?

In a 30-session series, Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 8 pm via Zoom, we will get to know the people who have left us this enduring legacy of faith. Pastor Matt will lead this series which continues through May of 2023 (not including holidays). The first session is **Wednesday, September 14**.

Each booklet costs \$40 and can be shared by couples. Financial assistance is available. Please contact the church office (administrator@fcpa.org/360.452.4781) if you would like to participate in this study so that we will know how many books to order.

12th Annual Sizzling Summer Sale

September 9 and 10

In the Fellowship Hall

Benefiting Habitat for Humanity

Your donations are welcome beginning Monday, September 5. **Please, please, please** donate clean, useable, unbroken items. We will have tables in the foyer by the elevator for your donations. **Please do not bring anything into the Fellowship Hall.** The items in there will have been sorted into categories. Remember that we **do not** take any **clothing, shoes, electronics, computers, musical instruments, mattresses, exercise equipment, baby car-seats or baby beds, beverage glasses, mugs/cups, holiday items or medical items.** We can only take furniture that will fit in a car trunk. Our big issue is limited space. Please have your donations to us by **NOON on Thursday, September 8.**

There will be **several** sign-up sheets at the Connections Center.

1. We need volunteers with pickups and hand trucks to help move 3 years of collected donations stored in Dona Hair's shop on Wednesday, August 31.
2. We need help September 1 - 3 to sort and organize books for the Sunday, September 4 "sneak peek sale."
3. We need help sorting and organizing everything at the church. We'll be there September 5-8 between 9am and 4pm. We will **not** be pricing items this year.

4. On the days of the sale we will need volunteers to cashier, bag, and circulate in the Fellowship hall.

5. **Finally, on the 10th we need a clean-up crew and pick-ups to haul away what is left.**

Please sign up, or just come and join the fun.

If you need help getting your donations to the church or if you have questions please give us a call, Dona Hair (360-670-3213 after mid-August) or Bobbie Buckley (360-477-8906).

We hope to see you at the Sizzling Summer Sale (SSS) on Friday the 9 and/or Saturday the 10.

Community Life Committee



Coffee Fellowship

During the summer months, there will be one coffee hour fellowship from 9:30 to 10:45 am. Drop in any time between 9:30 and 10:45 and get acquainted with your church family members and enjoy a beverage and goodie. We ask that you join us in celebrating our love and friendship together.



Ken and Tami Bobko

Ken and Tami Bobko are transfers from Skyline Presbyterian Church in Tacoma. Ken served as an Elder for six years. Tami served as a Deacon for 12 years. Tami is very active for over 25 years in BSF and was a preschool teacher there for over 15 years. Ken and Tami have been married for 43 years this August and have three adult daughters, one granddaughter, and another grandbaby on the way. Their furry family is an older chocolate lab and a black lab puppy.

They have enjoyed the Peninsula lifestyle since the 1990's and in 2007 built a home at Freshwater Bay. When the financial crisis of 2008 happened, their plans of transitioning up to PA were set aside and they ended up with two homes, one here and the other in north Tacoma where together they ran an electrical construction company. For fifteen years they travelled to and from Tacoma almost on a weekly basis. The pandemic and its resulting quarantine made them realize that it was time to move on. In early 2021 they sold their business and home in Tacoma and moved to Port Angeles full time.

Both Ken and Tami love to fish which they do on their boat during the summer in Neah Bay. Last year they started bike riding together to further enjoy the outdoors in this area. They are still working on getting their feet settled on firm ground in this area by closing out their former lives in Tacoma and starting new ones here. They are looking forward to being members at First Presbyterian and making new friends.



Michael Wilkinson



"I was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1966. When I was 18 months old, my parents and I moved to Seattle where my two brothers and sister were born. I graduated from Fife High School and attended two years of college. I was a commercial driver for almost twenty years with lengthy stays in mid-state California; Denver, Colorado; and Rhode Island before returning to the Pacific Northwest.

"Sports are my thing and the Lefties sound like fun, but the Huskies, Dodgers, and Mariners are my favorite teams. I play a mean game of bingo, poker, and cribbage, but my little dog, Stardust, gets me off the couch for a walk everyday. Now that my son, Mike (or T for short) lives here, I have visited the beaches and mountains around Port Angeles.

"Last May, after I fractured my right ankle and I moved here with my mom, Pat Davies, I started attending 1st Pres. with her for several months. I find the sermons to be meaningful and the congregation is friendly and welcoming."



First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for all of the love and support you all have given me throughout the years. I am beyond grateful for the scholarship I received as well as the Bible. I'm looking forward to my future, and I thank you for helping me get to where I am today!

--Anne Edwards

Supporting Our Schools

School starts again in September, fulltime, in person. All the schools are welcoming tutors. I will contact the schools in September to find out what safety measures are in place. I know that last spring Hamilton had clear screens that separated the child from the tutor. Please let me know if you are interested in tutoring or have questions. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



Again, all the schools were delighted to be receiving their home-baked cookies. There will be a sign-up sheet out in mid-August for cookies as well. The staff and teachers really enjoy the cookies, and I receive many appreciative comments. It seems to be a great morale boost!

As before, school supplies are always needed, and they will be on sale in August. There is a list below for needed items. If you are not comfortable with doing the shopping, you can again send me a check and I will shop for you. That worked very well last year, and you were incredibly generous.

Let's continue to support our schools and the children in our community! Thank you for your wonderful support and generosity!

—Sheri Stutesman 360 460-5347 - 922 Benjamin Street, PA 98362

Below is a list of needed school supplies.

24 pack Crayola Crayons
12 pack Crayola markers
Pink erasers
Elmer's glue sticks
1 inch – 3 ring binders
Pencil boxes or pouches
Notebook paper

12 pack Crayola colored pencils
Ticonderoga or Dixon yellow pencils
Pencil sharpeners
Student scissors
Cute Peechees
Spiral theme notebooks
Notebook dividers



PA Food Bank Volunteers

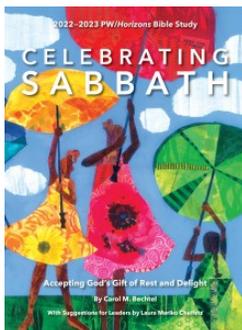
A small group of us from FPCPA plan to be at the PA Food Bank (632 N. Oakridge Dr.) the second Thursday of each month at 10 am for about an hour of united effort. We invite others to join us! Please contact Susan Fisher or Barb Pappas (bpappas378@gmail.com) about the application the PA Food Bank requires and to be identified as part of our group. You do not have to attend each month, but you need to be cleared in advance.



The Food Bank badly needs volunteers, beyond our one hour a month as a church group. Some of our church members go on other days as well. We always welcome more participation.

This is a great group effort and we invite you to consider joining us. If you wish to volunteer at other times, they can always use people Tuesday thru Saturday, 9 to 2 (need not be the whole time). Potential volunteers can email directly to Marva (Volunteer Coordinator) at Mholmes@portangelesfoodbank.org for more specific information. They have driving, packing, and distributing jobs, depending upon the volunteer's schedule and physical needs.

Naomi Circle - Sept. 13



September will be here before you know it, so it is time to think about joining a circle or a Bible study.

Naomi Circle meets on the Second Monday of the month at 1 pm at the church. We have chosen the Horizon study of *Celebrating*

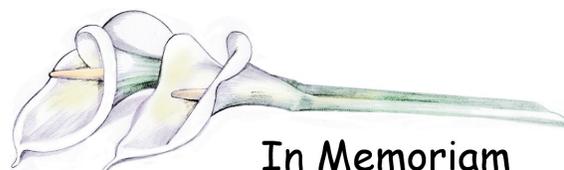
Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight by Carol M. Bechtel.

Observing the Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives. Bechtel leads us through a study of Sabbath over nine lessons. Participants will consider Sabbath anew and will come away renewed. Any woman in the church is invited to join us.

Please let Beverly Brown, 360-457-8205, know if you are interested. You will need a study guide, and the office can order one for you.

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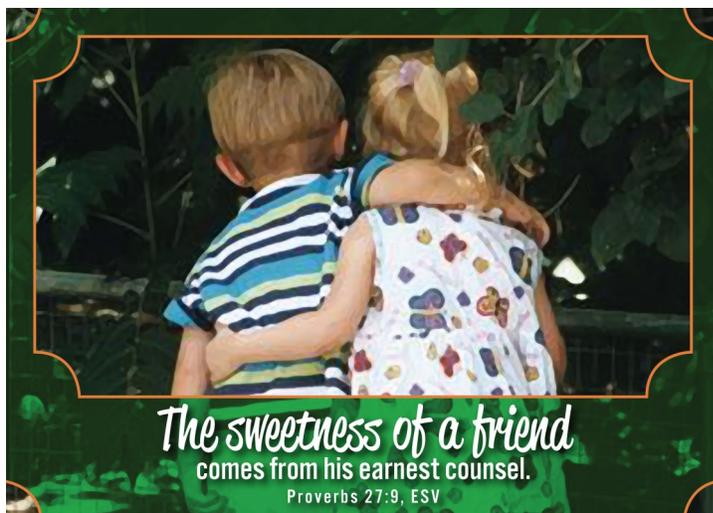
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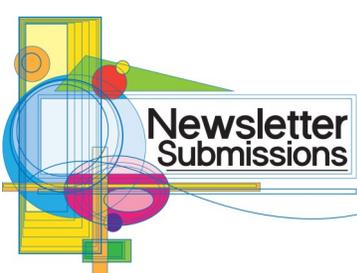


In Memoriam

Keith Sharkey

March 27, 1942 - July 8, 2022





ARTICLES ARE DUE the week of August 15



Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the third Thursday of the month at noon at Margaret Whetstine's, 337 E. Ahlvers Road, PA. Contact Rosalie Doty for more information, 360-460-6525.

Kids' Page

Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt combine for this healthy take on a sweet treat.



What you need:

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

What you do:

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half lengthwise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!



Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



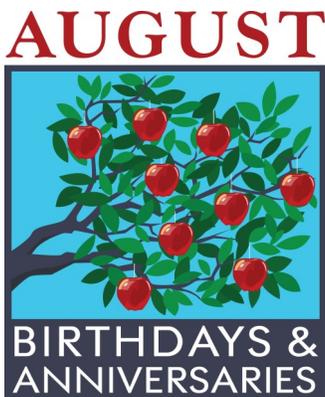
Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	:	Pepper	O U
Carrot	E	O	:	Spinach	R S
Tomato	Y	R	:	Watermelon	H P
Grape	C	F	:	Broccoli	G N
Eggplant	T	D	:	Pumpkin	T Y
Celery	I	N	:	Pear	F C
Banana	K	M	:	Asparagus	L R
Cucumber	N	W	:		

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j__ , pea_e,
 pa_ie_ce, __ind__ess, go_dne_s,
 fait_ful__ess, gen__leness, sel__-cont__ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 8 am Fish Co - Zoom 1:30 pm Community Life 5:30 pm CF Youth Cmte. 6:45 pm Praise Team	3 9 am Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall	4	5	6 3:45 pm TAFY Dinner
7 Communion 8:30 & 11:00 am In-person Worship	8	9 8 am Fish Co - Zoom 6:45 pm Praise Team	10 9 am Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall	11 10 am Food Bank Helpers	12	13
14 8:30 & 11:00 am In-person Worship	15 Highlights articles due.	16 8 am Fish Co - Zoom 6:45 pm Praise Team	17 9 am Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall	18 12 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	19	20
21 8:30 & 11:00 am In-person Worship	22	23 8 am Fish Co - Zoom 6 pm Deacons Meeting 6:45 pm Praise Team	24 9 am Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall	25	26	27
28 8:30 & 11:00 am In-person Worship 6 pm Lavender Potluck	29	30 8 am Fish Co - Zoom 6:45 pm Praise Team	31 9 am Women's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall			



- 2 Pat Sexton
- 6 Greg & Rainy Birch
Bret Curtis
- 7 Steve & Penny Hall
David Schuchardt
- 8 Bret & Diane Curtis

- 9 Steve Lovik
Jason & Sue Mayo
- 10 Pam Carnahan
- 12 Stan & Dona Hair
- 13 Ray & Cindy Gallinger
- 14 Tom & Ann Allen
Scooter & Loretta Chapman
Sadie Miller
- 15 Dolly Hutchings
- 19 John Haney
- 20 Bruce Emery &
Vickie Rockholt
- 21 Bob & Marjorie Vahsholtz
Darlene Whitney

- 22 Coya Erickson
- 23 Melanie DeBiddle
Ray Gallinger
Kate Haworth
- 25 Kyle & Jamie Christensen
Joan Ortloff
- 26 Marina Gissel (Paul)
- 27 Chris Buckmaster
Ardith Hansel
Tony Peterson
Paul & Melinda Smithson
- 28 Anna Nichols
- 29 Matt & Becca Paul

Office Info

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139 W. 8th St., Port Angeles, WA 98362
360-452-4781

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
10 am - 3 pm

Lunch, 12 - 1 pm

Closed on Friday.

The office is behind the church building off the alley and is handicapped accessible.



e-mail



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Manager,
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Rita Frick, Office Assistant, office@fpcpa.org

Email and phone messages will be answered when the church office is open: 10 am to 3 pm, Monday through Thursday.

If messages or emails are received outside of office hours, staff will respond as soon as they are back in the office.

Please note that Rita does not work on Mondays or Fridays. Messages needing immediate attention on those days should go to Lauren at administrator@fpcpa.org.

Online Payment of Tithes & Offerings...

Go to fpcpa.org.



Worship Service Audio Recordings

Please let the church office know if you would like an audio CD of the online church services. We want to make worship available to all.

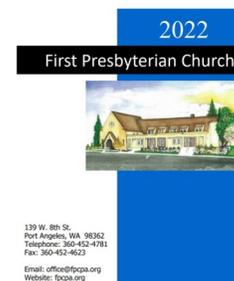
Devotionals



These Days and *Upper Room* are available on the table outside the office.

Directories Available

Please let us know if you would like a printed copy.



COVID Protocol

Masks are optional in worship and during church activities. If you need a mask, they are available outside the church office and in the narthex.

Find us at fpcpa.org

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The First Presbyterian Church of Port Angeles is a community of people of all ages who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and who seek to follow His teachings. We come together to worship God, to grow in our love and support for each other, and to learn about God's will for our lives. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we go out to the community and the world to share our faith and to serve others.