

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Bremerton, WA

We seek Christ and celebrate the mystery of God's love for all.
We are progressive Christians in an open, inclusive, and affirming community of faith.
We provide a safe harbor for everyone on their spiritual journey.
We endeavor to bring God's presence to a world in need.

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The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Reign of Christ

November 22, 2026

<u>This Sunday's Ministry Team:</u>
Preacher & Presider: The Rev. Arienne Davison
Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete
Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker
Media Arts: Tara Curran & Terri Anderson

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A Message from The Rev. Arienne



Matthew 25 Christians

I've written before that Karl Barth is said to have written that preachers should preach "with the Bible in one hand and newspaper in the other." By this he meant preachers and theologians should be ever mindful of the cultural, economic and political contexts in which they live and move and have their being. As American journalism is ravaged by political and economic elites manipulation for profit, news coverage becomes increasingly less concerned about exposing the sins of the powerful to the harrowing light of day. As the profit motive increases, news stories that trigger humanity's animalian sense of belonging or alienation should be treated with caution by people whose motive is following Jesus wherever he leads.

I was interested in a recent New York Times article by Lauren Jackson, author and host of NYT's "Believing" Newsletter. Jackson identifies Matthew 25 as the "**Bible Chapter that Helps Explain the New Christian Left.**" The crux of the argument is that the dramatic increase in ordained Christian leaders and faith-forward candidates reflect an appeal the verses of Matthew chapter 25. Christians using the Revised Common Lectionary will hear the famous passage this Sunday morning. These verses suggest that individuals will be judged not by how they treat a king in gold and finery, but a stranger that darkens their door in need of food, drink and shelter. While you wait for a king to save you, an undesirable one will come in his stead and you will be judged by how you treated the undesirable one.

St. Paul's self-identifies as a "progressive" Christian community. I am sure that many people will treat the recent election as political validation for an approach to ministry and common life we have worked towards for decades. The spiritual leader in me urges caution when people in my care feel validated by the crowd for their political and theological commitments. That way lies death.

Followers of Jesus are called to the unglamorous work of serving whichever wondrous and frail reminder of our impending death the Lord sends us. At best, the Church equips her people with teaching, networks and resources to carry out the work of giving thanks and picking up the Cross at the singular moment of space-time they occupy. This is the work of the Church in every generation, every political administration, and in every place.

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-The Rev. Arienne Davison

Special Holiday Services

Bremerton Multifaith Thanksgiving: Nov. 24 6:30pm Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Quiet Christmas Service: Dec. 20 5pm St. Paul's
Christmas Eve Service: Dec. 24 6pm St. Paul's
Christmas Day Service: Dec. 25 10am St. Paul's



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Bremerton Multifaith Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 6:30PM

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 1015 VENETA AVE.

GATHER IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE BREMERTON COMMUNITY

prayers + pie + people + dessert auction

All proceeds go to Bremerton Foodline



SPONSORING FAITH COMMUNITIES

Bremerton Friends Worship Group (Quaker)
Bremerton United Methodist Church
Brownsville United Methodist Church
Congregation Beth Hatikvah
Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church
Tracyton United Methodist Church

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— Dedicated to enhancing knowledge and understanding —

Enlighten Kitsap Community Forum



Joel Underwood





Bob Dylan, early years, top, and later.

Joel Underwood: Bob Dylan!

Musician and historian Joel Underwood delighted our members with stories and songs of Woody Guthrie last year. He returns, this time with a performance featuring the music and history of America's most influential songwriter: Bob Dylan. Come sing along with a dozen Dylan favorites, such as "The Times, They Are A'Changin," "Blowin' in the Wind" and yell out the eternal question, "How does it feel?" In addition, Underwood dives into the stories of the Nobel Prize-winner's early years in Minnesota and New York, and lays out what really happened the fateful night he "went electric" in Newport.

In person only program: Friday, November 20, 2026

Doors open, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; program: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 700 Callahan Drive, Bremerton

***FREE**; donations welcome at the door.*

Register and learn more at EnlightenKitsap.org.

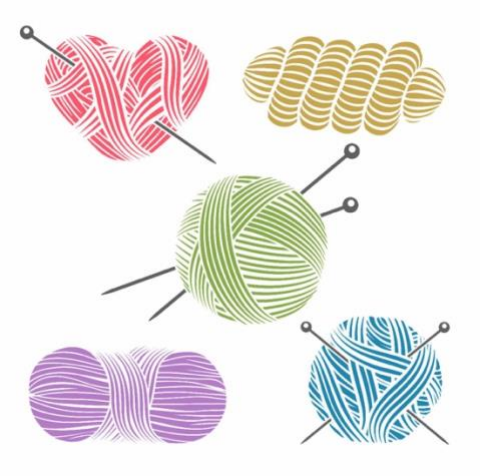
Enlighten Kitsap Community Forum is a licensed nonprofit corporation (not a 501c3) with no affiliation to any religious organization or political party.

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Have any leftover yarn from a project? We take yarn donations! The yarn is knitted or croched to make prayer shawls. These prayer shawls are available for all for free, and are located near the sound system in the sanctuary.
Leave any yarn donations on the pew outside the office. See Margi Hall if you have any questions or would like to make a prayer shawl. Thank you!



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bremerton

Want to request building space?



Find an application on our Website:
https://tinyurl.com/yy7eybyb

Click here for application!

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Packed with Pride!



Give her more than something to do.

Give her a place to grow.

Troop 53143 is welcoming 4-12th Graders in Bremerton!
This troop welcomes and celebrates Girl Scouts and families in the LGBTQ+ community.

Register using the QR code or contact us at ERamsey@gsww.org
Reference the troop number in the subject line.

girl scouts
of western washington

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Coffee Hour Volunteers Sept - Dec 2026

Sunday	Name	Contact Information
Sept 6	Colleen Shoemaker	(360) 477-2053
Sept 13	Karen Hobson	
Sept 20	Jackie King	
Sept 27	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752
Oct 4	Mollyshannon Neel	(360) 929-1756
Oct 11	Karen Hobson	
Oct 18	Eric Smiley	(206) 310-8237
Oct 25	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752
Nov 1	Sue Ahrens	(360) 471-2139
Nov 8	Karen Hobson	
Nov 15	Olivia Holgate	(314) 546-3345
Nov 22	Bob Ellis	
Nov 29	Fifth Sunday Brunch Outing	
Dec 6	Mollyshannon Neel	(360) 929-1756
Dec 13	Karen Hobson	
Dec 20	Colleen Shoemaker	(360) 477-2053
Dec 27	Jim Manlove	(360) 710-5752

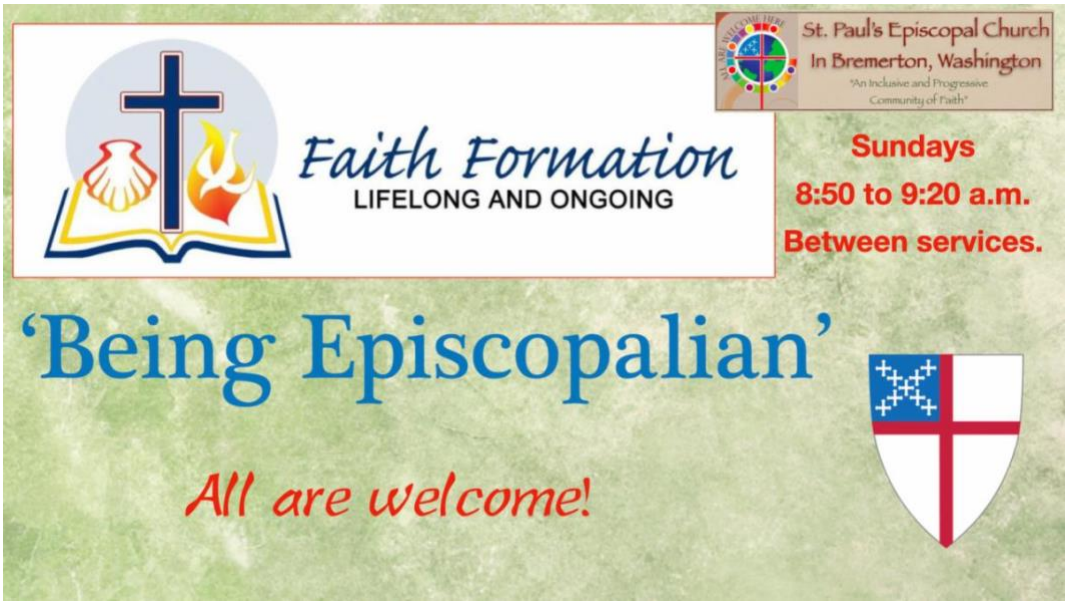
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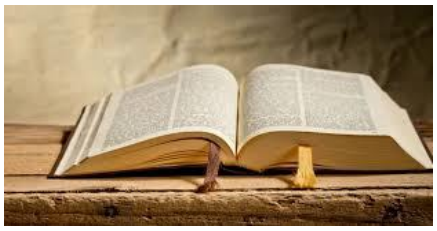
[Click here to join via Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/3mn96nwd]



Click here to read the November 19th edition!



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St. Paul's
Bible Study Group

We will next meet on **Wednesday, November 25 at 9:30 am** in the Oliver Room to discuss the following readings:

- **Isaiah 64:1-9**
- **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
- **Mark 13:24-37**
- **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

All are welcome! **Contact Sue Ahrens at 360.471.2139** with any questions. See you on Wednesday! If you would like to join us via Zoom, here is the Zoom link:

Topic: Bible Study Zoom Meeting
Time: Sep 2, 2026 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83754444747?pwd=xfmYe5xgMLZZkB6Px7QHLVKZ8ihttG.1

Meeting ID: 837 5444 4747
Passcode: 438263

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Moved by the Spirit



Love dancing? Join us at Moved by the Spirit every Wednesday morning at 11:30 on Zoom.

Katherine Adams is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Dance
Time: Jun 10, 2026 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Every week on Wed, 110 occurrence(s)
Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.
Weekly:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZwsdOuorjopH9bzJ8BkMMzfsICYYPsXHGp6/ics?i

Meeting chat link
https://us02web.zoom.us/launch/jc/88132001352

Meeting ID: 881 3200 1352
Passcode: Dance

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Fred Meyer community rewards

Where shopping & giving unite



" The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission not just to be part of but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community."

Please check to see if your Fred Meyer card is linked to St. Paul's to ensure continued donations.
Thank you!

During April - June 2026, 27 households participated. Donations were $58.42!
You're awesome!

Please submit any changes/updates for the Halls of St. Paul's or Prayer Vine to Jessica Lewis at stpaul700@gmail.com. Thanks!

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