

## Who Are We?

**John 1:17** proclaims that *"grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."* Because of this, in reliance upon the Holy Spirit, we commit our lives to

- Grace**
- in the joyful worship of our Savior who redeems us
  - in authentic, patient living because our salvation is not of us
  - in grace-motivated gratitude and obedience of our Lord
  - in eager sharing of the gospel by genuine love of others
- & Truth**
- in focusing on expository proclamation of the gospel of truth
  - in desire for growth in the true knowledge of Christ
  - in living out truth by being authentic in our interactions
  - in personal humility without compromising biblical reality

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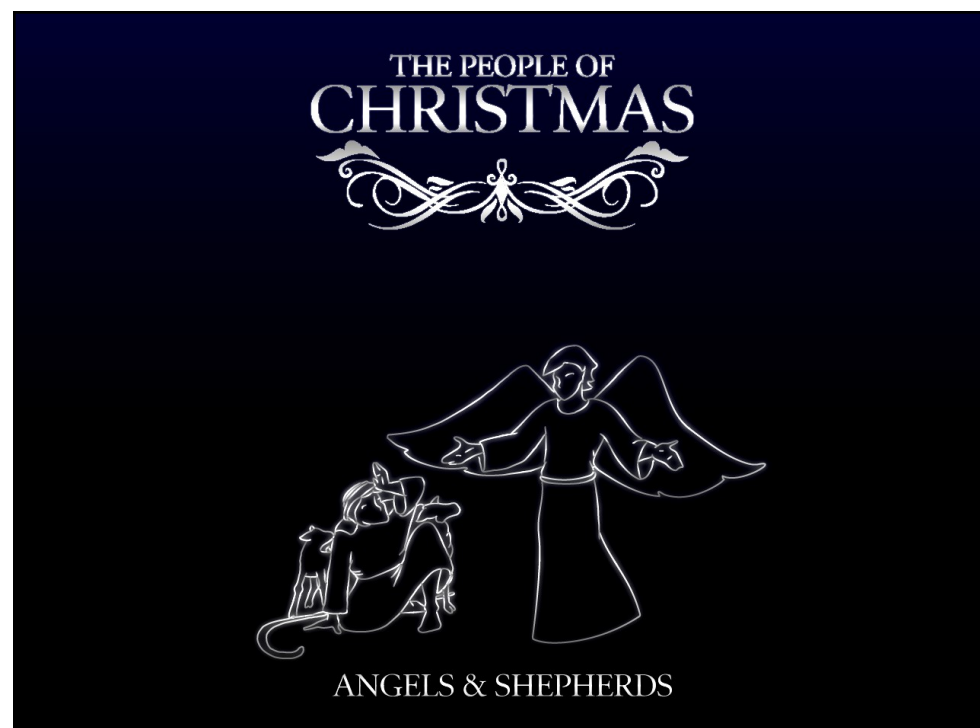
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# December 15, 2019

Service Time: 10:00 AM



# People of Christmas

## Angels & Shepherds

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

December 15, 2019

## Call to Worship

*Angels We Have Heard On High  
Hark The Herald Angels Sing  
Cornerstone*

## Children Dismissed

*(Newborn – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

## Scripture Reading

*John 20:19–28*

## Prayer & Offering

*The First Noel  
All I Have Is Christ*

## Message

*The People of Christmas  
Angels & Shepherds*

## Communion

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

## Fellowship

*Coffee & refreshments in the lobby*

## THE PEOPLE OF CHRISTMAS



We know the story of Christmas. Jesus Christ, Son of God, born in a manger. Silent night. Good will toward mankind. The culmination of the entire Bible. Good news – Jesus, born.

But – who did God use for his presentation of this wondrous birth? How were they involved? And how do they spark wonder and worship in us? Be touched this Advent by the people of Christmas.

This week we join the shepherds on the eve of Jesus' birth. Why them? What do they hear and see? And how are they, like us, used to proclaim the wonder of God bringing us real peace in Christ.

**End of Year Giving:** 2019 is almost over! For tax purposes, please ensure that end-of-year giving is either postmarked or put in the church's giving box before Tuesday, December 31, 2019. You can also utilize our online portal at [gracebellingham.org/giving](http://gracebellingham.org/giving). Contact: Nathan Barbo ([nathan@gracebellingham.org](mailto:nathan@gracebellingham.org)).

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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| Sunday, 6:30 PM    | TGP: Middle School Game Night             |
| Tuesday, 8:00 PM   | Young Adults @ Flat Iron Woods (Downtown) |
| Wednesday, 7:00 AM | Morning prayer                            |
| Wednesday, 6:30 PM | The Corner: High School Christmas Party   |
| Thursday, 10:00 AM | Ladies' Prayer                            |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming Events & Updates

## HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**CORNER:** Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 PM

High School Christmas Party @ Grace. Wear your ugly sweater and prepare to play some games.



## CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 PM**

Join us in singing songs of worship in an evening, candlelight celebration of the most wondrous event our world has ever known: Immanuel, God with us, born as a babe in a manger in Bethlehem. We will dwell on Scripture's account of Jesus' birth and end singing by (electric) candlelight.



**ALL YOUTH – Mt. Baker Snow Day** is Saturday, January 18th. Start at church, 9:00 AM. This is one of the most looked forward to events of the year! Fun ride up to the mountain, sledding, and snow activities galore! We eat lunch together and will be back to Grace by 5 PM! Please dress warm, pack a sack lunch, and bring sled if you have one!



## SAVE THE DATES – 2020



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| <b>February 16</b> | Baptism Sunday (indoors) |
| <b>March 27–29</b> | Women's Retreat          |
| <b>June 20</b>     | Mariner's Game Day       |
| <b>July 13–17</b>  | Vacation Bible School    |
| <b>July 24–26</b>  | All Church Campout       |
| <b>August 9</b>    | Baptism at Padden        |

**Restrooms:** are located on the NW corner of the building.

**Nursery:** is available at 9:50 AM.

**Communion:** Gluten Free options are located on the back table.

**Listening assist devices** available at the sound booth.

**Connecting via Wi-Fi:** join [Gracechurch\\_2.4](#). The password is *gracetruth*.

**Livestream:** Join us 10:30 AM Sundays on Facebook.

**Need Prayer?:** Email our prayer team at: [prayer@gracebellingham.org](mailto:prayer@gracebellingham.org)

