

Fircrest Presbyterian Church

FPC Update October 22nd, 2025

Dear FPC Family,

It was such a gift to be away for a short break with my family last week, and I trust you enjoyed welcoming Rev. Carol McLaughlin back to the pulpit while I was gone. I'm grateful for colleagues like her who serve with wisdom and joy, and for those of you who helped everything run smoothly!

This Sunday, we'll be continuing in our Daniel series—Courageous Faith in Turbulent Times—with Daniel chapter 8, a wild and vivid vision that points us to God's sovereignty, even when empires clash and chaos seems to reign.

A Word of Thanks

I also want to say thank you. Between my birthday and Pastor Appreciation Month, I've been overwhelmed by your kindness. Your notes, encouragement, and small acts of thoughtfulness have meant so much to me. I want you to know that I love and appreciate YOU, and it's truly an honor to serve this church family.

Wednesday Nights Are Off to a Great Start!

Tonight (Wednesday), we kick off our 6-week program for families and kids! Each Wednesday from 5:30–6:30pm, we'll share:

- A simple dinner (pizza, lasagna, etc.)
- A garden-themed craft
- A read-aloud from *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

Big thanks to Gwen for bringing dinner this week! We still need volunteers to:

- Bring dinner next week
- Help with crafts
- Be a reader
- Help clean up

This is a joyful, low-barrier way to support our kids and grow community—come join the fun!

Chili Cook-Off: October 26

The annual Chili Cook-Off is almost here! Whether you're known for spicy heat or secret ingredients, we want your chili! Sign up this Sunday to:

- Enter a chili
- Help with set up or clean up
- Bring cornbread or dessert

It's a cozy, family-friendly evening you won't want to miss.

This Sunday is Pledge Sunday, and we invite you to bring your pledge card as an act of faith and commitment to our shared life together.

Pledging isn't just about budgets—it's about vision. It's about each of us saying, *"I believe in what God is doing here, and I want to be part of it."*

Here's why pledging is important:

- 1. It Helps Us Plan Responsibly:** When you make a pledge, it allows the Session to create a faithful and sustainable budget for the year ahead. Your commitment helps us fund ministries, care for our staff, maintain our building, support local outreach, and respond to needs that arise. It's practical—and it's powerful.
- 2. It's a Spiritual Practice:** Pledging is a form of faithful anticipation. It invites us to hope that God will continue to grow fruitful ministries and inspire us to love our neighbor in new ways. And it invites us to put that hope into action.
- 3. It Builds Our Community:** When we each bring our part, we are reminded that we are co-builders in God's kingdom—not just attendees, but participants in a mission of love, justice, and transformation.

If you've never pledged before, this could be your year to try. If you have pledged in the past, well done! And I invite you to discern how God is calling you now. Every pledge, no matter the size, is an act of faith that strengthens the whole.

Let's keep growing in faith, love, and generosity—rooted in the One who holds every kingdom and season in His hands. I'm so glad to be on this journey with you.

With gratitude,

Pastor Taeler

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Taeler Morgan

Pastor - Coach - Cultivator

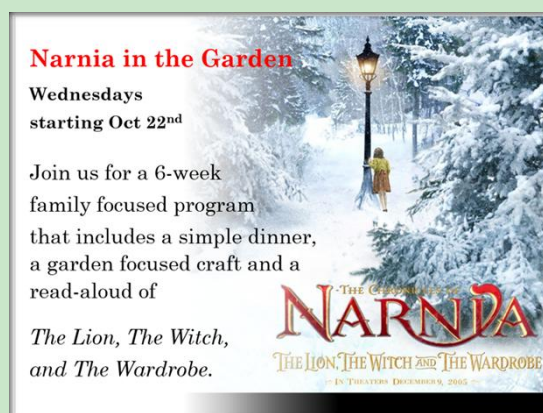
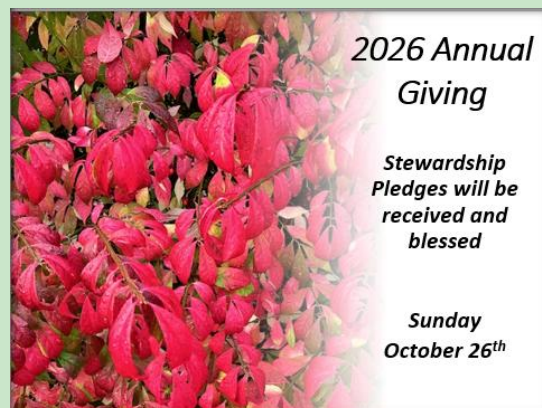
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Gather Tacoma, Pastor <https://www.facebook.com/gathertacoma>

Olympia Presbytery, Cultivator <https://www.olypres.org/>

Opportunities / Events / Reminders





Ushers & Liturgists

We are always looking for worship assistants. Training is available just talk with any elder or deacon for more information.

Worship

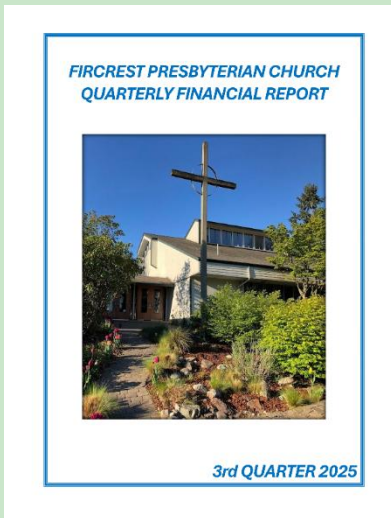
We worship each Sunday at 10:30 am both in person and via Zoom. If you would like to worship via Zoom, [click here to join Sunday morning worship](#). Or you can join worship by calling 253.215.8782 and using Meeting ID: 986 5172 9320 and Passcode: 423758.



Bookkeeper/Treasurer Email

Please use this email to contact Robin for any financial communications: **Bookkeeper/Treasurer email:** fircrestbooks@gmail.com.

FPC 3rd Quarter Financial Report



Church Calendar

[You can find the church calendar here.](#) Please let us know if you have any problem accessing the calendar, and/or whether you have any updates for us to add.

Coming Up on the Calendar:

Wednesdays starting Oct 22nd: Stories That Grow

Narnia in the Garden. Join us for a 6-week family focused program that includes a simple dinner, a garden focused craft and a read-aloud of The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe. Please sign-up to assist with this fun family event.

Children's Bell Choir: Sundays following worship.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm: Adult Singing Choir.

Wednesdays at 7:10pm: Adult Bell Choir.

Fellowship Potlucks with Gather Tacoma following worship on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Sunday Oct 26, during Worship: Stewardship Pledges received and blessed.

Sunday Oct 26, 6-8pm: Fall Chili Cook-off. 5:30pm set-up. See Sign-up Sheets online and in Narthex.

All Saints Day: Sunday Nov 2nd.

Decking the Halls: Saturday Nov 29th, 9:00am.

Upcoming Mission & Outreach Opportunities

Watch for information on these upcoming Outreach programs:

- Special Readers and Tutors for Whittier Elementary
- Operation Christmas Child
- Holiday Help for Families
- Peace and Global Witness Offering

October Food Bank Donations:

Families Unlimited Donations - We are still collecting paper & plastic bags and egg cartons!

