



# Fircrest Presbyterian Church

FPC Update January 21st, 2026

Redemption & Restoration

Dear FPC,

Can you believe we're already nearing the end of January? It feels like 2026 is moving at full speed—but even as the calendar races on, we're grounded by rhythms that bring us back to what matters. This week, we look forward to a full and meaningful Sunday together.

## **This Sunday: A Testimony of Redemption and Restoration**

This Sunday, **January 25**, we are honored to welcome **Candice Baughman** as our guest preacher. Candice is a formerly incarcerated mother of two, a wife, and a passionate advocate for restoration and second chances. She now works with Underground Ministries as a Program Specialist for *One Parish One Prisoner*—the very program through which she returned home just two years ago. Come hear her powerful story of transformation and the role of faith communities in healing and reintegration.

## **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Immediately following worship, we'll gather for our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. We'll reflect on the past year, review our 2026 budget, elect officers, and celebrate the ministry we've shared. Your voice matters—please plan to stay.

## **VBS Interest Meeting**

Following the annual meeting, we'll hold a short **Vacation Bible School (Neighbor Camp) Interest Meeting**. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or just curious about what's ahead, we invite you to come dream with us about this summer's week of creativity, connection, and neighborhood joy.

## **Kids Connect Resumes January 28**

Please note: **Kids Connect will *not* meet tonight (January 21)**. Our midweek children's ministry will resume next Wednesday, **January 28**, from 5:00–6:00 p.m. with dinner, fun, and spiritual formation for K–8th grade.

## **Coming Soon: BEMA Discipleship Group Launches February 1**

On **Sunday, February 1**, *John Pfaff* is launching a new **BEMA Discipleship Group** after worship. BEMA is a Bible study resource that walks through scripture in historical and cultural context, helping participants see the Bible with fresh eyes. This is a great opportunity to dig deeper into your faith and take an intentional step as an apprentice of Jesus. Come check it out and see what you think!

Even though January may have blazed by, these winter days are made for slowness—for noticing, for rest, for reflection. May we find moments this week to breathe deep, warm our hands and hearts, and let God meet us in the stillness.

Warmly,

— Pastor Taeler

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#### **Financial Year-End Notes:**

***The 2025 Giving Statements will continue to be handed out at church this Sunday. Any remaining statements on the 25th will be sent through the mail.***

***Thank you for your generous hearts!***  
***Robin Derby, Treasurer***

#### **Bookkeeper/Treasurer Email**

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

#### **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:**

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

**Sunday January 25:** *One Parish One Prisoner* guest preacher, Candice Baughman.

**Sunday January 25:** Annual Congregational Meeting following worship.

**Sunday January 25:** Summer Arts camp planning meeting.

Anyone interested in being part of the summer Arts camp or helping to plan or just interested in learning more, please join Dave V. and Ashley Keith after the Congregational Meeting.

**Wednesday January 28, 500-6:00:** Kid's Connect children's ministry for K-8th grade.

**Sunday February 1, following worship:** BEMA Discipleship Bible Study Group.

**Friday March 6, 3:00pm:** Janice Miller Memorial Service.

**Whittier Elementary Resource Room** is looking for volunteers. Please see Kris for additional information.

**January Food Bank Donations:**

**Families Unlimited:** Dog & Cat Food, Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Ready-to-eat Soups & Chili.

**Proctor Food Bank:** *Heavy plastic and paper bags.*

We are still collecting egg cartons!

**\*Note:** Click on images or drag corner to enlarge

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