



## **Fircrest Presbyterian Church**

FPC Update April 8th, 2026

Reasonable Doubt

Dear FPC,

The alleluias are still ringing. Easter Sunday felt like the culmination of everything—the joy, the light, the proclamation that death has lost and love has won. But the story doesn't end there. The risen Christ doesn't just appear once and vanish. He stays. He shows up. He meets his followers on the road, in locked rooms, by the lakeshore. The resurrection isn't just an event; it's an ongoing reality.

This Sunday, we're in that tender season after Easter, and Pastor Barlow will be preaching from Psalm 16—a psalm of trust, of refuge, of joy in God's presence. "You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore." It's a psalm that reminds us: God is with us, even now, even here.

Come ready to engage your imagination for what God is doing.

### **Study Leave in Scotland**

I'll be away for the next two Sundays (April 12 and 19) on study leave in Scotland. I'm heading to the Isle of Iona, the birthplace of Celtic Christianity and where the Book of Kells was written. You can read about Iona and the Book of Kells here: <https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/the-book-of-kells> - I'll be participating in a program called "Rewilding Your Spirituality" led by a leader of the Forest Church movement in Germany. I'm excited for the ways Spirit will be at work during this time away, and I would love your prayers for rest and imagination.

### **Congregational Life & Ministry**

- **New Members Class — Wednesdays, May 6 & 13**

5:30-6:30pm

If you've been part of FPC for a while and are considering membership, or if you're newer and want to learn more about what it means to join this church family, mark your calendars. More details to come!

- **Gather & Grow Kids' Ministry**

Resumes Wednesday, April 15 at 5:30 pm

- **Gather Bible Study on Acts**

Sundays at 12:00 pm — All are welcome!

- **Wednesday Night Programming**

Choirs: 6:30 pm

- **One Prisoner One Parish Kickoff Meeting — Sunday, April 26**

12:00–2:30 pm

Join us after worship to learn more about this important ministry. All are welcome!

- **FPC Hunger Walk Team — Saturday, May 2**

We have an official team for the Hunger Walk at Fort Steilacoom Park! Sign up here: <https://www.efoodnet.org/event/hunger-walk-2026/>

### **The Path of Life**

The tomb is still empty. The resurrection is still true. And God is still showing us the path of life. May this week be one of joy in God's presence.

Blessings,

Pastor Taeler

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## **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.

**BEMA Group** is paused in April. We will resume May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sunday April 19 1:00pm:** Worship & Communion at The Village. Share lunch with the residents from 12:00-1:00pm. RSVP to Deb Padden by this Sunday 04.5.26.

**Tuesday April 21, 6:30pm:** Session Meeting via Zoom.

**Sunday April 26:** One Parish/One Prisoner meeting following worship.

**Saturday May 2, 8-11am:** Hunger Walk benefiting the Emergency Food Network. **Fort Steilacoom Park** in Lakewood.

**May 6 & 13, 5:30-6:30pm:** New Member Class.

**Neighbor Camp 2026: July 20-24, 9:30am-1:00pm;** Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Volunteer today!

### **Whittier Garden Volunteers Needed**

Don't forget to sign up to welcome our Whittier students back to the garden! This is a beautiful opportunity to connect with our young neighbors and tend the soil together.

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

### **April Food Bank Donations:**

**Families Unlimited:** *Rice, Cereal, Pop-top pasta dinners, canned fruit, Pancake Mix*

Toiletries: *Baby Wipes.*

**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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