



Fircrest Presbyterian Church

FPC Update March 11th, 2026

Accountable Leadership

Dear FPC,

The internet was down on Wednesday morning so here is the weekly email from Pastor Taeler:

Dear FPC family,

Spring is finding its footing. The clocks have shifted, the light lingers longer, and somewhere beneath the soil, everything that seemed dormant is stirring. We're halfway through Lent now, that season of wilderness and waiting, and the journey continues.

Last week was full - hosting Olympia Presbytery on Thursday and then gathering on Friday to remember and celebrate Janice Miller's life. I want to thank all of you who offered your time and effort to make both of those gatherings possible. Your hospitality, your care, your willingness to show up and serve is a generous act of love and it does not go unnoticed. I'm also just plain proud of us as a church family for doing such a great job! Thank you and well done.

This Sunday, we'll hear Jesus describe himself as the Good Shepherd in John 10:1-18. It's a familiar image so we'll have to listen and ask good questions. Jesus doesn't just lead; he knows his sheep by name. He lays down his life for them. He doesn't abandon them when danger comes. In a world of hired hands and strangers, he stays.

What does it mean to be known like that? To be loved like that? Come ready to engage your imagination for what God is doing.

Congregational Life & Ministry

- **Worship at The Village Senior Living — Sunday, March 15**

1:00 pm

This Sunday we're offering our first worship service at The Village! This is a meaningful step in our partnership with Manitou Presbyterian to extend care and connection to our senior neighbors. If you'd like to join us, you're warmly invited.

- **Wednesday Night Programming**

Kids Group: 5:30 pm

Choirs: 6:00 pm

- **Inspired by Holy Confrontation**

Last Sunday we asked who was inspiring you toward holy confrontation. Linda Bringer mentioned Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II, whose work with the Poor People's Campaign and Repairers of the Breach continues to challenge and inspire. If you'd like to learn more about his ministry, visit: <https://breachrepairers.org/>

- **Kids Bells Practice**

Sunday after worship — All kids are invited!

- **BEMA Discipleship Group**

Sundays at 12:00 pm — Open to all!

- **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/>

For your Lenten practice I wanted to offer you this Breath Prayer for the week:

Let your body find a comfortable prayer position. Set aside any tangible or metaphorical distractions. Begin to notice your breath, which is a sign of God's life-giving Spirit within you.

Hold silence for the next few moments. As you continue to focus on your breath, you are invited to ponder the following words of prayer:

Christ knows his own, and Christ knows me.

Pray these words internally in rhythm with your breathing:

On your inhale, the words, "Christ knows his own..."

On your exhale, the words, "...and Christ knows me."

Practice this prayer as many times as you like!

The Good Shepherd knows your name. He doesn't just manage the flock, he loves each one. This week, may you rest in the knowledge that you are known, that you are loved, and that you are not alone.

Blessings,

Pastor Taeler

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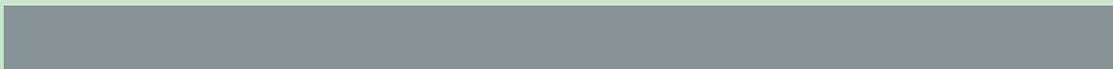
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Church Calendar

[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.

Sundays, following worship: BEMA Discipleship Bible Study Group.

Tuesday March 17, 6:30pm: Session Meeting via Zoom.

Sunday March 15, 1:00pm: The Village Church Service. See Deb Padden.

Sunday March 29: OGHOS Special Offering will be received.

Thursday April 2nd - Maundy Thursday.

Friday April 3rd , 7:00pm - Good Friday Worship.

Sunday April 5: Easter Sunday Service.

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

Save the Date: Hunger Walk – Saturday, May 2

Mark your calendars for this year's Hunger Walk benefiting the Emergency Food Network. We'll walk together on **Saturday, May 2, from 8–11 a.m.** at **Fort Steilacoom Park** in Lakewood. Click this [link](#) for additional information.

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

March Food Bank Donations:

Families Unlimited: *Tuna, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter*

Toiletries: *Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Dental Floss.*

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

We are still collecting egg cartons!

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