



Fircrest Presbyterian Church

FPC Update March 18th, 2026

True Allegiance

Dear FPC,

We're deep into Lent now, the halfway point behind us, Holy Week drawing closer. The wilderness feels less like a metaphor and more like the dailiness of choosing again to pay attention, to resist what diminishes, and to make space for God.

This Sunday's text from Mark 12:13–17 takes us to a trap laid for Jesus. The Pharisees and Herodians come with a question designed to ensnare: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" It's a political minefield, but Jesus doesn't sidestep it. He asks for a coin, holds it up, and offers one of his most quoted (and most misunderstood) responses: "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

What belongs to God? What belongs to Caesar? And how do we live faithfully when those claims seem to compete? Come ready to engage your imagination for what God is doing.

Congregational Life & Ministry

- **Good Friday Service — Friday, April 3 6:30 pm**

Holy Week is coming, and I want to encourage you to plan ahead to be with us for Good Friday. It's easy to skip from Palm Sunday to Easter morning, but there's something essential about pausing in the darkness of Good Friday - about sitting with the grief, the injustice, the weight of what happened on that hill. We can't fully understand the resurrection without first standing at the foot of the cross. If you'd prefer not to drive in the dark, please let someone know and we'll arrange a ride for you.

- **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.

- **Wednesday Night Programming**

Kids Group: 5:30 pm

Choirs: 6:00 pm

- **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/>

Lastly, here is a breath prayer for this week of Lent. Let your body find a comfortable prayer position. Set aside any distractions and begin to notice your breath, which is a sign of God's life-giving Spirit within you.

As you continue to focus on your breath, you are invited to ponder the following words of prayer:

Give to the world what is the world's.

Give to God what is God's.

Pray these words internally in rhythm with your breathing:

On your inhale, the words, "*Give to the world what is the world's...*"

On your exhale, the words, "*...Give to God what is God's.*"

Conclude your time of prayer with these or similar words:

Give to the world what is the world's. Give to God what is God's, now and always. Amen.

The coin bears Caesar's image. But you bear God's. This week, may you remember whose you are and what that means for how you live.

Blessings,

Pastor Taeler

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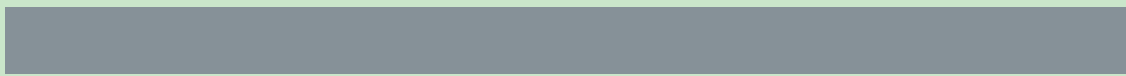
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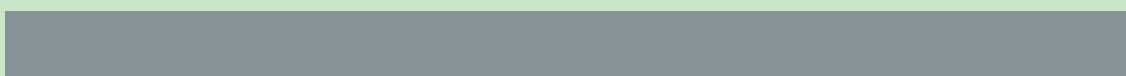
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Church Calendar

[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.

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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