



Fircrest Presbyterian Church

FPC Update April 15th, 2026

The Surprising Revelation

The life of the church continues, even in the in-between seasons. This Sunday, Pastor Carol McLaughlan will be preaching, and I trust the Spirit will meet you in worship just as faithfully as always. The risen Christ is at work among you.

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**

Wednesdays 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/>

Study Leave

By the time you read this, I'll be on the Isle of Iona for study leave. I'm grateful for your continued prayers for rest and imagination. I'll leave you with a poem about Iona that has been stirring in me...

Iona in Lacrimis

The saints are crying in the wind, can't you hear them?

Only the cries of the wing borne sing out,

oystercatcher, skylark, plover

and corncrake. This too may be an answer.

The saints are letting their tears fall, a gentle cascade

of green marble, don't you hear them clatter together?

Only the sound of the surf in the shingle,

and the grey stones clinging

to the beach in the rising tide. This too may be an answer.

Iona greenstone, shaped by wind and wave,

and left on the beach for our sins green greed, collect such

charms, and be saved... from fire and fear and shipwreck,

islands of safe purchase, may the marble and jade

and nephrite shed tears of the island go well with you,

St Columba's bright blessings fall on the beach, day

and night, slowing through the island's deep well of time.

By Sarah Wallis

From Gutter, Issue 27

May you listen this week for the sounds that might be answers.

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 3rd.

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 5th 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!

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