



Fircrest Presbyterian Church

FPC Update September 30th, 2026

Dear FPC,

Wasn't last Sunday great?! Elder Alex Conger preached his first sermon and did a wonderful job, and I'm so grateful for his willingness to step into that calling. I'm also excited to announce that I'll be starting a new lay preaching cohort in January. If you've felt a stirring to explore preaching, or if you know someone in our congregation who might, stay tuned for more information.

This week we continue the "Here For Good" series, and we're shifting our focus to Values. We'll be hearing from Micah 6:6–8 and Acts 2:42–47—texts about what really matters, about what a life lived faithfully looks like. "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" And then Acts shows us the early church living out those values: devoting themselves to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer.

Our values are not abstract. They're lived. They shape our budgets, our choices, our time, our energy. This month we'll be having some honest conversations about what we value and how that's reflected in the life of this church.

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

A Joy to Remember

Just a note of gratitude for Tom and his team of Community Market volunteers - they've done a great job holding space in the parking lots for a weekly market! Last Sunday we had a lovely time hosting families for a fall ice cream party as well. It was great to get to know a few new families from our neighborhood.

Trunk or Treat Opportunity — Saturday, October 23

Speaking of meeting our neighbors, we have a great opportunity to cross over our property line and go to where our neighborhood families are at! Whittier Elementary is looking for volunteers to host trunks for Trunk or Treat! This is a wonderful opportunity to leave our building and go to THEM, meeting these families in their community and freeing them to enjoy the event with their kids instead of having to produce it. Please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AEAE2AA4F9C34-66023037-trunkortreat#!

Annual FPC/Gather Chili Cookoff — Sunday, October 25

A change this year: we're hosting the chili cookoff as a LUNCH at 12:00 pm, and it will be a pay-as-you-are-able fundraiser for Holiday Help for Whittier Families. Mark your calendar and bring your appetite!

Congregational Life & Ministry

- **BEMA Discipleship Group**

Sundays at 12:00 pm — All are welcome!

- **Kids Bells Class**

Sundays at 12:00 pm — All are welcome!

- **Adult Choir**

Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm

- **Adult Bells**

Wednesday nights at 7:10 pm

May this week be one of clarity about what we value and courage to live it out.

Blessings,

Pastor Taeler

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Taeler Morgan

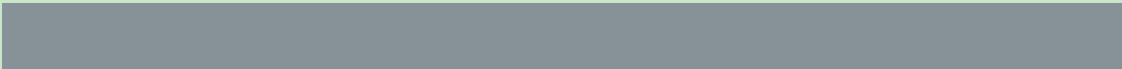
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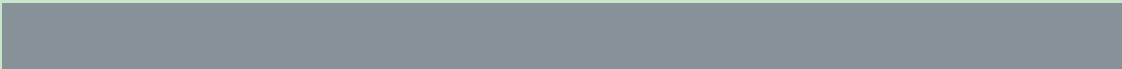
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NOTE ~ We have a NEW PO Box for church mail:

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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 Sundays at 12:00pm: All are welcome!.

Adult Choirs and Bells: Choir meets on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm, and Bells meets at 7:10pm. Whether you're experienced or just curious, there's a place for you.

Kids Bells Class: Sundays at 12:00 pm — All are welcome!

Friday Community Markets

Thank you Tom and friends for putting together a fun series of events for everyone!

Team Meetings: Tuesday, Oct. 6th 6:30pm via Zoom.

Fircrest Haunted Trails: Thursday Oct. 15, 5:00pm: Parking lot greeters and candy donations needed. See sign-up sheet.

Worship at the Village: Sunday Oct. 18, 1:00pm. See Deb Padden.

Session Meeting: Tuesday Oct. 20, 6:30pm.

Save the Date: Annual FPC/Gather Chili Cookoff Lunch

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Urgent Need: Manitou Food Bank Donations

Manitou Park Presbyterian Church food bank has an urgent need. If you're able, please consider contributing:

Food Items: Peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, boxed meals (mac and cheese), tuna, canned soups, cereal.

Personal Care Items: Toothpaste, toilet paper, soaps (bath, laundry, dish). Your generosity makes a real difference in our community.



October Food Bank Donations:

Families Unlimited: *Any Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Pumpkin and Canned Soups, Jello & Pudding Mixes, Cereal.*

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

We are still collecting egg cartons!

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