

JUST A FEW THINGS WE WANT YOU TO KNOW

We are a family church. We understand when children make noise or fuss, so please relax. We want you to enjoy the service! We have a wonderful nursery for babies, located on the second floor of the Main Building. Although we are grateful for any offering (large or small), please do not feel obligated to contribute if you just are visiting. Please silence your cell phones during the service. If you need assistance or directions, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers at the back of the sanctuary. Once again, we are very happy to have you here with us today, and we hope you feel the warmth of our community.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayer Requests:

Mike Spivey: Resolution for the teacher strikes that affect so many parents and children.

Russ and Margie Guppy: Praise to our Lord! Our daughter, **Anna**, for whom many of you have been praying, is close to being cancer-free. Her main tumor is gone! Her lymph nodes are now cancer-free. She has just five more chemo treatments to achieve assurance of remission. We are so grateful.

Continued prayer for **Taylor Johnson**, granddaughter of Linda and Bob Bailey, who had spinal surgery and is trying to regain functions and mobility. Right now she has feeling only in her right arm and face. She still is in the hospital.

Please pray for **Pastor Eric Jacobsen** as he travels to Florida to participate in a panel discussion on "Housing, Justice, and Land Use" at "The Gathering," an intimate conference for Christian philanthropists that meets annually.

Deacons: The Jobs for Life program has begun and needs prayers for students to feel welcome and encouraged, mentors to feel supported, and instructors to present materials with clarity and relevance. Pray they all will feel loved and blessed by the dinners provided by other churches in the neighborhood.

Please pray for **Barry and Jan Potter**, serving with Overseas Missionary Fellowship in the Colorado office.

#FORTacoma: The apartment building located at 227 Tacoma Ave S, is this week's focus. Please keep the residents and staff in your prayers.

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Barry and Jan Potter ask us to pray for their necessary financial support, for energy and good health, and for spiritual equipping to do the work to which God has called them. Barry currently is interim president of their organization, Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Eric Jacobsen **Assisting:** Matt Pickard

Minister of Worship: Daniel Perrin **Worship Assistant:** Jon Hillstead

Organist: Patrice Barnett **Worship Band**

Children's Message: Julie Brownlee and Laurel Juergens

Prayer of Illumination/Scripture Reading: Liz Jacobsen

Sermon: Earl Palmer

Offertory: Gwen and Olivia Trussler

Prayer: Steve Franzke

Announcements: Jim Brownlee

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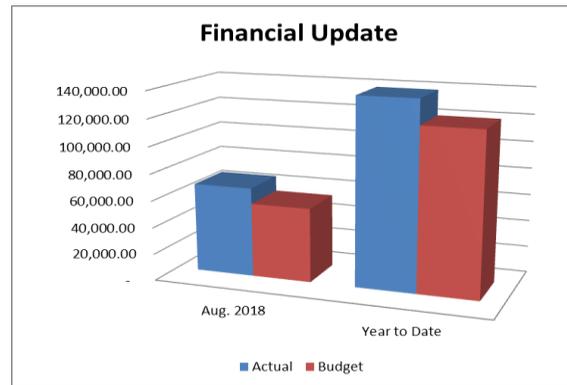
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For our e-blast emails, sign up online via our website by clicking on the **E-News Sign Up** button.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

(253) 272-3286 20 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed on Fridays).

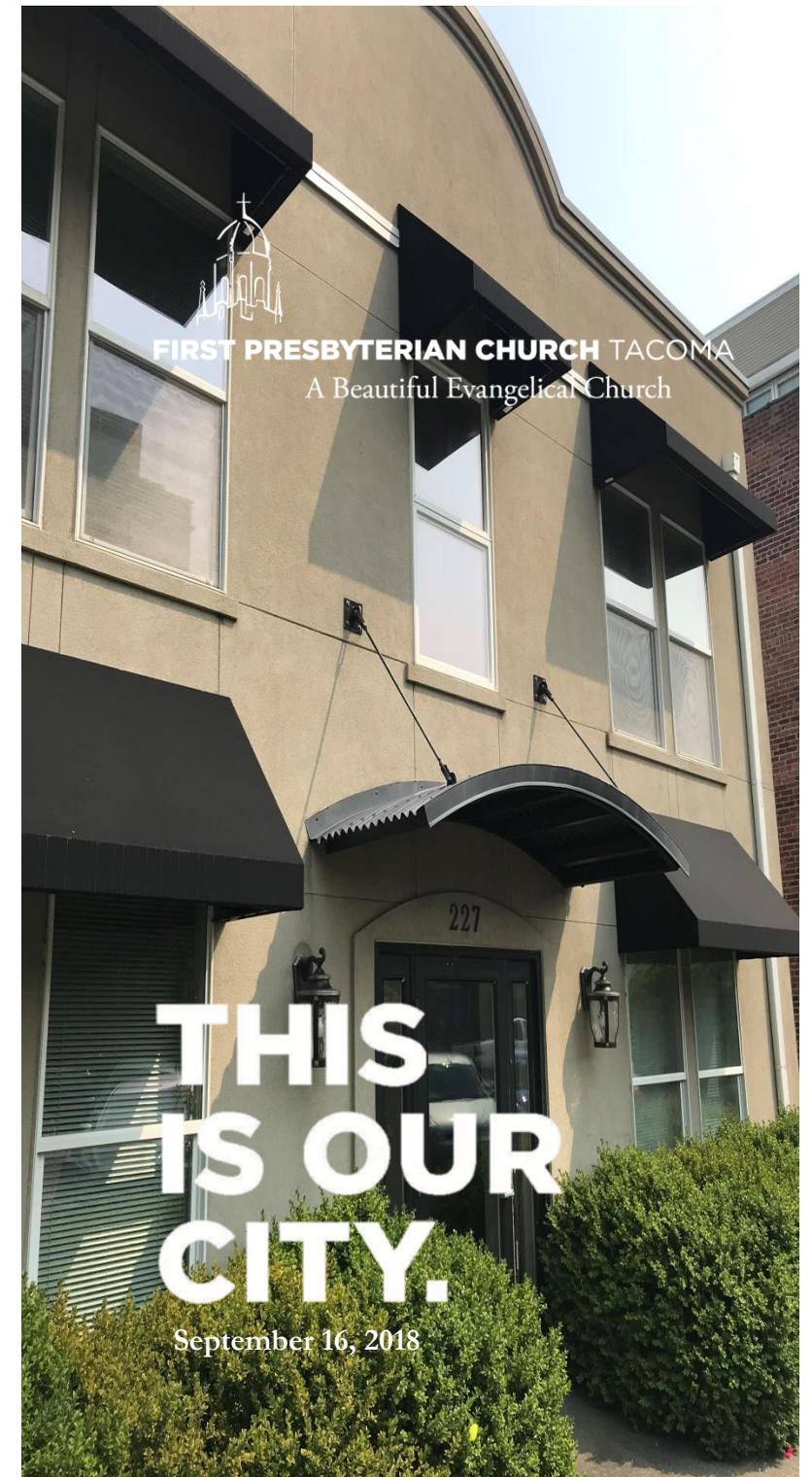


	Aug. 2018	Fiscal YTD
FPC Income—Budget	\$55,492	\$120,986
FPC Income—Actual	\$66,936	\$139,277
Difference	\$11,444	\$18,291

Financial Update: "Happy Summer. Usually the summer months are lighter on giving, but we started this new fiscal year as strong as we ended the last one. August's giving was above our budgeted expectations. Thank you for your faithful giving to the mission of FPCT" Aaron Byers, Director of Operations

UPDATE—NEW CHURCH VAN

As of today, we have raised \$23,439. That leaves just \$6,561 to reach our goal. If you feel led to give to this worthy request, please write "Church Van" in the memo line of your check.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TACOMA

September 16, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”
Call to Worship	Ephesians 2: 4 - 7
Opening Hymn #244*	“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”
Confession/Assurance of Pardon	
Gloria Patri #142*	
Welcome	
Passing of the Peace*	
Worship Songs*	“There’s No One Like Jesus” “Come to Jesus”

At the end of the worship songs, children are invited to come up to the front for the children’s message.

HEARING THE WORD

Children’s Message	
Prayer of Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 11: 28 - 30
Sermon	“The Two Virtues of Grace”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Tithes and Offering	
Offertory	“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”
Prayer	
Announcements	

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Closing #240*	“Fairest Lord Jesus”
Benediction*	
Sending	
Postlude	“In Thee Is Gladness”

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.**

INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Family room with audio/video is available in Ferguson Chapel.

Ask an usher for the directions.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

The third graders receiving a Bible today are Mallorie Kohler, Georgia Greer, Josephine Browning, Eli Corbin, Adah Purdy, Campbell Reinmuth, Adalyn Cozby, Miles McEvilly, Isaac Byers, Wesson Hassig, Abraham Jacobsen, and Aubrey Tucker.

FALL SMALL GROUPS ARE FILLING UP FAST

Small groups are a great way to get connected and deepen your faith. Most groups begin the week of Sept. 23 and finish in early Dec. All fall groups will be exploring the book of Philippians. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall or online at fpctacoma.org/smallgroups. You also may contact Michelle Martinez at mmartinez@fpctacoma.org.

PLEASE HELP US BY TAKING THE TDA!

We are asking all of our members and regular attenders (high school age and older) to take the Transformational Discipleship Assessment (TDA) this week. The TDA is a brief online, anonymous assessment that looks at eight discipleship attributes and gives feedback on areas of strengths and weaknesses. This will help guide our planning over the next year. Please go to fpctacoma.org and click on the TDA banner for directions and more information. If you do not have access to the internet, we will have laptop- or paper-based assessments available next week to assist you. You also may schedule a time for help by contacting the church office.

PRAYERS AND MEALS NEEDED

A church family, David and Peggy Boze, would benefit from meals and prayers while they are blessed with new babies being added to their family. These meals need to be provided beginning this week. Please sign up at the mealtrain website (<https://mealtrain.com/ey2mgl>) or contact Sheila McEvilly at (425) 223-2669.

ARE YOU STILL PRAYING #FORTacoma?

After launching our FOR Tacoma campaign, many of you adopted a building in our neighborhood and committed to praying for God’s blessing on the people associated with that building. Are you still praying? Have you found ways to interact with the people in that place? This is a gentle reminder to keep it up! Contact Carol Heath if you need creative ideas at cheath@fpctacoma.org. If you would like to adopt a building, Carol also would be happy to assign you one.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, we will be kicking off our Adult Sunday School season with a focus on discipleship. We also will be talking about the Transformational Discipleship Assessment and how it can be best utilized to grow in our faith. Then starting on Sept. 23, Earl Palmer will be teaching a three-week series, “The Book of Psalms and New Testament Faith.” Both of these classes will be in the South Chapel from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM.

INTRODUCING THE “FPC CANON”

After receiving more than 100 nominations from the congregation earlier this year, FPC’s Worship Committee has come up with a list of 26 key hymns and praise songs that are especially meaningful to our life as a community. Explore the list at www.fpctacoma.org/canon and use these songs in your own devotions. You also can obtain the list in the FPC Library in Fellowship Hall.

WEEKLY EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 16

9:15 AM: All Sunday School
10:30 AM: Worship Service
5:45 PM: Small Group Leader Training, Gold Room

Monday, Sept. 17

4:30 PM: Promise Keepers, Prayer Room

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Deadline for bulletin items

9:00 AM: Faith Yoga, South Chapel
2:00 PM: Lydia’s Circle and Baby Shower, South Chapel
7:00 PM: Women’s Bible Study, South Chapel

Wednesday, Sept. 19

9:00 AM: Women’s Bible Study, South Chapel
5:00 PM: Jobs for Life, South Chapel
5:15 PM: Middle School Youth Group

Wednesday, Sept. 19 (continued)

5:30 PM: Lindsey Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM: Youth Dinner
7:00 PM: Chancel Choir Rehearsal High School Youth Group

Thursday, Sept. 20

6:15 AM: Men’s Bible Study

Friday, Sept. 21

Church office closed.

6:00 PM: Middle School Hang-Out
7:30 PM: AA, Gold Room

Saturday, Sept. 22

2:00 PM: McKenzie Iverson Bridal Shower, Fergusson Chapel
4:00 PM: AA, South Chapel

Sunday, Sept. 23

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Noon: Kid’s Ministry Training, South Chapel

KIDS’ MINISTRY TRAINING

Sunday, Sept. 23, South Chapel, Noon. If you are one of our amazing Children’s Church or Sunday School volunteers, then this training is just for you! You will enjoy a delicious lunch, important training information, and a surprise just for you!

BABY SHOWER

Tuesday, Sept. 18, South Chapel, 2:00 PM. We are hosting a baby shower for Liz Kimotho Nordsletten, the eldest daughter of the Kimotho family. This shower is open to anyone who would like to help us show our love and bless Liz. Please RSVP to Rita Martin by calling (253) 472-0973.

MCKENZIE IVERSON’S BRIDAL SHOWER

Saturday, Sept. 22, Fergusson Chapel, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Join us for a bridal shower honoring McKenzie Iverson. RSVP to Julie Brownlee by calling (253) 389-8443.

NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS

Sunday, Oct. 14, South Chapel, after the service. Would you like to know more about how to become part of the FPC family? We will be hosting our next new members’ class right after the service and will finish by 3:00 PM. The class provides an opportunity for us to get to know you and for you to get to know more about our church. There will be a light lunch served, and we can provide childcare if you let us know in advance. For questions or to reserve your spot, please call Karen Ackerson at (253) 272-3286 ext: 136 or at her direct line (253) 365-6281.