

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:

Heather Wombacher: Lift up teachers, students, and families for Cor Deo as the school grows and the new upper school begins this year.

Richard Shepard: Pray for both young and old students as they begin a new year.

Don and Kathryn Sundquist: Pray for continued healing.

Deacons: Please continue to pray for families who attended the REACH Ministries Labor Day Camp. Praise God for beautiful weather and four days of joy in a safe community. Pray that the seeds planted will grow and flourish.

Pray for Sue Mills and the InterVarsity team that is meeting new college students as school begins.

#FORtacoma: Lauriston Apartments, located at 235 Tacoma Ave S, is this week's focus. Please keep the residents and staff in your prayers.

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Please pray for Sue Mills that God would connect her with students and faculty who need the hope of Jesus. This InterVarsity ministry works at campuses in the Rocky Mountain Region and is asking God for thousands of more followers of Jesus and thousands of new Bible-based small groups.

DEACON SUPPORTED MINISTRY

Neighborhood Clinic is grounded on the belief that healing occurs where physical and medical care is accompanied by consistent emotional support and a regard for the whole person. Therefore, in response to the call of the Spirit, the staff endeavors to meet each person as an individual, heal, bind up wounds, teach, and advocate for those in need. Staff strives to foster an emotionally supportive atmosphere, focusing on holistic care for all who are welcomed through the door. Please visit www.neighborhoodclinetacoma.org for more information.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Eric Jacobsen **Assisting:** Sonja West

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

Organist: Patrice Barnett **Worship Band**

Introit: Chancel Choir

Prayer of Illumination/Scripture Reading: Matt Shuts

Offertory: Jared Hall, Trumpet Soloist

Prayer: Diana Agustsson

Announcements: Richard Shepard

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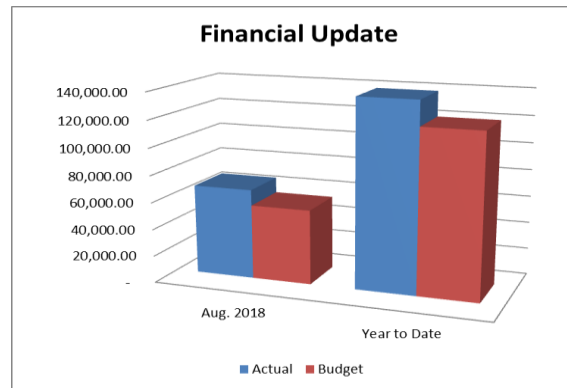
CHURCH WEBSITE: www.fpctacoma.org

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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 9, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude	“Highland Cathedral”
Introit	“God and God Alone”
Call to Worship	Isaiah 44: 6
Opening Hymn #336*	“O Worship the King”
Confession/Assurance of Pardon	
Doxology #382*	
Welcome	
Passing of the Peace*	
Worship Song*	“There’s No One Like Jesus”

HEARING THE WORD

Small Group and TDA Testimonies	
Prayer of Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 13: 20 - 21
Sermon	“Seven Gifts”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Tithes and Offering	
Offertory	“Prayer of St. Gregory”
Communion	“The Wonderful Cross” “Come as You Are” “This is Amazing Grace”
Prayer	
Announcements	

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Closing*	“Amazing Grace”
Benediction*	
Sending	
Postlude	“Minuet Finale”

***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.

FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

Today, Sept. 9, 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM and after worship during coffee hour.

Come and learn about all the opportunities available this fall. Reconnect with each other over coffee, muffins, and other treats!

SIGN UP NOW FOR FALL SMALL GROUPS!

Small groups are a great way to get connected and deepen your faith. Fall groups will explore Philippians and will run from the week of Sept. 23 to Dec. A variety of locations and times are available. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall, online at fpctacoma.org/smallgroups, or by email to mmartinez@fpctacoma.org.

TRANSFORMATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP ASSESSMENT (TDA)

We are asking all members and regular attenders to take the TDA this month. It is a brief online, anonymous assessment that looks at eight discipleship attributes and gives feedback on areas of strength and weakness and will help guide our planning over the next year. See the bulletin insert or the website for instructions.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Will you pray about joining Chancel Choir, a worship ministry that offers deeply meaningful and eternal rewards? Rehearsals are Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in Ferguson Chapel. Please call Daniel Perrin at (425) 442-4523 to ask any questions you may have.

NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING SOON!

Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM or Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. We will be using a Priscilla Shirer study on discerning the voice of God. Limited childcare is available on Wednesdays if you contact us in advance. Registration and advance book purchase today in Fellowship Hall and following the worship service. Please contact Carol Heath at cheath@fpctacoma.org.

REGISTER FOR MOPS

It's time to register for MOPS 2018-2019; be sure to save your spot now! The first session is on Sept. 13, including a hot meal, childcare for your kids, fellowship, teaching, etc. Invite a friend or neighbor who you know needs to be there. To register, go to fpctacoma.org/mops.

ARE YOU STILL PRAYING FOR TACOMA?

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: cheath@fpctacoma.org. If you would like to adopt a building, Carol would be happy to assign you one.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sept. 16, we will be kicking off our Adult Sunday School season with a focus on discipleship. On Sept. 16, we 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 3-week series *The Book of Psalms and New Testament Faith*. Both of these classes will be in South Chapel from 9:15 AM -10:15 AM.

WEEKLY EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 9

9:15 AM: Fall Kick-Off Sunday
10:30 AM: Worship Service
Noon: Kid's Ministry Family Picnic,
Wright Park

Monday, Sept. 10

4:30 PM: Promise Keepers, Prayer Room

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Deadline for bulletin items

11:00 AM: Prayer Meeting, Prayer Room
7:00 PM: Women's Bible Study, South
Chapel

Wednesday, Sept. 12

9:00 AM: Women's Bible Study, South
Chapel
5:00 PM: Jobs for Life, South Chapel

Wednesday, Sept. 12 (continued)

6:00 PM: MS and HS Parent and Youth
Dinner

Thursday, Sept. 13

6:15 AM: Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM: MOPS

Friday, Sept. 14

Church office closed.

7:30 PM: AA, Gold Room

Saturday, Sept. 15

4:00 PM: AA, South Chapel

Sunday, Sept. 16

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

MENTORS NEEDED FOR JOBS FOR LIFE

FPC is hosting Jobs for Life this year, offered through Bridges of Love NW. We are seeking mentors for three to four hours per week for 15 weeks. Provide friendship, guidance, and a sense of community to help a student complete the course and overcome employment barriers. Visit the Deacon table during coffee hour today.

MCKENZIE IVERSON'S BRIDAL SHOWER

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

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!

PRAYER MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 11, Prayer Room, 11:00 AM to Noon. Come pray with us for the ministries God has given our church. We hope you can join us! For more information, contact Sonja West at sonja@nutley.org or Steve Franzke at stevedfranzke@gmail.com.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We are in need of someone interested in preparing lunch for the ladies. This group meets at the church on the first Tuesday of the seven months from Oct. to May each year. About 15 to 20 women attend. For more information, contact Janet Lauer at (253) 752-2718 or Margie Guppy at (253) 355-0632.