

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

Please pray for **Bob Gorham**, who fell and broke his hip.

Diane Rogers: Please pray for my son, **Aaron**, who is recovering from double hernia surgery. He works in construction.

Pray for **InterVarsity ministry** on our college campuses.

Deacons: Please pray that the Jobs For Life students will work hard and persevere to complete important assignments and class work. Pray for their mentors to sense how they can encourage their students and give meaningful support.

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Sue Mills is with InterVarsity in the Rocky Mountain Region college campuses. She asks us to, "Pray with me as we long for revival and catalyze movements of students that call every corner of every campus to follow Jesus."

PRAYER MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 18, Prayer Room, from 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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lead Pastor: Eric Jacobsen **Assisting:** Betty McCartney

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

Organist: Patrice Barnett **Worship Band**

Candle Lighting: Diana Agustsson

Children's Pageant: Julie Brownlee and Laurel Juergens

Offertory: Chapel Bells

Prayer: Diana Agustsson **Announcements:** Michelle Martinez

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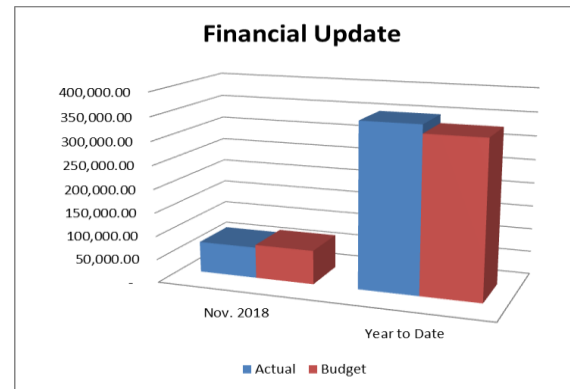
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CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

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

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



	Nov. 2018	Fiscal YTD
FPC Income—Budget	\$72,608	\$332,191
FPC Income—Actual	\$66,762	\$350,271
Difference	(\$5,846)	\$18,080

Financial Update: "As we move through the fall months, giving continues to be strong. Each week we have many new faces in our Sunday morning worship. Attendance remains in the upper 300s. Many of our programs, such as children's ministry, the nursery, and youth ministries, are experiencing the same growth. Thank you for your faithful support of God's work through the FPC." Aaron Byers, Director of Operations



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TACOMA

December 16, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Call to Worship **Luke 2: 10**
Opening Hymn #175*
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”
Confession/Assurance of Pardon
Doxology #382*
Welcome
Passing of the Peace*
Children’s Pageant

HEARING THE WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Reading **John 3: 16 - 17**
Sermon “The Sent Son”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Tithes and Offering
Offertory “Joy to the World”
Prayer
Announcements

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Closing #180* “What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest?”
Benediction*
Sending
Postlude “Hark the Herald, Angels Sing”

***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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FPC

TAPROOT PLAY: THE (IMPROVISED) NUTCRACKER – FREE!

Sunday, Dec. 23, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM. Join in the fun when First Presbyterian Church hosts a performance of *The (Improvvised) Nutcracker*, a touring production from Taproot Theatre Company. Magic is waking up the household toys, but Clara’s favorite toy gets damaged and she desperately wants to fix it. Travel with Clara, her Nutcracker and Taproot’s Improv Team to a far-off kingdom in the secret world of living toys for a grand adventure. Can you help Clara fix her special toy, defeat the evil Mouse King, and save Christmas? In this improvised tale inspired by *The Nutcracker*, no two performances are the same! The (Improvvised) Nutcracker is written by Emily Shuel and directed by Marianne Savell.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Monday, Dec. 24, 7:00 PM. Our annual Christmas Eve candle lighting service is one of the most beautiful and anticipated worship services of the year. Come and find peace as we join together to celebrate the light of Christ this Christmas Eve. Invite your neighbors and friends!

FPC KIDS’ NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY

Monday, Dec. 31, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM to Noon. We will have board games for all ages, over-sized games, a toddler fun room, 30-foot obstacle bounce house, yummy snacks, and a New Year's Eve countdown at Noon! Free of charge and you're welcome to bring a friend!

ALPHA IS COMING IN JANUARY!

Got questions about God? Never really understood Christianity? Alpha was designed for you or anyone curious about the Christian faith. Join us for our Alpha Intro Night on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 6:00 PM. For additional details or to RSVP, go to fpc_tacoma.org/alpha.

FIRST PRES PRESCHOOL AUCTION—“REACH FOR THE STARS”

Friday, Feb. 8, Historic 1625 Tacoma Place, 6:00 PM. Buy your early-bird tickets for this fun evening in support of a good cause. Proceeds benefit Growth and Development, Tuition Assistance, and the Greater Teacher Fund. Tickets are \$35 per person before Dec. 31 and \$45 after then. For more information go to <https://fpcschool.ejoinme.org/2019FPPAuction>.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, Dec. 17, Fellowship Hall, 10:45 AM. We look forward to seeing those who have bought tickets for the luncheon tomorrow! Blessings from the FPC Deacons and Jean Malmin, Visitation Minister.

WEEKLY EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 16

10:30 AM: Children’s Pageant and
Worship Service

Monday, Dec. 17

10:45 AM: Senior Friendship Luncheon,
Fellowship Hall

4:30 PM: Promise Keepers, Prayer Room

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Deadline for bulletin items

9:00 AM: Faith Yoga, South Chapel

11:00 AM: Prayer Meeting, Prayer Room

Wednesday, Dec. 19

9:00 AM: Women’s Bible Study

5:00 PM: Jobs for Life

5:30 PM: Lindsey Bell Choir

7:00 PM: Chancel Choir

Thursday, Dec. 20

6:15 AM: Men’s Bible Study

Friday, Dec. 21

Church office closed.

7:00 PM: High School Lock-In

7:30 PM: AA, Gold Room

Saturday, Dec. 22

4:00 PM: AA, South Chapel

Sunday, Dec. 23

9:15 AM: Taproot Christmas Play,
Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM: Worship Service

WOMEN’S RETREAT

Save the date for the 2019 Women’s Retreat on Friday, Feb. 22 to Saturday, Feb. 23. Hollylu Coon will be the speaker! Registration starts on Sunday, Jan. 6, in Fellowship Hall.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Do you want to read the Bible every day? The new year is a good time to start! There are several Daily Bible Reading plans available in the church library in Fellowship Hall. You can pick one up for free! Please come by and take a look.

BUILDING OUR A/V TEAM

Have you always wanted to help out with the Sunday morning worship service but don’t like being front and center? We have an opportunity for you! We are looking to add members to our A/V team, which sets up the microphones for the musicians, runs the sound, Microsoft® PowerPoint® during the service, and operates the cameras that feed Ferguson Chapel and the choir loft. No experience is needed; training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, please contact Aaron Byers at abyers@fpc_tacoma.org or phone the church office.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, Gold Room, 6:15 AM. “The Genesis of Guys Study, Kingdom Story, Volume 3” Contact Terry Forslund-(253) 318-6914 or Steve Groves-(253)752-2313.