

## 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

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

Pray for safe travel as **Brendan and Erin Connally** and their boys come to the Pacific Northwest.

**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

Brendan and Erin Connally, who Serve In Mission, will be in the Pacific Northwest, on home assignment, beginning Dec. 15. They will be reconnecting with their supporters. Please pray for God to provide the details and arrangements necessary for the relocation of their family for three months.

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

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

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

**Organist:** Patrice Barnett **Worship Band** **Introit:** Lindsey Handbell Choir

**Candle Lighting:** Dave Reinhart

**Prayer of Illumination/Scripture Reading:** Ashley Ferira

**Offertory:** Lindsey Handbell Choir

**Prayer:** Dan O'Connor **Announcements:** Carol Heath

**Audio/Video:** Jeff Reinmuth, Steve Richards, Chip Van Gilder, and Drew Smith

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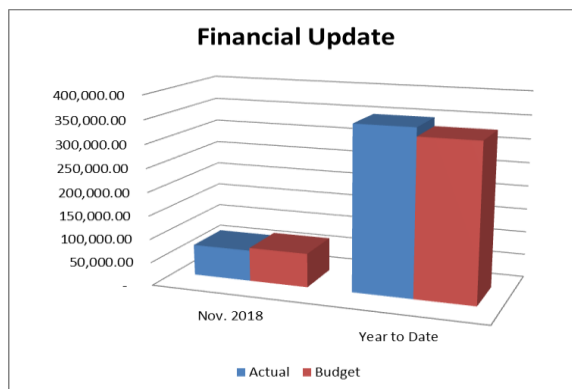
**CHURCH WEBSITE:** [www.fpctacoma.org](http://www.fpctacoma.org)

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).



	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 9, 2018

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude	“Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”
Introit	“Joy to the World”
Call to Worship	<b>Isaiah 12: 6</b>
Opening Hymn #182*	“How Great Our Joy!”
Confession/Assurance of Pardon	
Gloria Patri #142*	
Welcome	
Passing of the Peace*	
Worship Songs*	“He Shall Reign Forevermore” “Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel” “Somewhere In Your Silent Night”

### HEARING THE WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Prayer of Illumination	
Scripture Reading	<b>John 3: 16 - 17</b>
Sermon	“A Beloved World”
Introduction of New Members	

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Tithes and Offering	
Offertory	“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”
Prayer	
Announcements	

### SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Closing*	“There’s No One Like Jesus”
Benediction*	
Sending	
Postlude	“From Heaven Above”

**\*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

#### FPC KIDS' CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Sunday, Dec. 16, 10:30 AM.** Our Kids’ Ministry will be putting on our annual Christmas pageant that tells the timeless story of Jesus’ birth. You will not want to miss this fun and charming experience this Christmas season.

#### TAPROOT PLAY: THE (IMPROVISED) NUTCRACKER

**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.

#### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Please pray for our new members—Maria Bellarts, Priscilla Cullen, Tom Fox, Bill Kerr, Madi Leifson, Christina Roy, Mark Brose, Karen Brose, Kathie Marzano, Pamela Raney, David Raney, Ken McCullough, and Kaelyn Heath.

#### YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTIES

6th-8th graders are invited to the MS Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 5:00 PM. This will include dinner, prizes, and games. The cost is \$5. We hope to see all our 9th-12th graders at the HS Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 14, at 6:00 PM. Dress up for our fancy dinner and white elephant exchange. The cost is \$10.

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

**Monday, Dec. 17, Fellowship Hall, 10:45 AM.** The Stadium High School Choir will sing for us, and a buffet lunch will be served afterward. Tickets (\$10 per person) are available today in Fellowship Hall before and after the worship service. We look forward to seeing you! Blessings from the FPC Deacons and Jean Malmin, Visitation Minister.

#### GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

**Today, Fellowship Hall.** Are you looking for stocking stuffers and small gifts for your friends and family? Support the Guatemala Mission Team at our gift sale fundraiser. It's a win/win! We hope to see you there!

#### 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>.

## WEEKLY EVENT CALENDAR

### Sunday, Dec. 9

9:15 AM: Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 AM: Worship Service

### Monday, Dec. 10

4:30 PM: Promise Keepers, Prayer Room

### Tuesday, Dec. 11

**Deadline for bulletin items**

9:00 AM: Faith Yoga, South Chapel

7:00 PM: Women’s Bible Study

### Wednesday, Dec. 12

9:00 AM: Women’s Bible Study

5:00 PM: Jobs for Life

Middle School Christmas Party

5:30 PM: Lindsey Bell Choir

7:00 PM: Chancel Choir

### Thursday, Dec. 13

6:15 AM: Men’s Bible Study

9:00 AM: MOPS, South Chapel

### Friday, Dec. 14

**Church office closed.**

6:00 PM: High School Christmas Party

7:30 PM: AA, Gold Room

### Saturday, Dec. 15

4:00 PM: AA, South Chapel

### Sunday, Dec. 16

10:30 AM: Worship Service

#### LYDIA FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Tuesday, Dec. 11, Tahoma Terrace, Noon.** Donna Brandt will be hostess for our annual Lydia Fellowship Christmas Party. Cindy Rieger and Marge Warner are co-hostesses. Lunch is provided. We would love to have you join the fun and bring a small gift to exchange along with three dozen cookies to be boxed up for delivery to shut-ins later. Car-pooling is available. Contact Rita Martin at (253) 472-0973.

#### PAGEANT DRESS REHEARSAL PARENT SOCIAL

**Wednesday, Dec. 12, Copper Door (12 North Tacoma Avenue), from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.** Gather, eat, drink, and connect with fellow FPC parents while your children are at the pageant dress rehearsal. The dress rehearsal is a closed practice, so go and enjoy time with friends at the Copper Door (across the street from FPC).

#### POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Bring your cash or check (\$12.00 per plant) to the table in Fellowship Hall to sign up. The deadline is Monday, Dec. 10. The list of memorials will be in the bulletin on Sunday, Dec. 16, and then the Deacons will distribute the plants to our shut-in members.

#### 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@fpctacoma.org](mailto:abyers@fpctacoma.org) or phone the church office.

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Today is the final day of our two current classes; however, parents are invited to socialize in South Chapel during the Sunday School hour on Dec. 16, after dropping off their kids for Pageant practice.