



GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH
REACHING WIDER IN LOVE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SNOHOMISH

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Pastor's Corner

The Grace of Relationships

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

One of the things I really enjoy is the gift of new relationships. Over the past year we have had the gift of 5 new babies being born and 16 new members joining our church family. What is not to love about new born babies?! And have you gotten to know the people who are new to our church? They are a gifted, group of people with fascinating background and interests. I have so appreciated how they have jumped into growing deeper in faith and reaching wider in love with us. Our community is enriched and strengthened by them!

One of the challenging parts of life as a church family is saying goodbye to people you love. It was sad to say goodbye to Hanna and her family when they moved to Texas. Thankfully God has brought people to serve with us. It was great to get to know new people like Esther and Joel who helped lead worship during the interim period. And I enjoyed getting to know better members like Heather, Rita and Phyllis who stepped into help more with music over the past year. And now God has brought a new Director of Music, Jason Harris! (Please read the introduction to Jason on page 2.) We have been blessed by incredible people that God has brought to be part of our church family!

And I have enjoyed getting to know all of you while serving together! Over this past year I have appreciated seeing you love one another, welcome new people and step forward in faith in the ways God is inviting us to serve in the coming years. Your love, faith, and hope have been a joy to witness and are helping other people experience the grace of Christ. Thank you! I pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel!

Tom Dabasinskas

Interim Pastor



Meet Jason Harris



It is with great pleasure that we introduce you to our new Director of Music Ministry, Dr. Jason Harris.

Dr. Harris holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from the University of Michigan. He has served in as Program Manager at Bellevue College, and as the Graduate Program Coordinator at Seattle Pacific, and led music ministries at Bothell United Methodist and Good Shepherd Methodist in Michigan.

Dr. Harris has noted compositions which have been performed across both coasts, and is a winner of the American Prize for Non-Profit Professional Chorus competition. In 2006, he won a GRAMMY for Choral Conducting with the University of Michigan Orpheus Singers.

Dr. Harris is thoughtful, creative, collaborative, and greatly gifted in music and leadership. He expressed to us that he enjoys working with the talent already present in a congregation, as well as stretching and growing a musical program. We especially look forward to community collaborations, as well as enriching our congregation and neighborhood with his talent and leadership.

He and his wife Jennifer, and their son Sebastian live in Marysville. They enjoy hiking and the beauty of our area.

WELCOME

thank you



After agreeing to help out for a week last June, Esther Joh has been a consistent presence in helping lead worship as our pianist and accompanist for Acclaim, the Choir and the congregation. And, since September, we have been blessed to have had Joel Skellie joining us as our Interim Choir Director. Joel has brought some of his own arrangements, some challenging choral

pieces, a sense of continuity following Hanna's departure, and a whole lot of fun to our Chancel Choir. On behalf of the members of the Chancel Choir, our accompanists and the Pastoral Staff, please join us in offering them our sincere THANKS for the ways they have blessed our Music Program! They will be missed and we wish them all the best.



Friends and Faith
Snohomish First Presbyterian Church
Youth and Family Ministry
Learning, Loving, and Growing Together in Him

The Youth and Family Ministry Team
wants to say THANK YOU!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

We want to say thank you to our church family who serve, love us, pray for us, and support the youth and family ministry!



**CHILDREN'S
MESSAGE**



We are looking for a few additional people to help present the Children's Message in church on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, you can **CLICK HERE** or scan to sign up. If you have questions, please email the church office at office@snopres.org.



Wonder-Full Worship

What a wonderful year it has been. Our program has grown—both in the number of students and in the number of teachers. As we look ahead to the fall, we invite you to consider joining us as we begin a new year of ministry.

Everyone is welcome to be part of Wonder-Full Worship. Here are a few ways to get involved:

- **Invite families** — Bring your children or grandchildren or reach out to families in your neighborhood. All are welcome.
- **Serve as a teacher or helper** — We're building a strong, joyful team and would love to include you.
- **Pray for our ministry** — Please keep our teachers and children in your prayers.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Joyce Chambers or Kay Ditzenberger. We would love to have you join us.

This month, our kindergarten–5th grade students are learning about The Young Church in the Book of Acts.



What's Next?

Vacation Bible School

August 10-14, 2026

"TIME WITH JESUS"

Here is a peek at the fun and learning we have planned:

Day 1 - Jesus Yesterday - He was There

John 1:1-3, The creation story

Day 2 - Jesus in the Past - He Makes a Way

Moses and the Red Sea

Day 3 - Jesus Today - He Helps Me Be Brave

David and Goliath

Day 4 - Jesus Today - He Loves Me

Jesus Feeds the 5,000

Day 5 - Jesus Forever - He is Coming Again

Revelation 21 - Heaven

Please join us! Workers Needed for:

- Leading Songs and Motions
- Teaching Bible Lessons
- Creating Crafts
- Organizing and Serving Snacks
- Indoor and Outdoor Games
- Decorating

Please contact our 2026 Vacation Bible School Director, Kelly Snow, if you can help!
Email: snowmeltingaway@gmail.com - Mobile: 206-683-8191



JUNE UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

THUR
JUNE
4

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

4:30-6:30 PM | ALL AGES

SUN
JUNE
7

ALL AGES YOUTH GROUP

12:00-2:00 PM | YOUTH 10 & UP

THUR
JUNE
11

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

4:00-6:00 PM | LAST CONFIRMATION CLASS

SUN
JUNE
14

YOUTH SUNDAY & YOUTH PARTY

TIME TBD | ALL AGES WELCOME

MORE DETAILS WILL COME VIA EMAIL

Confirmation

Over the past few weeks, our Thursday youth group meetings have been a confirmation class for students who are interested in joining the church. Led by Talea and Pastor Tom, the youth have learned about the history of this church, what it means to be a Presbyterian, the importance of scripture and how it applies to their lives.

We look forward to seeing these youth continue to grow in their faith and make a decision whether to officially join the church at the conclusion of this class.

Youth Director Update

We have been blessed to have Talea Blasko as a part of our staff since January of 2025. Talea will conclude her time as a part of our staff on Sunday, June 14th. On that Sunday, we will recognize our graduates, our scholarship recipients and the youth will help lead the service. We are also rapidly approaching a time where we will be able to announce our new Youth Director. We are in the process of finalizing the last details and should have that announcement coming soon. Watch the What's Happening for more details. Talea will be leaving us and preparing to attend Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences in Yakima, Washington in the fall. Please join us in wishing her the best of luck and offering our thanks for the way that she has worked with our youth and families over the last 18 months.

Congratulations CLASS OF 2026

On Sunday, June 14th, we will recognize and honor our High School and College Graduates. Join us as we celebrate this milestone with them and hear what their next chapters will be!

2026 High School Graduates

Sterling Fox - Snohomish High School

Sofia Rodriguez - Homeschool

2026 College Graduates

Bradley Baker - Oregon State

Jasper Gallagher - Eastern Washington University

Denton Johnson - Central Washington University

Congratulations to the following 2026 FPCS Scholarship Recipients:

- Dylan Baker - Western Washington University
- Jacob Bennet - Fuller Theological Seminary
- Talea Blasko - Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences
- Madison Boerger - Central Washington University
- Riley Boerger - Central Washington University
- Sam Bowles - Western Washington University
- Katherine Carr - Cascadia Community College
- Sterling Fox - Western Washington University
- Anna Mentzos - University of Utah
- Ella Pettyjohn - Western Washington University
- Sofia Rodriguez - Whitworth University
- Benjamin Steele - Central Washington University
- Colette Wilson - Stanford University

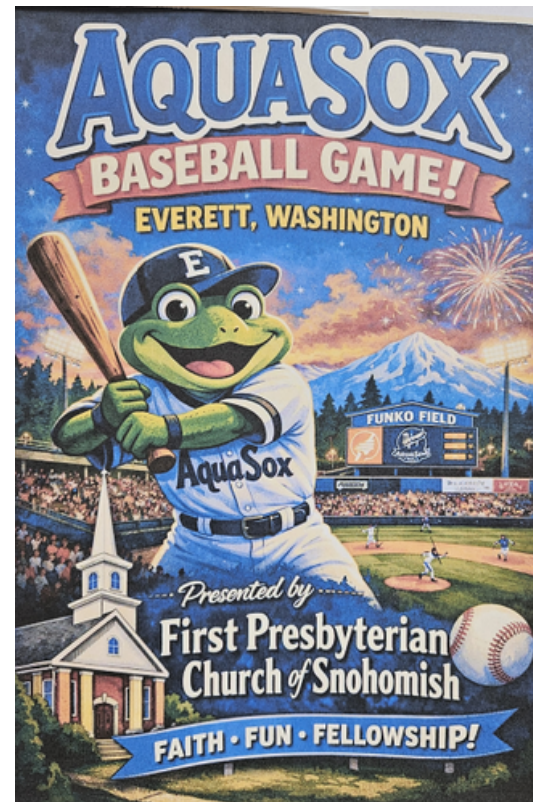




We will be participating in the Snohomish Pride Parade again this year. The date of the parade is Saturday, June 6th. If you are interested in walking in the parade this year, sign-ups are available in the Narthex at the church, or send an email to the church office (office@snopres.org) letting them know that you would like to participate.

SAVE THE DATE

It's CHRISTMAS IN JULY for AquaSox fans as they cheer on their team ... Saturday, July 25th at 7:05 pm as they face off against the Eugene Emeralds. The FPCS group will be sitting and cheering together in a reserved section, greeted by the mascot, welcomed on the scoreboard, and waiting to win prizes! And wait, there is more - FIREWORKS after the game! All of this for \$16 per person! If you are interested, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Tickets will be available later in June at the church on Sundays or through the church office. Remember to bring your mitt and sun protection, as we know it will be sunny☀️.



Our summer golf season begins on **Tuesday, June 2nd** at the [Snohomish Golf Course](#) with tee times beginning at **5:30 pm**. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early so that we can assign teams. We play every Tuesday evening throughout the summer in a very relaxed scramble format and have a great time. Pay your green fees and meet us under the tree by the first tee. **All ability levels are welcome.** Please contact Vern or Polly Fox if you have questions.



Farmer's Markets are coming your way this summer. They begin on June 21st and are held every other week throughout the summer in front of the church entrance. Women's Ministries appreciates your donations of fruits and veggies, baked goods, books, and small items that can be offered for sale. These things are brought on the day of the sale before church. Please put us on your list and be thinking about what you can donate this year! Women's Ministries utilizes the funds raised to offer activities and scholarships throughout the year. If you have questions, please contact *Linda Mueller* at 425-299-3633 or another member of Women's Ministries: *Melissa, Jan, Marge, Marcia, or Rita*. We are all looking forward to the 2026 Market Days!! Thank you for YOUR donations and support!

SNOPRES
SOUL PUB

What's on the menu?
 Talk about Jesus, Church, & Religion
 without fear or judgement

JOIN US JUNE 17, 24 & JULY 1
(WEDNESDAYS)
6-7:30PM
BRAVA'S PIZZA
 120 GLEN AVE
 SNOHOMISH

Bring a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker...all
 are welcome!

Join us on Sunday, June 21st as we recognize and honor our volunteers. It takes a village to do all of the things that the church does - not only internally, but in the community as well. We will recognize our volunteers during the service and then celebrate afterwards with chocolate cake and cookies! Come join us!



Coffee Bar News

Starting June 7th, we will no longer be providing donuts with our coffee before and after worship. Due to the rising cost of donuts and our limited budget we have decided to only provide the coffee. We appreciate your understanding of our decision in this matter. If you would like to still provide donuts or other treats we would appreciate them. Thank you for your understanding.

Congregational Care Ministry



Statement of Financial Position (as of April 30, 2026)

General Operating Fund: \$66,900

(about one and one-half months of expenses)

Invested Reserves: approximately \$1.422 million, allocated as follows:

- Unrestricted: \$402,000 (Session-directed use)
- Purpose-given: \$532,600 (designated for specific projects)
- Scholarships: \$245,100
(funded by investment gains)
- Permanently restricted: \$242,500
(held in perpetuity; income supports donor-directed purposes)

Investments in Vanguard increased by \$108,000 in April, recovering the March losses. The church remains debt free.

Capital Improvements (2026)

- Chairs: \$16,160 has been collected through April; this reflects full funding of the targeted 40 chairs.

Note: Totals are rounded to nearest \$100.

Statement of Activities April 2026 Year to Date

<u>Ordinary Income/Expenses</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income (Cash Sources)	\$189,832	\$209,570
Expenses (Cash Uses)	\$188,568	\$192,403
Net Income (Loss) Shortfall	\$1,264	\$17,167

PER CAPITA

Just an brief update on our Per Capita. The Per Capita fee is a “membership” expense of \$61.12 that is paid for every member of our church. Portions of these payments go to the General Assembly, which among other things, supports Presbyterian missions worldwide. Other payments go to regional Synods. The remaining amount stays at home with our local Presbytery which they use to minister to the local Presbyterian churches. As of May 30th, we have received \$5,292.90 in Per Capita contributions. If you haven’t paid yours yet, you may do so online or by sending a check and adding ‘Per Capita’ to the memo line.

Thank you!

Your Stewardship Committee



SESSION CORNER • JUNE 2026

News & Notes from Your Session



Session met on May 4th for its regular monthly meeting. It was a prayerful gathering as Session acknowledged several members and leaders who are currently absent due to recovery, accident, family needs, and illness. We continue to hold all those facing difficult circumstances in our prayers.



MAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Session approved the hiring of Dr. Jason Harris as our new Music Director beginning in May
- The Youth Director search team shared they have identified a candidate and expect to bring a recommendation to Session soon
- Sanctuary Refresh planning continues, with new chairs expected to be ordered soon and work anticipated to begin this summer



STRATEGIC PLANNING

Session also reflected on the recent Vision Planning gathering and continues to focus on strengthening communication, supporting active participation across the congregation, and preparing faithfully for the future of the church.



LOOKING AHEAD

Planning continues for our 150-Year Celebration, ministry leadership searches, and upcoming facility projects as we continue moving through this important season together.



Thank you for your continued prayers for our church, staff, leaders, and congregation.



Approved Session minutes available here: [[April Session Minutes](#)]

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Session Corner reflects the most recent Session activity.  
Linked minutes are the most recently approved minutes.  
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Remember in your prayers...

(bold text indicates new prayer request)

Church Family Members

- **Sue Davis as she recovers from surgery**
- Caitlyn Bilbruck and family - baby Vera was delivered by c-section weighing 11lb 2 oz and is in the NICU
- Additional prayers for Austin Bilbruck as he tries to be in all the different places he needs to be - and for all their family
- For those having undergone recent surgeries or dealing with health challenges
- For Jann and Harold Johnston as Jann has recently gone into a rehab facility
- Vicki Hesseltine as she undergoes chemotherapy
- John Hesseltine as he wrestles with cardiac issues
- Marsha Murray recovering at home after a fall - recovering from a broken wrist and pelvic bones
- For Marlene Latimore - losing her eyesight
- Charlie and Ann Lewis and family - health
- Prayers for the work of the PNC
- Sara Seiber - treatment for cancer

PRAISES!

- **For Easton Reed Skinner, first Great- Grandson for Martha Skinner, born 5/17!**
- **Thanksgiving for the joy of Marlene Jo Denini and the youth, at her baptism on Sunday 5/24**

Ongoing Prayer Support

- Continued prayers for persistent political unrest and financial instability in Cameroon
- Prayers for peace where there is war and turmoil: Israel, Palestine/Gaza, Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen, Haiti, and many other places
- All refugees forced to leave their homes due to violence/natural disasters; all those left homeless, and those experiencing hunger; for those suffering for any reason throughout the world
- Global leaders--for wisdom, and the will and courage to act justly, and to uphold human rights

Friends of FPCS

- **Jim Skinner (Martha Skinner's son) having heart surgery on June 1st**
- **prayers for the family of our sister in Christ Mary Ann Martin of Neah Bay PC. She was the matriarch of the Makah Tribe who was in an auto accident in March and passed away this past Tuesday**
- **Brian Melseth, the father of Rose Fowler's daughter-in-law, had back surgery and has been struggling - no appetite and significant unexplained weight loss**
- **Toko Magnus' brother had lymphoma 20 years ago, went into remission after chemotherapy, but was recently diagnosed with a recurrence - he started chemotherapy recently and so far is tolerating it well**
- For Herb Byerly - recovery from skin cancer surgery on his eye, and for his emotional health
- For the family of Pastor Tom's friend who died suddenly of a heart attack
- Hank Robinett's daughter Julie Ann Smith suffering from increasing Alzheimer's
- For the Mueller's two-and-a-half year old granddaughter Ava, who has fatty liver disease and health issues
- Prayers that Cindy Duncan's (Jan Gavin's niece) body will continue to tolerate the chemo that is now controlling the tumors
- Doug Hood - nephew of Jean & Jim Hunter with stage 4 liver cancer - chemotherapy; also for Doug's dad Larry recovering after two falls
- Pastor Moses and Margaret, struggling with a number of serious health issues
- Cynthia Sundman, missionary in Peru

Homebound: Josh Hesseltine, Rosemary Bailey, Dick Sundman, Marilyn de Soto, Barb Holmes, Carolyn Moss, Merridee Vuori

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18



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