



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

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Pastor's Corner

Signs of Resurrection!

Thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 15:57 NLT

Once again this Easter we will celebrate the best news ever: Jesus has conquered sin and death! And because of that, we too can experience resurrection. Not just when we die but also here and now.

When sin and death are present in our lives it is easy to feel that these are the only reality. It is very discouraging to repeat hurtful behaviors. The death of someone we love is extremely sad. Suffering can be excruciatingly painful. But because of God's presence, we can experience something good on the other side of our discouragement, grief and pain.

The gospel of Mark concludes by telling us that after Jesus' death and resurrection, people "went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it" (Mark 16:20). God continued to do things that let people know that resurrection was true. They were experiencing signs of resurrection in their life that confirmed all that Jesus said and did.

We too can experience signs of resurrection in our lives here and now. Observing these can confirm to us and others the truth of God's loving, powerful presence in our lives. In a world where there is lots of discouragement, grief and suffering, seeing these signs of resurrection is so important. In addition to enjoying the grace of these moments, they also give us hope in the journey ahead.

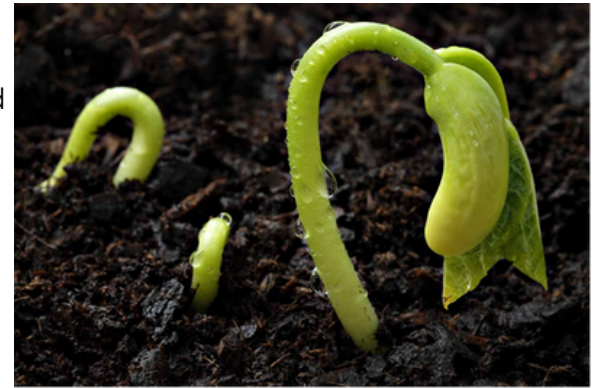
Where are you seeing signs in your life that confirm resurrection is true? Here are a few that I have observed in the past month:

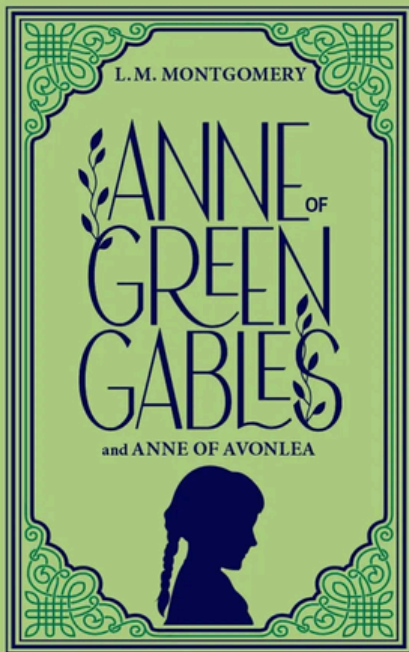
- Plants growing after winter
- New plant life appearing and flowers starting to appear
- Peace and confidence even amidst difficulties
- Provision for more than what I needed in situations
- People eager to learn and grow in faith after hurt and loss
- Destructive behavior patterns being broken
- A friendship beginning through kind interactions
- Forgiveness reconciling a relationship where there were hurtful interactions
- New ways of seeing challenges and new steps of faith

May the everyday signs of resurrection give us a renewed peace, confidence and hope as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection through all we think, say and do!

Tom Dabazinskas

Interim Pastor





Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club returns from its spring break to discuss a classic – 'Anne of Green Gables' by L.M. Montgomery. The book club will meet on Wednesday, April 8th at the home of Ona Kassebaum. Our reviewer will be Pat Bond. If you have questions, please contact Carol Johnson at (360) 563-9641 or by email at cjohnson98290@gmail.com



FPCS currently has **two open positions** that we are seeking to fill. Read below for more information. If you know someone who may be qualified, please share this with them.

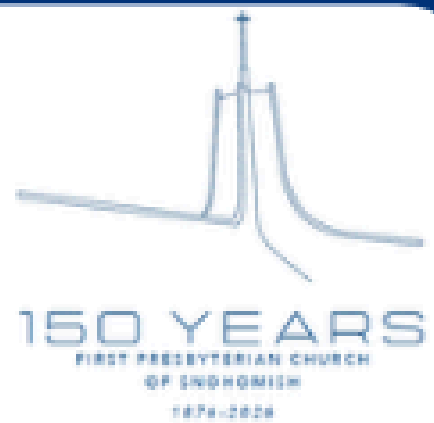


We are enthusiastically searching for a new **Director of Music Ministries**. Would you help share the opportunity? Here is an easy link to the [Job Description](#) and our [Church's Videos](#) of our Worship Services, to send to anyone you know (or anyone they know) who might be gifted and interested in helping our praise bring Glory to God.

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With Taleda's time as our Youth Director coming to an end in May/June, the search for a new Director of Youth Ministries is underway. The search team has been formed and is already hard at work. The [Job Description](#) has been finalized and will be posted to a number of sites in the coming weeks. If you know of anyone who may be interested please share. The position is also on our church website at www.snopres.org/job-opportunities



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Saturday, August 29th for an Old Fashioned Community Social to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Snohomish.

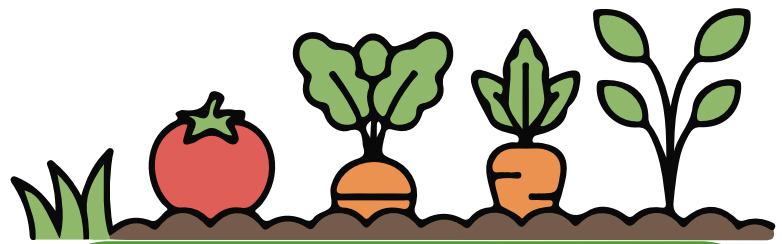
If you would like to be involved, please plan to see Michael Prihoda after church on Sunday, April 12th and 19th. If you can't make those dates, don't worry, this will be an All Hands on Deck Event!!





Attention: High school seniors, first year trade school, and returning trade school, university, seminary, or graduate students who are affiliated* with the First Presbyterian Church of Snohomish, the application for **scholarships** is now open! The application is available online by following this link: [APPLICATION](#). If you have questions, please contact Kate in the church office.

*affiliated - are those parents and students who attend first Presbyterian Church of Snohomish, or staff and students of missionaries whom our congregation personally support. It also includes those students who participate in First Presbyterian Church Youth Group.



THANK YOU!

The Victory Garden Team would like to thank all those donated garden equipment and who came out to help us get the garden ready for our first planting. The fencing is up and we will soon see the first shoots of potatoes and onions breaking through the surface. If you would like to help nurture the garden or if you have questions, please contact Paula Erickson or a member of the Victory Garden Team. Also, see the Bulletin Board in the Narthex for more information on the Victory Garden Team!



A.C.T.+

Antidote . CPR . Tourniquet .

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHILE YOU WAIT FOR AN AMBULANCE TO ARRIVE?

Most people don't have the time to commit to a full-on first aid class which meets over several days, yet we all need to know what to do in an emergency. Snohomish Fire Department has prepared a **FREE** 2-hour First Aid Class which covers the most common reasons that an ambulance is called, and what people should do while they wait for the ambulance to arrive. So please mark your calendars for **Friday, April 24th** from **4 to 6pm** to be in the **Lake View Hall** in order to attend the class. Help us to know how many will attend by following this link and getting registered. **REGISTER HERE**

Please feel free to invite friends, co-workers, neighbors or others who might want to join us for this event.



Congregational Care Ministry.

Coffee Bar



The Congregational Care Ministry Team is asking for your help. As with many ministry teams, the Congregational Care we are operating with a reduced budget. In order to be able to do more of the work that is part of what the Congregational Care team does, we need your help. If you are able to donate cans of coffee, donuts, or other treats, it would be incredibly helpful. We could also use volunteers to make coffee and provide donuts or treats. Our team appreciates everyone who has supported our ministry. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Marge Bryan at marge.bryan@comcast.net.

With appreciation, *Marge Bryan, Linda Fuller, Cathy Haddenham*

Friday, April 24th, 1:00 pm

Lake View Hall

Come hear a retired air traffic controller (our own Howard Stoess) tell about his experiences in a tower- and stay for pie and coffee! Enjoy the afternoon with your friends! Bring a pie and an extra container and home some slices of a different kind of pie. Sign up in the Narthex



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

Growing Together

The Youth and Family Ministry is so thrilled to report that Wonder-Full Worship is in full swing, with carefully planned, Bible-based lessons every Sunday. Thanks to Joyce and David Chambers for faithfully planning the curriculum and supporting crafts and teaching tools that lead children through rich Bible stories. It is changing lives!



**WE ARE HOLDING EACH OTHER CLOSE
AND GROWING TOGETHER!**

FRIENDSHIP

Proverbs 27:17 tells us, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."



That's what we're doing while we fill Easter eggs or jump into the pool together, we are growing as brothers and sisters in the Lord. One family, held together by our love for Him and love for one another!



Wonder Full Worship

Everyone is welcome to be part of this ministry. We're looking for caring adults who can help create a safe, joyful space for our kids. Each week we need one adult helper to partner with the teacher already scheduled. Here's how you can get involved:

- Bring your children, grandchildren, or invite neighborhood families--everyone's welcome.
- Consider volunteering as a teacher--we're building a fantastic team.
- Please keep our leaders and children in your prayers.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Joyce Chambers or Shelagh Hizey. We would love to have you involved!

APRIL Upcoming Youth Events	
2 April 4:30-7ish	Community Kitchen & evening service following (@1 st pres)
4 April 8:00-11:00--> Parade 1:00-3:00--> Egg Hunt	Snohomish Easter Parade and Community Easter Egg Hunt
12, 26 April 12:00-2:00	All Ages Youth Group
9, 16, 23, & 30 April 4:00-6:00	Senior High Youth Group
19 April 12:00	Youth D&D



Sundays – 12:00 to 2:00 pm – All Ages Youth Group
Thursdays – 4:00 – 6:00 pm – Sr. High Youth Group
1st Thursdays – Community Kitchen
3rd Sundays – 12:00 – 2:00 pm - Youth Group D&D
For more information, contact Talea at
youth@snopres.org

The poster for the Easter Egg Hunt features a light blue background with a white circular area in the center. On the left, there is a wooden cross decorated with white lilies. At the bottom, there is a row of colorful Easter eggs (pink, yellow, green, blue, and white with patterns) on a grassy surface. In the top right corner, it says "HOSTED BY: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL". The central text reads: "FREE CHILDREN'S Easter Egg Hunt SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026, 1:00 PM LOCATION: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SNOHOMISH 1306 LAKE VIEW AVENUE". There are also small logos for "Snohomish County Parks & Recreation" and "Snohomish County Library" in the bottom right corner.

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The poster for Easter Sunday features a light beige background. On the left, there is a green seedling with two leaves growing out of a mound of brown soil, set against a background of green grass at the bottom. The text on the right reads: "EASTER SUNDAY April 5, 2026 WORSHIP: 10:30 AM Snohomish First Presbyterian Church 1306 Lake View Ave.".

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We would love to hear from you! If you have ideas for future activities or would like to share thoughts, please contact us via email Office@snopres.org. We are here for you!



Meet the Spring 2026 FPCS New Members!

Back Row: Caitlyn Caluya-Bilbruck, Eric & Shelley Helzer

Front Row: Duane & Edie Pelerine, Marlene Jo Denini, Austin Talbot

With joy we welcome new members into the SnoPres Church Family. These new members have gone through our Discover FPCS Class to learn about our church history and get an introduction to what it means to be Presbyterian. They have been examined by members of Session and will join us on Sunday to profess their faith and officially join the church.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1-2

TALL TIMBER

MAY 2ND 5K

*SHAKE OFF
winter*



Register by April 4th
at [Talltimber.org](https://talltimber.org)

- Check-in starts at 9AM
- 5k race kicks off at 10AM
- New espresso bar will be **open**
- Registration is **\$50**/participant
- BBQ lunch available at 12:30PM



Grab your running shoes and join us on May 2nd for our first ever 5K race at Tall Timber! Whether those shoes have seen a handful of miles or thousands, this event is for anyone who wants to shake off the last bits of winter and experience the beauty of Tall Timber. Bring your friends, family, and we'll see you at the starting line!

#TT5K

Earth Day Celebration Climate Future Film Festival

Friday, April 18, 2026
5:00 pm
913 Second Street, Snohomish

Pot Luck
(bring a snack or sweet to share)

5:30 – 7:30

4 award-winning short films
presented by



Green
Snohomish

and
Creation Stewards
Of

St. John's Episcopal Church

Snohomish Spring Tree Tour will be held Saturday, April 25
11:00 AM – Snohomish Carnegie Building, 105 Cedar Street



Statement of Financial Position

As of February 28, 2026

	As of Feb. 28, 2026	As of Feb. 28, 2025 (PY)
Assets		
General Operating Account	\$ 86,998	\$ 226,432
Other Assets	22,826	34,518
Total current assets	\$ 109,824	\$ 260,950
Investments		
General Fund - Unrestricted	379,804	437,881
General Fund - Restricted	561,836	288,834
Scholarship Endowment Funds	238,532	209,446
Permanently Restricted Funds	242,521	242,521
Total Investments	\$ 1,422,493	\$ 1,178,682
Total Assets	\$ 1,532,317	\$ 1,439,632

In February, the Church had \$39,985 in total operating income and had total expenses of \$43,260 resulting in a net loss of \$3,275 from operations, compared to an expected net loss of \$3,641. We ended the month with \$86,998 to support our day to day operations and ministries, and had a total of \$379,804 in Unrestricted Funds that can be used as the Session directs.

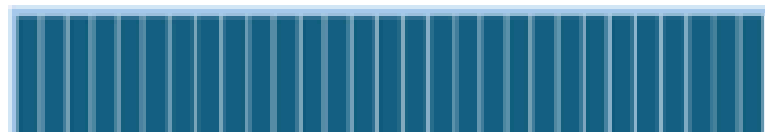
Statement of Activities

Year to Date Through February 2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Offerings	\$ 94,882	\$ 110,872	\$ 538,977
PerCapita Collections Inc	121	200	6,500
Other Income & Gifts	3,117	4,308	21,350
Total Income	97,920	115,380	565,827
Total Expense	87,871	92,739	565,827
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 10,049	\$ 22,641	\$0

Foundations for the Future

Celebrating 150 years of ministry through FPCS and faithfully preparing for what God will do next!



\$145,000
Pledges and Gifts Received as of 3/31

\$5,000
Pledges and Gifts to Reach our Goal

PULL UP A CHAIR!

We are very close to meeting our goal for the Sanctuary Refresh project! Through the generous gifts of this congregation, we have reached the \$335,000 mark of our \$350,000 goal!

One of the Refresh chairs will be placed on the Sanctuary floor. Each chair is a reminder of the love and support of the congregation, giving people the opportunity to personalize how they would like their gift to be known.

Our hope is to finish funding this campaign by Easter Sunday (April 5th). You can pay online or fill out this form, and return it with a check to the office.



SESSION CORNER - March 2026

Session met on March 2nd and continues to move forward together in this important season of transition for our church. With grateful hearts and a shared commitment to the future, we are focusing on both caring for our current ministries and preparing for what lies ahead.

One of the encouraging updates this month is the continued progress on the Sanctuary Refresh. We are nearing our goal of \$150,000 for our 150th year, with approximately \$135,000 already received. This reflects not only generosity, but a shared vision for the future of our worship space. Additional needs, including seating, will be communicated in the coming weeks as we work toward completing this effort.

Session also approved several important items that support the life of the church. Funding was approved to replace carpet in the education wing, and we affirmed a recommendation to ensure consistent nursery staffing during all hours of operation. These decisions reflect a commitment to both stewardship of our facilities and care for the families we serve.

Our Strategic Planning teams continue their work across key areas. Facilities shared that major projects identified in the recent engineering report have been completed, and ongoing support is in place as needed. Communications is actively planning for our 150-year celebration, and Youth & Family ministries continue to grow and evolve, including progress in the search for a Youth Director and plans to reshape Sunday school in the fall.

A significant milestone this month was Session's approval of the Pastor Job Description and endorsement of the Ministry Discernment Profile, both developed through thoughtful work by the Pastor Nominating Committee. These steps move us forward in the process of calling our next installed pastor and reflect careful discernment about who we are and who we are called to be as a church.

We also look ahead with care for our interim pastor, Tom, who will be undergoing back surgery in April. Session is working to ensure that the congregation is supported during his recovery and that ministry continues smoothly during that time.

Throughout all of this work, Session remains grounded in prayer, discernment, and a deep commitment to transparency. We recognize that this season of transition brings both questions and opportunities, and we are committed to walking this path together as a congregation.

If you would like to review the most recently approved Session minutes, you can find them here: [February Session Minutes](#)

(Note: Session Corner reflects the most recent Session meeting, while the linked minutes are from the previously approved meeting, as Session approves minutes one month in arrears.)

Please continue to keep Session, our leadership teams, and our church in your prayers as we move forward together.

Remember in your prayers...

(bold text indicates new prayer request)

Church Family Members

- For Mary Lee Locknane and her family in the passing of her son-in-law Kevin Poole after a long battle with cancer
- For Jean Hunter and her family - Jean is at home recovering from heart surgery
- For Marlene Latimore - losing her eyesight
- For healing and comfort for Shirley Feik as she recovers from surgery for a broken hip, and for Bob Feik, also recovering from surgery
- Prayers for Dede Babcock and her sister-in-law Lois Reed as they mourn the loss of Dede's brother Tim
- For Val McKenzie as they address health issues
- The family of Bill Barker and Jerry Williamson as they mourn the loss of both of these wonderful individuals
- For Kathryn Powell and her family in the passing of Thurlow, and for her health issues
- **Mary Beth Kurtenbach - upcoming surgery**
- For Steve and Susan Matuschak as they navigate health concerns
- Dick Sundman, Cynthia, and Laurie and their whole family following the passing of Elaine
- Charlie and Ann Lewis and family - health
- Prayers for the work of the PNC
- Rich Guthrie - heart issues
- Sara Seiber - treatment for cancer
- Shelagh Hizey - cancer treatment

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

PRAISES!

- **Praise for the New Members who are joined the church last Sunday!**
- **Shirley Feik has returned home!**
- Welcome to baby Audrey Joanne Smith born Tuesday, Feb 3rd to Laurel and Jared - Mom and baby are both doing well!

Friends of FPCS

- **Marlo Jensen (Caleb Furr's Uncle) recovering from successful heart surgery**
- **Hank Robinett's daughter Julie Ann Smith suffering from increasing Alzheimer's**
- **Elders from Makah tribe who were recently in a terrible car crash**
- **Mike Hochberg ablation procedure for A-fib and related issues**
- **Marge Bryan for comfort and peace for her two cousins in England who have lost loved ones recently**
- **Barb Rubalcava for protection and clarity for her granddaughter who is troubled**
- **Nancy Walker for her daughter-in-law who is struggling**
- **Linda Mueller for her two-and-a-half year old granddaughter Ava, who has fatty liver disease and health issues**
- For Patrick - brother-in-law of Marge Bryan's daughter - pancreatic cancer
- 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

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

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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April Dates to Note:

- 2 - Maundy Thursday Service
- 3 - Good Friday Service
- 4 - Easter Egg Hunt
- 5 - Easter Service
- 8 - Women's Book Club
- 24 - Deacon Sponsored Event
- A.C.T. Training - Rescheduled

See the Light for more details on all of these events!

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