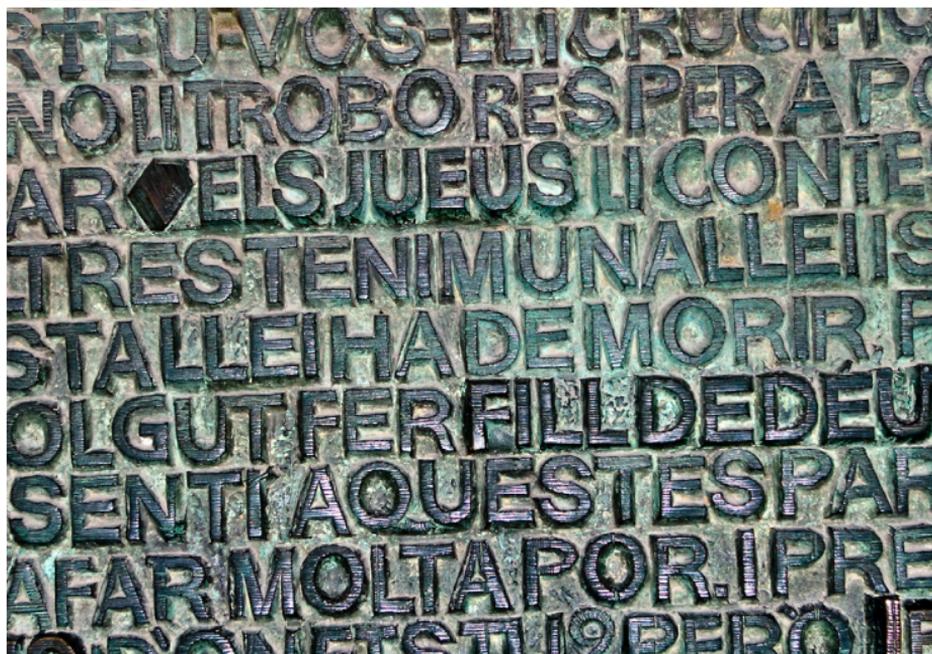




first christian church TACOMA



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

“Words Matter”

James 3: 1-12

September 12, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.



@fctacoma

Website: www.fctacoma.org

Email: info@fctacoma.org

Phone: 253.752.7734

**Please stand if you are able*

Gathering Music Kenneth Tucker

Welcome Rev. Doug Collins

Prelude FCC Trio

I Saw the Light

Call to Worship Jan Riley

We have come together because of God:

*We are created and sustained by the power of
God's love.*

We have come together because of Jesus:

*We accept his revolutionary example that shows
us what life means.*

We come together because of the Spirit:

*We experience that presence that inspires and
blesses our fellowship.*

Let us worship God through Jesus in the Spirit!

***Opening Hymn** CH 61

All Things Bright and Beautiful

A Time for Prayer Pastor Doug

*After a pastoral prayer is offered, worshippers are invited to light
a candle at a nearby station as we continue our time of prayer.*

Live in Charity

CH 523

Community Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Find this week's responsive prayer insert in your pew.

Scripture Reading Jan Riley

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my
brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach
will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us

make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Sermon

Pastor Doug

"Words Matter"

***Listening for the Word in Music**

Insert

Wonderful Words of Life

Call to Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering can be placed at the conclusion of our service in one of the two trays located at the back of the sanctuary. You can also give online anytime at <http://bit.ly/fccgiving>.

Communion Hymn CH 419

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Sharing God's Feast

communion prayer

musical meditation

***Closing Hymn** CH 477

Pass it on

***Benediction Song & Blessing**

God Be With You

Dismissal & Postlude FCC Trio

Worshippers are asked to refrain from congregating indoors.

We look forward to catching up in the courtyard.

Senior Pastor

Rev. Doug Collins (he/him)

Minister of Music

Benjamin Smith (he/him)

Comms. Asst.

Cassandra Tripp (she/her)

Interim Sound Operator

Nate Dybevik (he/him)

Video/Tech Operator

Don Tripp (he/him)