

## Tacoma: Mason United Methodist Church | [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

Mason United Methodist Church (UMC) has been located in the heart of Tacoma's Proctor District for 125 years. The Proctor District is, generally speaking, an affluent part of the city's North End whose residents are predominantly white, middle class, with differing political viewpoints represented. The North End, and especially the Proctor District, is considered to be a very desirable place to live. It has beautiful old homes, excellent schools, a compact business district (most are independent and locally owned) and is also home to the University of Puget Sound.



The majority of Mason's members are Caucasian and reside within the church's mission field. While the largest percentage of the church is 50 years old or older, there is a small but growing group of young families. Theologically, members are open-minded and consider this a welcoming congregation.

For this faith community, the church offers one worship service on Sunday morning that averages 90. The service retains a traditional form with a strong commitment to the care, upkeep, and use of the organ. In addition to the beautiful organ music, there are a number of congregational musical groups that

offer their gifts. Children are welcomed throughout the service, participating as acolytes and ushers, and have a special message given to them in each service.

Mason UMC's facilities are heavily used by community organizations including: FISH Food Bank, Northwest Repertory Singers, Old Town Cooperative Preschool, and several 12 step programs. Members volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, the Northwest FISH Food Bank, the annual Hunger Walk, and serve on the Board of Associated Ministries.

The best pastor for Mason's future will be someone who can bridge the gap between older members and new families, theological and political differences, is comfortable with technology, energetic and personable, and can connect with the congregation's vision. In addition, the minister should be a strong preacher, administratively skilled, and willing to lead the congregation in connecting with the surrounding community. The congregation would prefer that the pastor live in the community and has a parsonage available for them to do so.

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