



Bearing Fruit Together

**I am the vine, you are branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them
bear much fruit. – John 15:5**

At FCPC, we worship and serve a God of abundance—a God who is faithful regardless of our situation, accepting us just as we are—and we are called to be the fruitful vines of the branch that is Christ. Whether through our offering of worship, our growing faith, our building of community that mirrors God's love, our loving mercy, or doing justice, we come together, this year in a different way, to be the body of Christ in Falls Church. Thank you for your generosity—for allowing God's abundance to flow through you—that has enabled us to bear fruit together this year, and look with hope to the next.

Total 2020 Budget
\$902,525

Worship

The Worship Ministry brings us together to glorify God, the strength-giving center of our life together as a community. We gather for worship at FCPC so that people can encounter the love of God that meets us where we are, no matter who we are. Whether seated around tables in Fellowship Hall or in the pews of the Sanctuary, our two services provide different approaches to praising God and experiencing God's presence and word. Through online streaming during the pandemic, we have continued to honor both approaches by alternating them each Sunday. Your generosity has supported online streaming, in-person outdoor vesper services, and continued strong preaching and excellent music program, anchored by the Chancel Choir and Honey & Locusts.

\$322,451 36%

Spiritual Growth

Our Spiritual Growth Ministry helps the FCPC community increase in biblical understanding, learn and practice spiritual disciplines, and engage in other faith-building practices that lead us into a growing relationship with Jesus. Faithful leaders have successfully moved offerings online—James' Bible studies, intergenerational Sunday School, Godly Play, Youth Group, Tuesday Prayer Group, and Saturday Bible Study & Fellowship Group. The Seekers Sunday school class is keeping in touch through weekly emails offered by their leaders, and Tuesday Prayer Group has doubled in size since going online, reaching beyond our community to include new friends in New Jersey and Massachusetts. Your faithful giving supports all these and the addition of our new Assistant Director of Youth Ministry, Noah Clark.

\$170,784 19%



Mercy

Heeding Jesus' call, the Mercy Ministry serves those in need in our greater community so that we may grow into God's Kingdom where all are welcomed, have a place, and know we are beloved. Through this ministry, we continue to offer what we have to the hungry in our community through Welcome Table, restocking the Knox Presbyterian Food Pantry through Drop & Dash food drives, and supporting the Ives House family. The pandemic has required a reworking of Welcome Table to offer meals to go, and the current need has resulted in a tripling of the number of guests we generally see in one month. Yet, your generosity has ensured that we have been able to continue to be fruitful givers of Christ's mercy beyond what we might have imagined possible at the beginning of the year.

\$168,565 19%



Justice

The Justice Ministry works to dismantle unjust systems in order to restore God's vision of justice and equality in the world. Every other Friday since June 19, we have joined with other churches in our area to stand in Silent Witness along Broad Street to elevate Black voices long silenced by systemic racism. Beginning in November and through the winter months, Silent Witness moves to Saturday at noon to sustain needed awareness of racial injustice. The ministry has continued to highlight education opportunities on a variety of justice issues, promote ways to participate in ensuring voting justice, and teamed with the Community Building Ministry to offer a discussion of *White Fragility* in online Gathering Groups. The growth of this ministry through your generosity has been another way our congregation has borne fruit together this year.

\$110,965 12%



Community Building

The Community Building Ministry offers ways for people to connect and build meaningful relationships so that we may discover and mirror God's constant and unconditional love in our midst. Despite being physically apart through much of the year, this ministry has found ways to keep us together and even forge new relationships. Fellowship hour has moved online, providing a weekly check-in after worship. Gathering Groups help us stay connected and explore our faith together while discussing a book or video online. And while Escape Weekend 2020 had to be cancelled, your generous giving will ensure our annual getaway to build community will continue; Escape Weekend 2021 is on the calendar and the Escape team has already started to plan for it.

\$129,760 14%