



JOINING THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
Hebrews 12:1

It is truly comforting to live into this verse from Hebrews that concludes a pantheon of the faithful from Abraham to the prophets. Each of us has our own faithful that have shaped us and our community—those who have gone before and walk alongside, as well as those we prepare for the future. In 2023, we recognize joining that cloud of witnesses as we continue the work of Christ in Falls Church and beyond. Making these ministries possible—especially with appropriate compensation for a full staff during inflationary times and upkeep of our building—is made possible through your continued generosity. Out of gratitude for all God bestows on us, let us joyfully bring our treasure, time, and talents to run the race that has been set before us.

WORSHIP

The commandment to worship God, and God alone, was given to the faithful who came before us, and it continues to shape who we are as a people. Through our worship, we proclaim to the world our faith in the one true God. In 2023, the Worship Team looks to complete the upgrade of our AV system to better enrich worship in person and through streaming for both our traditional and informal services; and support our Associate Pastor and Director of Music as they spend their first full years living into their calls, continuing our tradition of fine leadership, preaching, and music each Sunday.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

As people of the way, Christ calls us to grow in our discipleship. At FCPC, those who have come before us established a tradition of spiritual growth offerings that do just that. The Spiritual Growth Team continues that tradition, equipping us in our faith to be the saints of the present and future, and are excited to once again have a full staff for the entire year. In addition to the many offerings for children, youth, and adults on Sundays and throughout the week, the 2023 budget includes funds to support the Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, a new ministry that seeks to enrich us and reach out to our community.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$938,711

\$325,232

35%

\$200,631

21%

MERCY

To love mercy is a call that reaches back to the prophet Micah and was embodied fully in Jesus' ministry on earth. Through the years at FCPC, answering that call has taken on many different forms. As we look to the coming year, the Mercy Team will continue its strong leadership of Welcome Table and Ives House, support the Falls Church Emergency Shelter, and contribute to National Capital Presbytery missions and international relief. Also included are funds to support the 2023 Hypothermia Shelter, a new ministry that the team plans to continue from last year.



\$163,733

17%



JUSTICE

With the call to love mercy is its close relation, doing justice, and we again have that model Jesus provided as he taught his followers and stood for the marginalized. Our Justice Ministry takes the commandment to heart, leading the congregation to work alongside those whose voices have long been silenced. Their focus for 2023 will be to continue the quarterly "Shout Out for Justice" events along Broad Street, work through VOICE to help empower Welcome Table guests with justice issues they face, and further antiracist work by leading FCPC in embracing a role as co-conspirators for liberation.

\$108,613

12%

COMMUNITY BUILDING

It has taken a true communion of saints through the years to build the faith community that is FCPC. Mirroring the love of God through that community both within and beyond our walls is the continued focus of the Community Building Ministry. As we move into 2023, the Community Building Team's plans for shaping the community of this generation of disciples includes fostering hospitality within, as well as with the broader community; Escape weekend; the Youth SHAKE program; Vacation Bible Camp; and the College Age Ministry, which includes a new campus ministry at GMU known as ARISE.



\$140,502

15%