NARRATIVE BUDGET 2025

# JOURNEYING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY

"Look, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth—can't you see it? I'm making a road in the desert and setting rivers to flow in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19, Inclusive Bible

At FCPC, we believe that God is continuously at work through our shared journey of faith, growing and serving together with purpose and devotion. Looking toward 2025, we embrace the theme of "Journeying Together Faithfully." In this, we recognize that our financial stewardship is not just about numbers it's about the collective path we walk as a church family, seeking opportunities for renewal and transformation. Every dollar represents a step in our journey. supporting ministries that nurture our spiritual growth, outreach efforts that extend our compassion, and initiatives that sustain our mission. With gratitude for the past and hope for the future, we continue this journey, trusting in God's guidance and provision.



### WORSHIP

Throughout FCPC's history, our congregation has proclaimed to the world our faith in the one true God through worship, and we look with hope in our journey ahead as we continue this tradition. In 2025, our engaging music program that enlivens our worship experience and provides special music services throughout the year continues. Likewise, periodic Worship through Service Sundays allow us to again combine worship with service projects throughout the church. We will hear the Word preached by our new Senior Pastor, Yena Hwang, and Associate Pastor, Megan Klose, both in person and through streaming, and look to continue developing new ways of worshiping that provide meaningful experiences to young and old, nurturing people's faith.



Christmas Eve candlelight service

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The Spiritual Growth Ministry Team is excited to once again offer vibrant programming for all ages, as we grow together spiritually on our journey. We will continue with such offerings as BibleFun, Godly Play, Waffle Church, The Bridge, weekly Bible studies, an ongoing New Members class, and the third season of the Crooked Steeple Literary Festival. We will continue partnering with the Justice Ministry to further the Matthew 25 group, reading and reflecting on how to develop antiracist practices in our faith community. We will begin a new confirmation class in the fall, with our program that allows confirmands greater opportunities to explore the meaning of church membership.



Waffle Church discussion

### **MERCY**

### **JUSTICE**

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

FCPC has long answered the call of mercy, ministering to our siblings in the community by focusing on food insecurity and shelter. Locally, we will provide twice-monthly meals to our guests at Welcome Table and help stock the food pantry at Knox Presbyterian through Drop & Dash. Globally, we will again work with Rise Against Hunger to support worldwide feeding programs. In the area of shelter care, we will continue to support the Falls Church Emergency Winter Shelter, host a Hypothermia Shelter with Fairfax County, and collect recycled pop tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House mission. And we will support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the wake of natural disasters

During his ministry on earth, Jesus never tired of sitting at table with or standing for the marginalized. Our Justice Ministry answers Jesus' call for justice by leading our congregation in working alongside those whose voices have long been silenced or ignored. In 2025, FCPC's newly strengthened VOICE core team will actively work with the Fairfax VOICE group on larger actions, and foster connections within FCPC to support other groups such as the Ives House task force. As a Matthew 25 church, we will continue learning and growing together through book discussions and look for ways to help dismantle structural racism.

Community Building fosters relationships in our own faith community and the community around us. At FCPC, we will continue building fellowship each week after Sunday services, and with periodic special youth events, our annual summer picnic, and fall Escape Weekend. Throughout the school year, we will show our love and care to our college students through our College-Age Ministry program. Outside our walls, we look forward to again supporting the Crooked Steeple Literary Festival and providing Vacation Bible Camp for FCPC children and those in the community, all the time continuing our journey to seek more opportunities to connect and grow in relationship with one another



Rise Against Hunger



FCPC members at VOICE action event



Escape Weekend 2023