



FALLS CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN

## Narrative Budget 2026

### NOT A SPIRIT OF TIMIDITY BUT OF COURAGEOUS GENEROSITY

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but one of power, love, and self-discipline." ( 2 Timothy 1:7, ISV)

As we look toward a new year of ministry, mission, and faithful growth, we draw strength from the promise of 2 Timothy 1:7: *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but one of power, love, and self-discipline.* This year's theme, *Not a Spirit of Timidity*, calls us to lean into the future with:

- **Power:** Stepping forward boldly to serve our neighbors, invest in transformative ministry, and speak truth with courage.
- **Love:** Giving from hearts shaped by Christ's love, sustaining ministries that care for the vulnerable, nurture faith, and build beloved community.
- **Self-Discipline:** With prayerful intention and faithful planning, we steward our resources for long-term impact and gospel-rooted growth.

This spirit of courageous generosity is at the heart of all we do—from worship to education to mission and care. Each ministry reflects a bold and faithful response to God's call.

We invite you to be part of this faithful work. Your generosity fuels all that we are becoming together, as a church led by the Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline.

Total Budget \$999,000

## WORSHIP

Worship at FCPC is vibrant, creative, and rooted in tradition. Our services, offered both in person and online, invite all ages into meaningful encounters with God through Word, music, prayer, and participation.

Our outstanding music ministry features the Chancel Choir, Honey & Locusts, and guest musicians who enrich our worship with both reverence and joy. Special music Sundays and Worship through Service days continue to deepen and expand our shared experience of faith.

With energy, love, and purpose, we gather each week to be renewed and sent into the world.



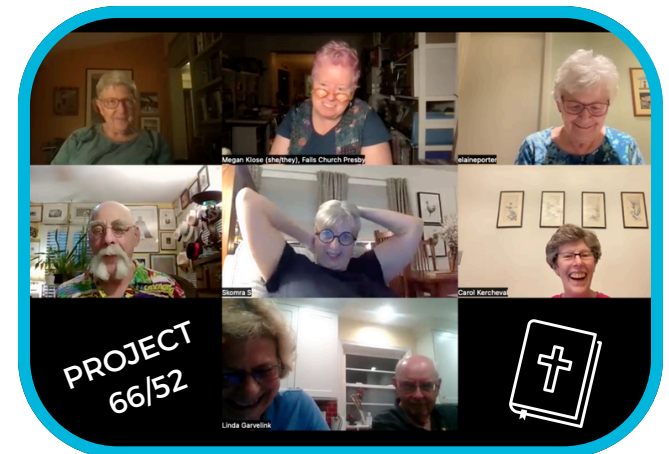
Chancel Choir, Easter Worship Service

\$330,222 33%

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The Spiritual Growth Ministry Team is grateful to offer programming that reaches all ages. We start in the sanctuary with the Kid's Corner and continue with Godly Play, The Bridge, weekly Bible studies, a new confirmation class, and an active youth program. The fourth season of the Crooked Steeple Literary Festival provides invitation and sustenance to the community.

This year, we are engaging in Project 66/52, encouraging the whole congregation to read the entire Bible and come together in conversation about its meaning in our lives. Our ongoing partnership with Matthew 25 and the Justice Ministry brings action and reflection as we discern how to steward our resources for a long-term impact on dismantling structural racism.



Project 66/52 Zoom Meeting

\$209,948 21%

# MERCY

FCPC has long answered the call of mercy, ministering to our siblings in the community by focusing on food insecurity and shelter. Locally, we provide twice-monthly meals to our guests at Welcome Table and help stock the food pantry at Knox Presbyterian through Nourish Our Neighbors. Globally, we work with Rise Against Hunger to support international feeding programs.

In the area of shelter care, we support the Falls Church Homeless Shelter with hot meals and supplies such as cold-weather gear. We host a week-long Hypothermia Shelter with Fairfax County and collect recycled pop tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House mission. We also provide disaster relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Each of these efforts reflects not timidity, but a Spirit-filled commitment to love, serve, and give—faithfully, generously, and with purpose.



*Rise Against Hunger*

**\$171,065 17%**

# JUSTICE

Strengthened by the Spirit, the Matthew 25 group will continue to guide our congregation in the ongoing work of restoring justice in the face of historic and present-day structural racism. This year, we will offer antiracism training and host speakers who invite us into deeper reflection, courage, and action.

As a committed member of VOICE, we have witnessed what is possible when communities of faith act together in power and love. We will continue to confront the severe affordable housing crisis and the growing need for mental health resources across Virginia.

During the 2026 legislative session, VOICE will advocate for a strong statewide housing bill that would remove key barriers preventing faith institutions from building housing on their land—an effort rooted in compassion, persistence, and faithful resolve.



*Antiracism Training*

**\$132,175 13%**

# COMMUNITY BUILDING

Community Building boldly nurtures joyful connection and faithful community. We foster relationships within our own church family through weekly Fellowship Hours, the annual church picnic, Share the Feast potluck meals, and the fall Escape Weekend getaway.

We also connect with the wider community by hosting the Halloween Trunk or Treat, participating in National Night Out in Cherry Hill Park, and taking part in the Falls Church Festival & Taste of Falls Church. We look forward to supporting the fourth season of the Crooked Steeple Literary Festival. Week in and week out, Community Building works to build faith through community—all for the joy of it.



*National Night Out, Cherry Hill Park*

**\$155,590 16%**