



FALLS CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN

Narrative Budget 2027

DEEP & WIDE: DIGGING DEEPER

*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
Jeremiah 17:7-8*

In a world that encourages us to skim the surface, God invites us into a deeper way of living and being. Throughout this program year we will focus on deepening our spiritual growth through worship, prayer, study, discipleship, and fellowship. We will cultivate deeper connections within our congregation, strengthening relationships that nurture us and our sense of belonging. We will extend those connections outward, building deeper relationships with our community partners as we seek to embody Christ's love in the wider world.

We will deepen our commitment to serving others, reaching beyond ourselves to share God's love in tangible ways. As we grow deeper in faith, we trust that God will also widen our capacity for compassion, service, and connection, shaping us into a community rooted in grace and reaching out in hope.

Total Budget \$1,042,340

JUSTICE

**What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?**
Micah 6:8

Jesus saw those that were marginalized by society and lifted them up. We strive to continue this work today.

As a Matthew 25 Church in the PCUSA, we work to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty. Several small groups have had anti-racism training. This helps participants understand the systemic nature of racism and white supremacy, and reflect on biases, judgments, and reactions that can be harmful. By continuing this training, we hope that we as a church community can grow together in our understanding to be an antiracist presence in our community, working toward the dismantling of structural racism.

Through our membership in VOICE, we help leverage the power of the people to improve lives, especially for those on the margins.

For years, FCPC has been a member of Covenant Network of Presbyterians, joining with other Presbyterian churches to support their mission of building a more just and inclusive church specifically for people in the LGBTQIA+ community.

\$137,021 13%

MERCY

**For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.**
Matthew 25:35

FCPC has long answered the call of mercy by focusing on domestic food insecurity and shelter, and responding to global emergencies and disasters.

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 and working with our Scout Troops through Scouting for Food. Globally, we work every year with Rise Against Hunger to support worldwide feeding programs.

In the area of shelter care, we continue to support the Falls Church Homeless Shelter with hot meals and cold weather wear. In the winter, we host a week-long Hypothermia Shelter with Fairfax County. Throughout the year, we collect aluminum pop tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House mission.

We also support communities through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the wake of natural disasters.

\$179,151 17%

WORSHIP

**Let everything that breathes
praise the Lord!**

Psalms 150:6

Worship is at the heart of our life together at FCPC, bringing our congregation together each week to pray, sing, reflect, and respond to God's call.

Through both in-person and online services, we seek to create worship that is thoughtful, welcoming, and meaningful for people of all ages.

Music continues to play a central role, with the Chancel Choir, Honey & Locusts, guest musicians, and special music Sundays contributing a rich variety of styles and traditions throughout the year.

Seasonal services and Worship Through Service provide additional ways for our congregation to experience worship, deepen relationships, and put faith into action.

Through these shared experiences, we are strengthened as a community and equipped to carry God's love beyond our walls.

\$343,376 33%

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**Keep these words
that I am commanding you today
in your heart.**

Deuteronomy 6:6

The Spiritual Growth Ministry helps our community increase in biblical understanding and engage in other faith-building practices that nourish our relationship with Jesus.

For Youngest Children

During worship in the Sanctuary, disciples age three and up are invited to continue their worship in Godly Play, a Montessori-style gathering that introduces children to the essential stories of our faith.

For Children and Youth

Upper elementary children gather once a month to eat dinner and share stories. Youth join in Bible study during worship once a month and meet for youth group weekly.

For Adults

Both long-running and short-term classes are offered for adults. A new offering is Newbies, a class aimed at helping new members connect with other members.

The Crooked Steeple Literary Festival

Heading into its fifth year, CSLF draws participants from all over the DC Metro area for inspiration from authors who read from and discuss their recent publications.

\$222,070 21%

COMMUNITY BUILDING

**Let us consider how to provoke one
another
to love and good deeds,
encouraging one another.**

Hebrews 10:24-25

Through its Community Building Ministry, FCPC welcomes and serves newcomers, members, guests, and the greater community. FCPC finds opportunities to mimic the early Church's fellowship by eating together, making friends, and sharing our blessings.

Each Sunday after worship, Fellowship Hour provides time and opportunity for members and guests to get to know each other and experience true fellowship—one donut at a time.

Share the Feasts are periodic potluck meals where members and visitors share our good cooking and take time to sit and talk with each other without rushing.

The Holiday Hangout introduces the Christmas season with seasonal food, family-focused games, Christmas Market shopping, carol singing, and an all-around good time.

When opportunities arise, FCPC also hosts concerts open to the public.

\$160,722 16%