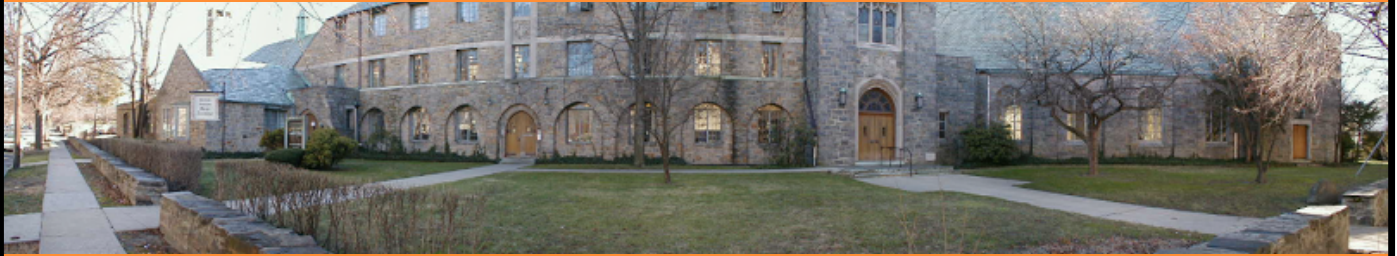


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Narrative Budget 2023

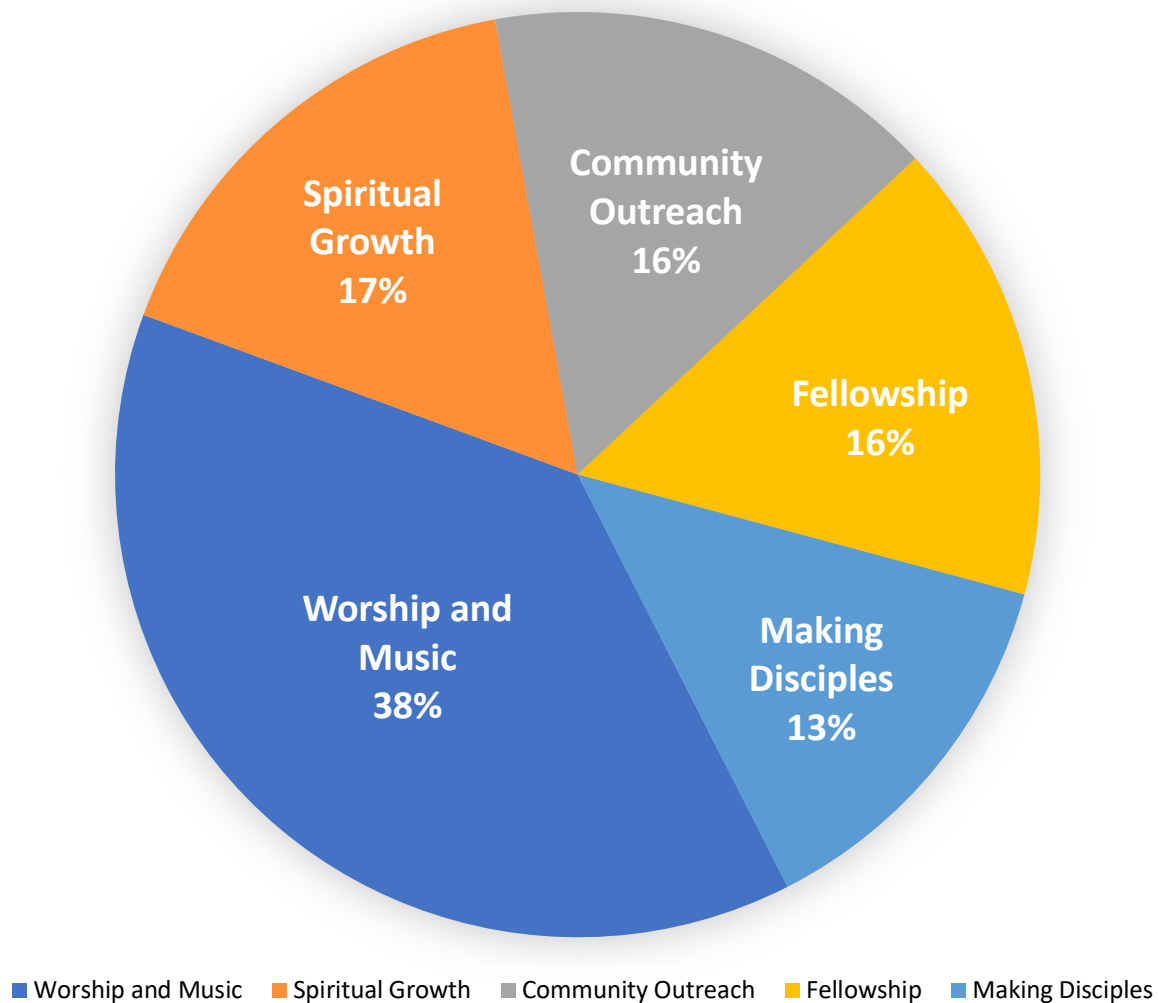


We are a welcoming multicultural people bringing others to Jesus Christ through love, worship, fellowship, and creative ministries in the community and the world.

HOW YOUR GIVING SUPPORTS THIS MINISTRY

Almighty God, we know that all things are given to us by You, including our mission. You have blessed us and continue to help us move forward. We pray that this 2023 narrative budget is acceptable in Your sight. It is our humble desire to grow Your ministry in and through FPC, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all your children so that they too can have eternal life with you. It's in your Son's name Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior that we pray to you Heavenly Father, with the power of the Holy Spirit. We love You and thank You, Amen.

FPC Ministry Budget 2023
Proposed... \$285,232



First Presbyterian Church serves Christ's ministry with loving faith and cheerful hearts. In lean times, and in times of abundance, we serve God by utilizing our God-given time, talents, and treasure to do as Jesus Christ commissioned us, to "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." God's ministry through FPC can be broken down into five categories of service: Worship and Music, Spiritual Growth, Community Outreach, Fellowship, and Making Disciples.



WORSHIP and MUSIC (2023 Proposed... \$108,703)

FPC welcomes all persons to join us as we pay homage to God every Sunday morning, as well as special worship services throughout the year including Easter, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Maundy Thursday. Our traditional worship service includes praise music, hymns, and spirituals that help to minister unto God's people through song and praise. The sermon is delivered in-person and virtually bringing God's message which helps us as we navigate life's journey learning from biblical examples and how they matter in a modern world. Although we are in the process of acquiring a new pastor, we continue to worship God with all our hearts using Presbyterian Supply Pastors, guest ministers from other churches and elders from within our community and our church.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH (2023 Proposed... \$47,155)

FPC spent 2022 without a consistent pastor, but not without leadership through our Session and Deacon Board. Our congregation remains strong and hopeful that 2023/2024 will bring about further spiritual growth through hiring a pastor, and various other means. We seek to continue to visit our sisters and brothers who are sick and shut-in, providing communion and spiritual nourishment beyond the church walls. We will explore new ways of being faithful stewards of what God has blessed us with and use those gifts toward growing God's kingdom.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH (2023 Proposed... \$45,311)

As Christians, we are called by God to be humble servants within our community, and throughout the world. We serve through various means including supporting a soup kitchen, giving apportionment to the PCUSA, donating to special programs like One Great Hour of Sharing, and Christmas Joy offering, supporting the fight against injustice by providing funds to causes like the Ukrainian Fund, and providing space for community programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Presbyterian Jazz Society, and the Youth Community Outreach Summer Program. Our church community garden helps people to participate in our commitment to take care of this wonderful planet God has blessed us with as well as provide nourishment to the bodies of God's children.

FELLOWSHIP (Proposed... \$46,054)

For FPC, fellowship has been an integral part of ministry. Fellowship is more than having snacks at the coffee hour after worship service. Movie and game nights help foster stronger relationships, as well as friendly competition! Dinner dances, scholarship luncheons, concerts, Easter Egg hunts, flea markets, car washes, Fish Fry, Home Coming celebrations, hanging out at each other's homes, and more, are all delightful opportunities for FPC friends and family to get together and have a good time, especially when that music gets playing! Scripture tells us we are to "be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." We are grateful to God for FPC being blessed with a wonderful church building and grounds, and a manse that together we call our church and pastoral homes.



MAKING DISCIPLES (Proposed... \$38,009)

Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Everyone needs to know Jesus Christ and the hope that he IS. Christian education gatherings, weekly worship, and stewardship luncheons, are some of the ways FPC helps to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others, helping one to get to know Him, experience His love, and have eternal life with God.

CONCLUSION

In the coming year we will continue to be a blessing within the Mount Vernon Community and grow even more. With your help in supporting God's ministry, the future is full of hope. Perhaps FPC can start a food pantry of its own, serving more people who are in need. Upgrading the church kitchen to commercial standards to be able to teach our community how to better provide nutrition to their families through cooking instruction may be a possibility. Perhaps we can revive the Mount Vernon Music Academy, helping people tap into their God-given musical talents. Perhaps we may have more family programs that will help young families cope with life's struggles and help them know that God will see them through. Without a doubt, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. FPC thanks you and all the friends and family of this church for your continuous and faithful support of God's ministry. Together we will continue to bless God's children, be a beacon of hope to this community and beyond and fulfill the call of spreading the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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