

2024

Annual Report

HISTORIC FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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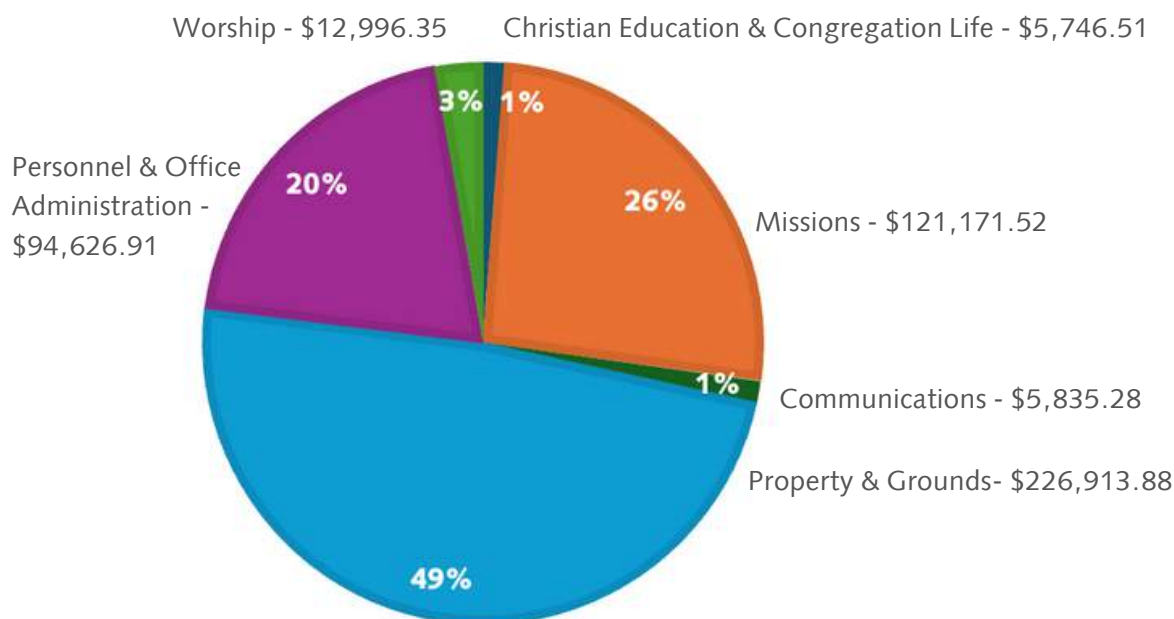


Financial Overview

Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church's budget includes many budget lines to describe income and expenses. For simplicity, this report distills multiple line items down to six ministry areas that make up our church's structure.

- Christian Education & Congregational Life
- Missions
- Communications
- Property & Grounds
- Personnel & Office Administration
- Worship

2024 Expenses were spread across these categories in the following way (chart):



2024 Income fell into four categories:

- General Offering: \$188,534.73
- Other Contributions: \$60,335.68
- Rental Income: \$223,289.41
- Miscellaneous Income: \$44,085.82

Cash on Hand (March 2025)

\$631,200 in Operating & Major Maint.

Additional Cash Available (March 2025)

\$93,800 including Discretionary, Organ, Columbarium Funds, and Endowment

The Year in Ministry

Buildings & Grounds

HFPC's buildings and grounds are home to over a century of laughter, tears, and love as the congregation has kept faithful. Some may be surprised to learn that the physical structure is entirely kept up by volunteers and a few contractors as needed, as HFPC does not employ a sexton or property manager at this time. The work of maintaining a building as old as ours is cared for by people next to you in the pew, devoted to applying their time and talents to maintain this building, both as a historical treasure and a lively worship space.

In 2024, a few of the larger projects undertaken were:

- Completing the renovation of the Stained Glass windows in the Sanctuary.
- Tuck pointing the brick work on the bell tower and along the 5th Avenue facade.
- Replacing the roof over the Education Building.
- Replacing the large HVAC for this building.

Ongoing maintenance included lawn maintenance in warm weather, snow removal and salt application in winter, and care for our plants and trees.

Christian Education

The Christian Education ministry served members of all ages. Youth Sunday school and Children's Church were offered throughout the interim. For adults, the Library Class and Breakfast Club continued on Sundays, and two Bible studies met on weekdays, thriving on

members' input and discussion. A memorable special event was the all-ages Bible School Bash, with games, songs, and stories. HFPC also reached out to our community with Tuesday-morning storytime, our Easter Egg Hunt, and Rest from Pumpkinfest, all in the courtyard.

Left: Our youngest members learn together every Sunday during Children's Church.



Below: HFPC's website and branding are recently updated.

Communications

Clear communication is vital to the health of all relationships, whether between individuals, in families or within group organizations. The Communications Committee is responsible for helping to ensure focused communications take place to people within our church, as well as messaging to the community around us in Franklin.

Over the past five years, HFPC has overhauled most of our communications touchpoints. We've created a new logo, new cohesive branding, brochure, exterior signage, and a completely new website. In 2024, the committee kept HFPC's website up-to-date with information about the pastoral search; refined our exterior signage messaging; and designed two new large banners for Memorial Hall which clarify our ministry vision and purpose for guests. The committee also explored how to best reach out to our surrounding neighborhoods, strategic work that continues in 2025.



Congregational Life

Building relationships through Christ is at the center of the church's Congregational Life ministry. In 2024, we endeavored to achieve this through our activities, programs, and outings. Regular events included Last Wednesday Fellowship suppers, each followed by a program, whether a speaker, game night, or the popular and oh-so-competitive "Name That Tune," led by Dr. John Schultz; Fourth Sunday Lunch Outings, which gained in numbers as the year progressed; and of course First Sunday Fellowship, hosted monthly after worship by one of HFPC's committees

Special events included our Annual Church Picnic, hosted by Lynne and Rex Welch; Pickleball with the Pro, led by our own Marne Smith, a certified pickleball instructor; "Songs and Strums," with Steve Young, George Mahathy, and Carson Borgman performing; October's Lunch Bunch Potluck, accompanied by the Jimmy Gentry documentary; and our annual Christmas gatherings, the Women's Tea and "Gathering of Males."

Left: A lively Fourth Sunday Lunch Outing..



Member Care

A large and enthusiastic group, the Member Care committee kept up with congregation in 2024, seeking to meet physical and emotional needs, prayer requests, and more. As HFPC awaited its new pastor, Member Care was instrumental in organizing three member funerals and worked to complete the church directory with photographs of congregants. Member Care also hosted the Franklin Art Crawl on first Fridays throughout the year, opening the church to our broader community and sharing HFPC's story.

Mission

Our Mission Committee is devoted to living out the charge of Matthew 25. Last year,

- HFPC continued its Helping Hands Homeless Program. With our partner, the Williamson County Homeless Alliance, the church hosted homeless guests on Friday evenings when extreme temperatures were forecasted.
- Our Hard Bargain Food Pantry provided food to those in need, thanks to the donations and efforts of our membership.
- With the Daughters of the King (DOTK) Feed My Lambs program, we prepared and helped deliver hundreds of meals. At Christmas, we worked alongside DOTK to prepare and serve Christmas dinner at the Reddick Senior Residence.
- HFPC also supported the Franklin Cancer Wag N Walk, Both Hands, the Hard Bargain Association, Bridges Domestic Violence Center, Graceworks, Meals on Wheels, The Outreach Foundation, Mercy Children's Clinic, and Community Outreach. We are grateful for all our mission partners.

Below: HFPC members and Daughters of the King came together to serve lunch for neighbors in summer 2024.



Personnel

As an administrative committee of the church, Personnel works behind the scenes to support and oversee the paid staff of the church. Annual performance reviews were conducted in 2024, as well as regular check-ins. And of course, our new pastor, the Rev. Claire Berry, was called and onboarded in December! Additionally, the committee continued to search for a Bell Choir Director. As of now, Cindy Morelli is filling this role as a volunteer so well that we have suspended our search.



Above: The Bell Choir leads during worship.

Worship

In 2024, our worship experience was enhanced by many pulpit supply pastors from our Middle Tennessee Presbytery. The Chancel and Bell choirs continued to lead worship with new music and energy. We welcomed a guest vocalist, Austin Raabe, and enjoyed the talents of June Warren and Dr. Tom Zimmerman. Membership led in worship by welcoming guests, reading scripture, singing hymns, ushering, serving communion, and decorating for special services. Our Advent and Christmas traditions continued with families lighting the Advent wreath, joyful voices at Lessons and Carols, and a meaningful Christmas Eve with our new minister.

Below: A round of carols at the Reddick Center.



Below: Members at the Franklin Cancer Walk.



Church Leadership

SESSION

Class of 2025

Anne Batt
Michael Gentile
Cindy Morelli
Staci Johnson

Class of 2026

Debra Van
Derveer
Caroline Stewart
John Fraser
Lynne Welch

Class of 2027

Ann Livingston
Anita Passarella
Paul Trapeni
Tonya Young

OFFICERS

Clerk of Session

Christi Ensich

Treasurer

Mike Ensich

TRUSTEES

Chair

Bill Morelli

Vice Chair

Ed Triggs

Secretary

Deborah Dobbins

STAFF

Pastor

Claire Berry

Director of Music

John Schultz

Office Administrator

Judy Pence

The Session is the governing body of the congregation, made up of ruling elders who have been elected, ordained, and installed for three-year terms. With the pastor, they exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and guide the life of the congregation. All HFPC session members serve on and/or chair committees.

The Trustees are the civil corporate officers of the church and are established under the corporate Charter and By-Laws of HFPC. The Trustees operate under the authority of Session along side the ecclesiastical officers of the church in accordance with the Book of Order. The Trustees have primary fiduciary responsibility for the HFPC Endowment Fund and the Organ Fund which are managed by Argent Trust Company and also have a fiduciary responsibility for the physical and real property of the church in collaboration with the Finance Committee and Building and Grounds Committee, all under the authority and direction of the Session.