

2025

Annual Report

HISTORIC FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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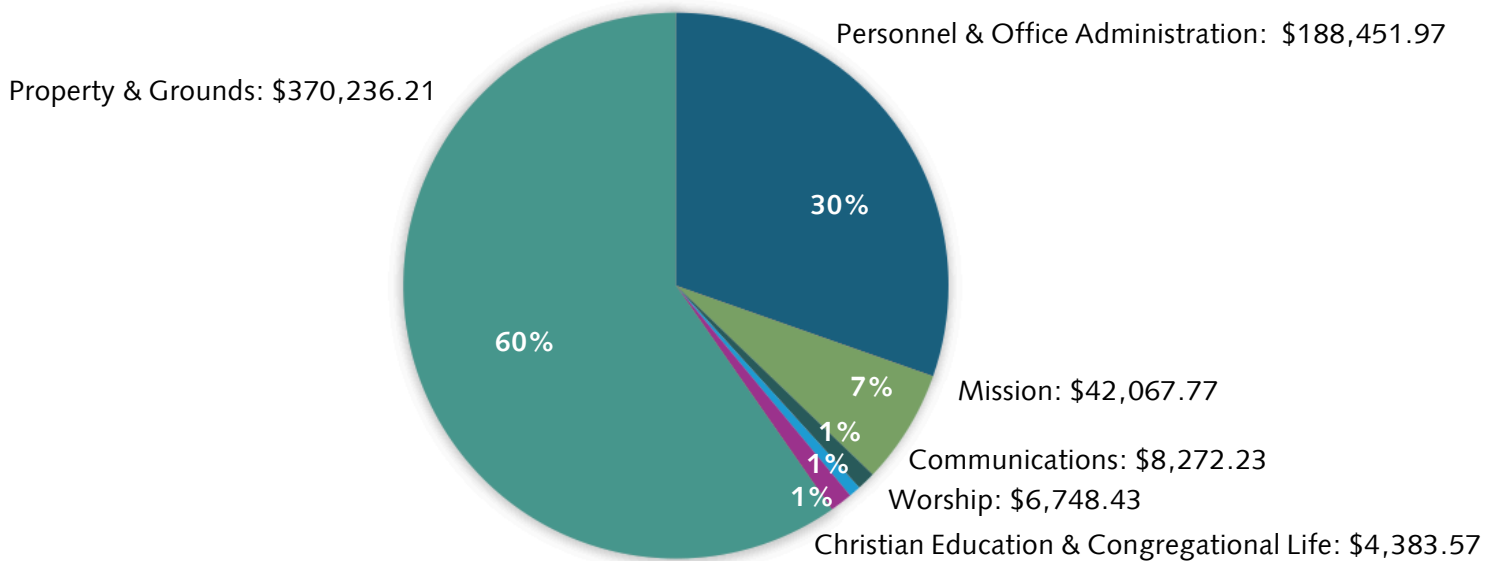


Financial Overview

Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church's budget includes many budget lines to describe income and expenses. Once again this year, we have distilled multiple line items down to six ministry areas that make up our church's structure.

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

2025 Expenses totaled \$620,160.18 spread across these categories (chart):



2025 Income (\$577,839.91) included:

- General Offering: \$239,570.05
- Other Contributions: \$110,543.02
- Rental Income: \$208,151.84
- Miscellaneous Income: \$19,575.00

Cash on Hand (Feb. 2026)

\$538,583.00 in Operating & Major Maint.

Additional Cash Available (Feb. 2026)

\$130,000 including Discretionary, Organ, Columbarium Funds, & Endowment

The Year in Ministry

Buildings & Grounds

HFPC's Buildings and Grounds committee ensures the church property is safe, clean, functional and welcoming. Key duties include overseeing repairs to the building, maintaining landscaping, and performing regular inspections for safety and codes compliance. The ministry also manages our contractors and plans for any long-term capital improvements.

2025 saw many important projects come to fruition:

- Repair and maintenance of the iron gates in our courtyard;
- Painting and repairs for the children's nursery above Memorial Hall,
- Stain glass repair;
- Installing a new HVAC system;
- Repairs to the sanctuary beams;
- Installation of ~145 new light fixtures under a MTEMC/TVA agreement giving HFPC a 70% cost reduction.

Christian Education

The Christian Education ministry served disciples of all ages this year. For children and youth, we had Children's Church every week and storytime on Tuesdays in the courtyard from spring to fall. Special events included a rousing Easter Egg Hunt with members of the community, "Rest from Pumpkinfest," and a very inspiring Youth Sunday. The Christmas Pageant, as always, was a hit! For adults, we offered two regular Sunday School classes and a daytime Bible Study all year.

For all ages, we hosted a Bible School Bash after worship in the summer. We also hosted a lunch, F2S2, similar to rally day, which focused on the myriad of educational offerings and opportunities to serve on the committees of the church.

Right: Children of the church come forward during worship to look at a mustard seed and consider how the reign of God starts but doesn't stay small!



Communications

2025 was a full and fruitful year for Communications at HFPC as we implemented both small updates and larger strategic improvements.

During Pastor Claire's first full year in ministry with us, we refreshed our website to better reflect our evolving and vibrant congregation. As part of our strategic focus, we worked to offer our community a clearer "window" into church life through a more photo-forward, welcoming approach. Our social accounts were refreshed to feel approachable, relational, and emotionally engaging. We want HFPC to be seen for what it is: a friendly, intergenerational church family.

Midyear, we launched the HFPC sermon podcast using audio from our Sunday livestreams. Sermons are now accessible across all major listening platforms through a single link. This has become a tool for outreach and connection, extending encouragement and teaching beyond Sunday mornings. Sermons are now accessible across all major listening platforms. This has become a tool for outreach and connection, extending encouragement and teaching beyond Sunday mornings.

We closed the year by deepening our photo-forward strategy, partnering with photographer Rory Fraser to capture the warmth and welcome of our holiday worship services. These professional images supported our first-ever community postcard mailer, inviting neighbors to "find a place to belong at Christmas."



Above: HFPC's Christmas mailer went to 5,000 local homes.

Congregational Life

"Relationships are at the center of our ministry." A banner in Memorial Hall lets people know we enthusiastically believe this, and strengthening relationships is the purpose the Congregational Life ministry strives to fulfill. The Congregational Life committee seeks to nurture and enhance our Church community through offering social activities and events which encourage and foster fellowship among our church members and friends. 2025 was another great year in this regard!

Events like Last Wednesday Fellowship dinners, First Sunday Fellowship after church, and our monthly lunch outings fostered deep relationships within our congregation. Our spring progressive dinner, summer picnic, and beloved Christmas events continued to be ways that God works in us and through us that are both spiritual and practical.

Right: This year's picnic included pickleball.



Member Care

A large and enthusiastic group, the Member Care committee kept up with congregation in 2025, seeking to cover the congregation's physical and emotional needs. The Member Care ministry was active in prayer and visitation, making arrangements for rides and meals for church members, and being caring hosts for funerals and memorials at HFPC. Efforts to update the church directory with new photographs, and to reach out to neighbors through the Art Crawl, continued this year.

A new emphasis in 2025 was on welcoming guests to worship. Visitors who sign the fellowship pad now receive a handwritten note and/or an email inviting them into the life of the congregation. Several guests are have completed a new member course offered by Pastor Claire and plan to become members of the church in 2026.

Mission

Our Mission Committee is devoted to living 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 nights when extreme temperatures were forecasted.
- Our Hard Bargain Food Pantry provided food for those in need in our community, thanks to the donations and efforts of our membership.
- With the Daughters of the King (DOTK) and their Feed My Lambs program, we prepared and helped deliver hundreds of meals. We partnered with DOTK to host a Christmas celebration for the Reddick Senior Center residents that included dinner and Christmas carols.

HFPC supports other mission partners including Graceworks, United for Hope, and the Outreach Foundation. As part of our Community Outreach program, we also supported several other events including Franklin Cancer Wag & Walk, Both Hands, preservation of the Merrill Williams house, and a children's shoe drive.

Below: Here we come a caroling! Members spread Christmas cheer to our neighbors at Fountains.

Below: HFPC members participated in the Franklin Cancer Walk.



Personnel

As an administrative committee of the church, Personnel works to support and oversee the staff of the church. Annual performance reviews were conducted in 2025, as well as regular check-ins. Pastor Claire was on maternity leave from April to June and supply pastors were used in her absence. In the fall, we employed a new nursery worker, Kaviya Sathish, to care for our youngest members during Sunday school and worship. The church is no longer looking for a Bell Choir Director, as member Cindy Morelli has stepped in to fill the role as a volunteer.



Worship

In 2025, God worked through the HFPC worship expressing joy, care, hope and love. Pastoral and music leadership attracted newcomers to visit each season of the church year. New voices read scripture and sang anthems. We also experienced the joy of two baptisms among our membership.

Left: The Chancel Choir leads worship.



Right: Members share the Lord's Supper.



Left: Guest minister Rev. Mary Sellers Shaw joined us for a baptism in September.

Church Leadership

SESSION

Class of 2026

Debra Van Derveer
Caroline Stewart
John Fraser
Lynne Welch

Class of 2027

Ann Livingston
Anita Passarella
Paul Trapeni
Tonya Young

Class of 2028

Susan Henry
Mona Lee
Andrea Stover Paine
Jackie Pennington

OFFICERS

Clerk of Session

Christi Ensich

Treasurer

Mike Ensich

TRUSTEES

Chair

Bill Morelli

Vice Chair

Ed Triggs

Secretary

Jerry Walters

STAFF

Pastor

Claire Berry

Director of Music

John Schultz

The Session is the governing body of the congregation, made up of ruling elders who are 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.

Left: 2025 ended with Christmas joy; here's to 2026!

