# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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The 2023 annual report is available on our website at www.fpcholland.org. Thank you to all of you who contributed content and photos to the Annual Report! If you have any questions or would like more detailed information about any of the following reports, please contact Rev. Paul Van Kempen.

### A Note from Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

This time last year, I was packing my belongings down in Alabama. My head and heart were filled with questions: Was I doing the right thing? Had FPC Holland made the right choice? Did I have enough sweaters to survive a Michigan winter??? This call was a leap of faith for me as well as for each of you. And we take it one day at a time – which is the essence of the life of faith.

I appreciate your patience as I continue to work to learn your names, your faithfulness as you continually show up to serve your neighbors with compassion and energy, and the integrity with which you live out your faith in the "real world."

We have washed one another's feet on Maundy Thursday and shared the joy of cascarones (confetti filled eggs) on Easter morning. (Some of you even tasted Lou's garlic cheese grits!) We have learned together – through Sarah Miles' Take this Bread or the Wired Word current events studies. We have labored together at the Habitat for Humanity build, and we have celebrated at Pride Fest and the Holland Christmas Parade. A particular highlight was worshiping at the Outdoor Discovery Center!

I pray that in the coming year we can continue to create strong bonds of honesty and courage, forgiveness and hope, as we seek to walk in God's ways together. We are still learning what it means to be church in a culture forever changed by COVID. We have experienced the gift of expanding the church's walls through virtual worship opportunities, but what more is possible? Who might you invite to join us in this faith journey as we imagine our future together?

Lord Jesus Christ, You have put your life into our hands; Now we put our lives into yours.

Take us, Renew and remake us. What we have been is past; What we shall be, through you, Still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen. \*

Blessings & peace, Cathy

### A Note from Rev. Paul Van Kempen

I came to First Presbyterian Church four and a half years ago (my first sermon here was the day before my daughter Ellarie was born—it's easy to remember how long I have been here!)

When I came, the church was in the middle of a construction project. I remember Pastor Linda walking me around the basement that was totally torn apart and trying to explain to me where the youth group room was (it is a confusing church to find your way around even when it isn't torn apart, so you can imagine how confused I was!)

Soon after the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly completed building, Pastor Linda took a few months of bereavement leave. While she was away, COVID began, and we went entirely online. Pastor Linda retired at the end of the year, and Pastor Linda (a different one) came as interim. We came back inside, rebuilt programming, reimagined how to do ministry together.

It was one transition after another for my first years here.

I think we are all thankful that Cathy is here! This has been a year of new ideas and a new head pastor, but it has also felt like a year of stability and the beginning of a new season at First Pres.

I am so grateful to you, the congregation, for your flexibility, commitment, passion, and grace as we have transitioned from one thing to another together.

I look forward to many more years of serving alongside you!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Paul

# Youth@First

We have had a great year with the youth. This spring and fall we were finishing our re:form curriculum where we asked big questions about faith and had deep conversations. This summer we took another trip to Michigan's Adventure. This fall we re-engaged with some of our like-minded area churches for an interchurch youth event. We're looking forward to another great year in 2024!

#### Statistics:

- 12 brand names tested against their generic counterparts.
- 4 area churches gathered for fun and fellowship.
- Scores (hundreds?) of prayer cranes folded while we prayed together





Top: Packing bags for shut-ins with the deacons at our holiday party.

Middle: Ben with cheeseballs on his head from the interchurch youth event.

Middle: Throwing cheeseballs onto Ben's head.

Bottom: Group Photo with youth from Grace Episcopal, First United Methodist, and Hope Church.

### Preschool

The Preschool continues to be a key player in early childhood education in Holland. Alongside the high-quality daily instruction in the classroom, the Preschool prides itself on creating community at preschool events. This year the students carved pumpkins at VIP night, rode bikes to raise funds for scholarships at the wheel-a-thon, and gathered for the Jingle bell Jamboree at the Outdoor Discovery Center where kids went on story walks, made crafts and enjoyed hot chocolate! The three-year-old class welcomed the Holland Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet for a morning of stories and music. The Preschool continues to adapt to changing family dynamics in the area and is well positioned for the future of early childhood education in Holland.

#### **Highlights:**

- 13 amazing volunteer board members
- 6 unbelievable staff (3 teachers, 2 aides, 1 Director)
- 1 incredible community!



Santa and Mrs. Clause at the Jingle Bell Jamboree

Holland Symphony Orchestra Quintet with the three-year-old class.

# Spiritual Growth and Development Council and Small Groups!

2023 was a year with many opportunities for connection and growing together.

- Theater Groups, Dinners for 7,
- Church Bus Concert Outings
- Shrimp Boil Dinner
- Parents' Afternoon Out
- Campus Connection Care Packages
- · Mentors for Youth

#### Young Families and Intergenerational Activities:

- Parenting Classes
- Games Day
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Harry Potter Movie Night
- Trunk or Treat
- · Advent Luminaries along with many delicious potluck lunches

#### Children and Youth Spiritual Growth:

- Youth Group
- Worship Center
- Nursery and Celebration Time continue
- .....all filled with learning and fun

#### Adult Spiritual Growth:

- "Take this Bread" Lenten Study
- Amateur Hour "The Wired Word"
- · "Light of the World"
- Special guests Avery Arden and Steve Silver for education hour classes
- Out of Time Advent Devotional

#### Peace Camp in partnerships with ACTS Ministries

• served 49 kids, 12 youth helpers, 18 adult leaders

With gratitude for the blessing of being together in 2023; looking forward to 2024!



Top: Easter Egg Hunt Middle: Youth@First, Trunk or Treat

Bottom: Youth@First Harry Potter Movie Night





### Transportation

2023 was again a successful church bus year. Our Sunday pick up of seniors from Warm Friend, Freedom Village and Appledorn grew through the months. We truly appreciate our committed group of drivers/assistants--John & Nancy Kreple, Jim Veltman & Alan Martens, Cassie Kregger & Corene D'Addona, Matt & Danielle Peterson & Chris Urbaniak, Bill & Janet Haines.

A group of volunteers enjoyed travelling together on the bus for a Habitat for Humanity work day.

We decorated the bus for the parade of lights--and had a dozen light-adorned people walk ahead of the bus and had a ball.

Several times this year Paul took youth home on the bus so they were able to attend youth group.



November 28 Parade of Lights in downtown Holland. The FPC bus was adorned with more lights than you can imagine! It was great fun.



### **Presbyterian Women**

2023 felt more "normal" for PW, except that we are not spending the 9 days of Tulip Time assisting in Information Booths for Tulip Time, Inc. We formerly used that generous stipend entirely for an annual gift to our Presbyterian Preschool. We hope to continue that support, but we will need a way to fund it.

#### 2023 Highlights

- Welcoming the Presbyterian Women groups from around the Presbytery of Lake Michigan last April. Our guest speaker was Rev. Carol Bechtel, author of the PW Bible Study last year. We asked attendees to bring new and unwrapped underwear for RESILIENCE, one of our local organizations.
- Moving to combine two Bible study circle groups into one. This has been a delightful change, attracting new faces and having some lively discussions. We see this as a new dynamic in supporting each other, especially as the trend toward senior care and living options has changed recently.
- Enjoying our denominational Bible studies. Our current study of Sacred Encounters with women in Luke and Acts has generated great discussions. We thank Pastor Cathy for meeting with the presenters ahead of time.
- Sharing two meal events again, with a picnic and then our Advent Luncheon. The efforts
  of Worship Council to seasonally decorate the Café and Narthex were much appreciated.
  Our colorful Christmas clothing and the luncheon of soups, breads, and desserts was well
  -attended. We had fun stringing fruit on biodegradable raffia to decorate the outdoor tree
  at the church. We had our annual drive for RESILIENCE and donated about \$425 in new

underwear for women and children affected by domestic violence.

- Counting our Least Coin giving, making personal pledges that support LMPW and denominational PW, and celebrating our birthdays by giving a coin or dollar for each year.
- Saying goodbye to dear women who have passed away, and those adapting to constraints of physical limitations and aging no longer able to participate
- Learning technology through ZOOM and our own Facebook group FPCHolland PW where meetings and study ideas are posted.
- Formalizing a leadership group with Mary Bennett as Moderator, Mickey Harris as Treasurer, Sarah Glover as Resources Coordinator, Bev Plagenhoef as Circle Leader, and Janet Magennis for Communications.





Advent Luncheon

### **Mission and Outreach Council**

The purpose of the Mission and Outreach Council is to act as Christ's heart and hands in our community, and to educate and inform our members of ways they can connect. We do this by seeking partnerships and relationships with other agencies, where we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors, and that offer opportunities for our church members to be involved in their work.

During 2023, our congregation has provided almost \$24,500 and numerous volunteer hours with these local agencies:

- ACTS
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Community Action House

- Escape
- Good Samaritan

Kids Food Baskets

Habitat for Humanity

Holland Free Clinic

- 70 times 7
- Out on the Lakeshore Resilience

A part of our mission is to help inform our congregation about the local agencies we support as a church and about opportunities for each member to become involved. Our Outreach Kiosk has information about all local agencies we work with and an outreach member available to chat with. Representatives from the agencies also come to church on Sunday mornings and share information about the work they do in our community. We hope that you can stop by the Outreach Kiosk and see for yourself how we make a difference. We always have room on our council for more people who may be interested in helping guide how our church serves in our community. We hope you can join us at the Outreach Kiosk and ask us how you can be involved.

Members of the congregation have responded in many ways to the call to be Christ's hands and feet in this community. We participated in several special events such as Peace Camp, CROP Hunger Walk, and the



sponsorship of a booth at the Holland Project Pride Day. Generous church members have collected coats, hats and mittens. and blankets for our neighbors in need and provided Christmas gifts for children. We encourage our Presbyterians to recycle batteries and donate diapers and find other ways to connect with the community. We have had several workdays building houses with Habitat for Humanity and preparing meals through the Refresh ministry of Community Action house. We also provided \$14,000 in support for Denominational mission work through the Presbyterian Church. Please continue to support the work of the Outreach Council through your financial gifts as well as through your personal involvement.



Top: Christmas Generosity Middle: REFRESH Kitchen Bottom: CROP Hunger Walk

### **Worship and Arts Council**

One long anticipated highlight of this year was welcoming Cathy Caldwell Hoop on February 5 as our new Senior Pastor. She has challenged us with her thought-provoking sermons and has blessed us with new experiences in worship. Examples of these include foot washing at the Maundy Thursday service and becoming a More Light Presbyterian congregation. We welcomed Michael Adee at that service as well as Avery Arden later who educated us on how to care for our LGBTQ+ community. We also enjoyed an intergenerational worship at the Outdoor Discovery Center and brought back the Blessing of the Animals service in October.

#### By the numbers:

- 38 orders of flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter
- 71 average viewers of our YouTube streamed services
- At least 11 donated Nativity scenes set out in our Meet and Mingle Café
- \$700 donated to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ministry led by the FPC Trio's concert.





Top: Blessing of the Animals Middle: Outdoor worship at the Outdoor Discovery Center Bottom: Maundy Thursday service foot washing



### Deacons

Deacons provided opportunities for folks in our congregation to care for each other in tangible ways throughout the year.

- 67 people participated in care teams, visiting, sending cards, making meals, driving folks to appointments, and helping with light household repairs.
- Care teams provided 69 meals, 7 rides, and hundreds of cards sent to members and friends of the congregation going through joyful or challenging times.
- Birthday cards were sent to members over 85 and to the children in our congregation.
- · Deacons mailed care packages for final exam week to 11 of our college students
- Deacons worked with our children to create Christmas decorations for our homebound members, and with the youth group to put together gift bags.
- 10 people rode the church bus to sing Christmas carols for 4 of our homebound members.
- The Common Threads group gathered monthly to knit and crochet prayer shawls and work on other creative projects. The deacons delivered over 40 beautiful homemade prayer shawls to members and friends of FPC who were going through major life transitions.

One of the many services our deacons perform is to provide transportation to FPC members and their families whose circumstances don't allow them to drive or use other means of transportation. In the nine months that I've been a deacon, I (Tom Glover) or one of the other eleven transportation volunteers have provided rides to six members of our church or one of their family members.

The most memorable ride event in my experience happened in July when we learned Continued on page 15







Top: Christmas caroling Middle: Assembling gift bags with youth Bottom: Making Christmas decorations with the children

### Deacons

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that long-time member JoAnn Karn, who is wheelchair- bound and living at a skilled care nursing facility - SKLD in Zeeland - said she missed attending her church. She had never seen the new construction and additions to our church building, and she had never met our current pastors Cathy and Paul.

We arranged to use our wheelchair-accessible church bus to bring Jo Ann to our church on Thursday July 13. I'm told that JoAnn still raves about what a good time she had that day, as did everyone involved in the event. Personally, it gave me a new appreciation of how serving others and bringing joy to their lives is part of Christ's formula for our own happiness. Her visit provided a beautiful reminder of the importance of staying connected.



JoAnn Karn, Pastor Paul and Pastor Cathy

### **Stewardship Council**

Transparency is essential in financial matters, and we want you to know that you are always welcome to ask questions about FPC's finances. We are blessed to have a dedicated bookkeeper, Marlene Fields, and a very knowledgeable treasurer, Bob Knittel, both of whom are available to you. The annual meeting is an excellent opportunity to bring forward your financial questions, but please know that your questions and observations are always welcome. Many of us don't like talking about money, but it is part of our life together as a community. We are thankful for each of you, for the ways you share your time, abilities and financial gifts. Our pledging has remained stable, and for that we are especially thankful.

What became very apparent to our Session in 2023 was that a combined "Buildings and Business" Council made it nearly impossible to accomplish the work needed to be done. The council members either had the time and energy to focus on the building issues (which of course, are always ongoing) or on the finances (which are quite complex). Something had to give, so in 2024, we are separating this council and forming two distinct teams. Buildings will be under the leadership of Jon McFadyen and Finance will be under the leadership of Dave Zessin and Bill Evenson.

There are many financial decisions to be made. The capital campaign provided for the wonderful renovations of our facilities, but a second campaign was also proposed from the very beginning. We have received a generous bequest and need to consider how best to use those funds. We know that there are always looming expenses with regard to our property, such as repaving the parking lot, and we need to prepare for these. And while we know it is imperative to be good stewards of all we have been given, we also want to be generous to the missions we support. Ask an Outreach Council member and they will tell you that we have had to reduce our missional giving the past four years so that we can balance our budget.

I believe that we have the talent and imagination to lead FPC forward with a wise financial plan. Please always remember to hold the elders of this congregation in your prayers. Offer them words of encouragement as they take on these important roles. As we each do our part to be God's witnesses here at FPC and in the Holland community, let us trust God's blessings for this ministry we share.

With gratitude,

Cathy Hoop

### **Building and Business Council**

The Building and Business Council is grateful for another year in our beautiful building. Some highlights from the year:

- 1. The building is in use every single day. When we aren't holding church events, it is used by Alcoholics Anonymous, ACOA, AlAnon, First Presbyterian Preschool, Boy Scouts, PEO, the Deaf Chat Group and other groups.
- 2. This year we upgraded all the lighting in the church to be matching LED panels. This is good for our carbon footprint and our electricity bill!
- 3. The old elevator shaft and mechanical room were converted into three new closets.
- 4. The building inspection from the construction project was completed and the last little things were checked off the list.
- 5. Electrical work was completed in the lower level for emergency lighting and dimming capabilities in the Fellowship Hall.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any ideas that could help to make our building better in any way. We always love hearing from the church (and we would welcome your participation on the council).

In 2024, we are looking in to an A/V upgrade in the sanctuary to improve the quality of the livestream and to make some needed upgrades to our microphones. We are also working on upgrading the A/V system in the Michigan room to make Zoom meetings more user friendly. We are also talking about replacing the parking lot.

None of this work would we possible without the help of our council members: Jon McFadyen, John Kreple, Janet Magennis and Tim Richardson. We are also grateful for Thom Samuelson for his work maintaining the building and to Jane Oosterhouse for keeping it clean.

### **Connections Council**

In 2023, the Connections Council continued in its mission of helping our members, visitors, and friends feel that "All are Welcome" and valued at FPC.

First, in light of this goal, once again we wish to acknowledge our "Greeter in Chief," Mary Bennett, who provides a warm welcome to Sunday worshipers. Whenever possible, we also connected with Sunday visitors who identified themselves and provided contact information in the pew registry booklets. (We must acknowledge, however, our disappointment that few visitors with us currently share that information.)

Also occurring on Sundays, and our most visible "connection," the M&M Cafe continues as an opportunity to "meet and mingle" over coffee and refreshments. Jan Zessin deserves huge thanks for all of her organization, purchasing, and overall efforts at running the cafe, as does Peggy Purdy, who creates the schedule of workers. (Over forty church members graciously volunteer as Sunday Cafe workers, and several made extra efforts to help provide refreshments at the August ODC Sunday service.)

More connection was through regular correspondence, with words of sympathy and care given upon notice of members' illnesses, surgeries, and family deaths, along with messages of congratulation for happier times.

Special events sponsored by the Connections Council during 2023 allowed additional opportunities for FPC folks and others to gather over food and drink:

- In January, we issued our thanks and farewell to Linda Male for her interim pastoral service and enjoyed special M&M refreshments after the regular Sunday worship.
- February brought a reception celebrating Pastor Cathy's first Sunday with us, and her formal installation in March gave us another opportunity for gathering and treats.
- April came with our traditional Easter Breakfast, enjoyed by
   Su approximately 150 FPCers. Great thanks go to our main dish cooks,
   Alan Martens and Diane Chambers, and to many volunteers who prepared special foods, set up on Saturday and early Sunday morning, and provided clean-up duty after breakfast. In addition, as with essentially all events during the year, Chris Urbaniak provided her fine photographic skills (along with other help) to record these days.
- Fall brought Kick-off Sunday, as the Connections Council assisted in the potluck breakfast, with Lauren Stouffer being the organizer-in-chief and worker-extraordinaire.

In terms of economics, we are happy to report a positive balance sheet, largely because of the generous donations made to the M&M cafe, for which we are grateful.

Finally, as is apparent from these words, folks at FPC are definitely "connecting," but they also connect in contributing their time and work, for which we are grateful.



Top: Pastor Cathy's first Sunday at FPC

Bottom: Fall Kick-off Sunday brunch

### Personnel

The year 2023 has truly been a blessing for our church family. After an extensive search and much hard work by the Pastor Nominating Committee, we welcomed Cathy Caldwell Hoop as our new Pastor and Head of Staff in January. Cathy has quickly engaged this year with the church staff and congregation and is providing the leadership/guidance to help drive us toward our vision for FPC.

In March of 2023, we welcomed Rose Gifford as our new Accompanist. Rose has blessed us with beautiful music each week and has also been a valued member of the FPC Trio. The congregation, and particularly the choir, appreciate her accomplished skills.

In September of 2023, we were fortunate to hire Kate Overbeek as our new Nursery Supervisor. Kate has the valuable role of coordinating volunteers in our nursery, and ensuring a safe, nurturing environment for infants and toddlers during worship services.

Together, the church staff is a dedicated, hard-working team that provides a cohesive work environment to support our pastors and congregation. We look forward to 2024 with great expectation.

Personnel Council members include Paula Perkins, Helen Teutsch, Dave Zessin, Bill Haines, and Bruce Rosensteel - Elder

















Top: Rev. Cathy C. Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Thom Samuelson, Lori Klinesteker

Middle: Kate Overbeek, Hannah Campau, Marlene Field

Bottom: Rose Gifford, Jane Oosterhouse, Chuck Norris, Sue Stock



# Boy Scouts #147

#### Where was God most apparent?

• It was most visible in how our boys are turning into young men. They are respectful and fun, with lots of laughter. If you listen closely, there is mentorship between them, as well as compassion and caring.



#### What was the highlight of the year?

• Summer Camp – we had 12 scouts attend and 5 adults. We traveled again to Cole Canoe Base in Alger, MI where we shared a campsite with another troop. It was another great week of camp making memories for the boys that were able to attend.

#### What did you learn?

 That our Scouts and families are flexible, and the program still allows us to find creative ways to make things work.

#### What is your hope for the future?

• Our hope is to channel our creative energies to overcoming some significant challenges ahead: a) our income, is still well below our operating budget and passing costs onto our scouting families is difficult. We need to find new ways to raise funds for the troop; b) the troop is much smaller than in past years and moving into 2024 we are seeing a significant decrease in scouts and adults. With fewer families able to tow our trailers, we have started to convert to "car camping" events.

#### Number of people involved

· 22 adults rechartered in 2023 up from 20 in 2022

#### **People served**

• 21 Scouts rechartered in 2023 down from 23 in 2022

#### Number of events held

• 39 meetings and 7 outings – up from 37 the year prior

#### Total amounts raised

• Raised \$300 from a parking event at Park-to-Park, down from \$2,800 last year.

#### Total number of people impacted

• Not tracked, but between direct contact and service we estimate over 300.

#### Growth or decrease since previous year

• There was 1 new scout in 2023.



Top: Movie night during Summer Camp at Cole Canoe Base July 2023.

Middle and Bottom: The boys decided on a Scooby-Doo theme for Beast Feast for Summer Camp at Cole Canoe Base July 2023.

### **Clerk of Session**

#### **Church Membership in 2023**

- New Church Members 7
- Total Church Members 372

#### We celebrate our members who joined in 2023:

- Martha (Marti) Disler, Cindy Helder, Lloyd Helder, Lou Hoop, Pauline (Pauly) Housenga, Andrew Reynolds, Melanie Reynolds
- Jeff Holmes has been received by Session in 2019, upon baptism Jeff will be entered as member in the permanent book of records

#### We celebrate the birth of:

Owen Edward Holmes on 10-14-2023 to Colleen and Jeff Holmes

#### We celebrate the baptism of:

• Matthew Austin Reynolds on 5-14-2023, son of Andrew and Melanie Reynolds.

#### We celebrate the lives of those who passed in 2023:

Sarah Brady, Jo Ann Brower, Richard Burke, Allan Croff, Beth Freund, Richard Giles, Dean Maris, Jo Ann Martin, Aline Miller, Connie Oppenhuizen, James (Jim) Balfour Smith, Ralph Richardson, Wiley Wilson

#### **RULING ELDERS**

Class of 2025: Gail Hering, Beth Magennis, Jon McFadyen, Danielle Peterson, Ben Rund-Scott (9/1/24 - 8-31-2025).

Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson, Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Ludwig-Laux, Tom Salley, Dave Zessin.

#### **DEACONS**

- Class of 2025: Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer, Paul Van Kolken.
- Class of 2026: Tom Glover, Terri Schamper.
- Class of 2027: Lloyd Helder, Michelle Richardson, Glenda Simpkins, Leah Wallar.

#### Thank you to our retiring class of 2024:

Ruling Elders: Linda Clark, Sherry Martens, Jane Olney, Tim Staal, Amy Vander Meer.

Deacons: Colleen Ball, Linda Winkelmann

### Treasurer

#### Faithful Facts / Treasurer's 2023 Year-End Report

2023 was a year of Blessings for First Presbyterian Church. With our ministry at full staff, a first since the pandemic, we had the option to worship in person or online.

What makes FPC is the personal interaction, and it was a great year for interaction and caring for each other.

I am always at awe with your faithfulness to the Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Holland.

We were blessed to welcome our new Head Pastor Rev. Cathy Hoop and the ministry she lead thru 2023.

First Presbyterian church of Holland and all of us continue to be in awe of our associate pastor and what he brings to us and the church's youth.

I thank the members of session for their leadership in supporting the church's ministry direction.

And, again, one thing that didn't change was your faithfulness.

Through prayer and faithfulness, we finished the year very close to budget thanks to your commitment to First Presbyterian Church of Holland.

It is my responsibility now to help explain how all the numbers worked. This has to do with checking on the efficiency of our tools.

Following this letter, you can find the following detail reports:

- The full and final 2023 Income (and Expense) statement
- Our Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2023
- Adopted 2024 Budget

2023 Budget2023 ActualIncome\$517,167\$548,737We received \$31,570 more than originally estimated.One note: we had \$28,724 of interest income earned from a bequest gift.

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual
Expenses	\$538,239	\$549,630
Other Income	\$405,749	
Other Expenses	\$65,605	

We ended the operational fiscal/calendar year better than expected with a operating income of \$339,251 Which is better than our original estimate of an operating loss of (\$21,071) Please note that in 2023 the Church was blessed with a bequest gift of \$352,365 which also grow in interest by \$28,724 by year end resulting in the income of \$339,251

Blessings, Bob Knittel Treasurer

### 23 Year End Financial Report

### First Presbyterian Church 2023 Year End Financial

#### **Ordinary Income/Expense**

Income	
Pledged Receipts	386,628.67
Plate	2,697.15
Non-Pledge Giving	107,261.56
Advanced Pledge Receipts	-17,900.00
Mission Fund Earnings	19,663.73
Interest Income	30,134.76
Meeting Room Rental Income	4,825.00
Per Capita Income	6,776.20
M&M Cafe	2,533.50
Preschool Rent	6,116.79
Total Income	548,737.36

#### Expense

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Pastor Expense	123,090.92
Associate Pastor Expense	95,535.17
STAFF SALARIES	132,637.03
Building & Business Expense	115,408.60
Spiritual Growth Formation	6,923.62
worship & Arts Expense	2,891.18
Connections	3,523.51
Session & Deacon Expense	841.20
Transportation	-863.35
Pastoral Nominating Committee	339.59
Outreach Expense	38,764.62
Per Capita Payment	15,600.90
Capital Campaign-Mortgage Inter	14,937.43
Total Expense	549,630.42
Operating Income	-893.06
Other Income	405,748.99
Total Other Expense	65,604.50
Net Income	339,251.43

### **Balance Sheet**

### First Presbyterian Church 2023 End of Year Balance Sheet

	Dec 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HNB Checking - Operating Funds	220,822.61
1110 · Raymond James Investment Acct	1,890.87
1111 · West MI Advisors - RJ Trust	381,064.41
Total Current Assets	603,777.89
Other Assets	
Certificates of Deposit	92,347.87
New Covenant MissionFund	506,640.06
New Covenant BuildingFund	224,662.40
Total Other Assets	823,650.33
TOTAL ASSETS	1,427,428.22
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Head of Staff Cont Ed	980.95
Payroll Liabilities	6,036.61
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,017.56
Long Term Liabilities	
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-MORTGAGE NOTE	383,313.96
Total Long Term Liabilities	383,313.96
Total Liabilities	390,331.52
Equity	
Special Mission Offerings	1,129.00
Designated Funds-Capital Camp	39,059.88
Designated Funds-Capital Camp	-258,470.96
New Covenant Mission Fund	506,640.06
New Covenant Building Fund	224,662.40
Unrestricted Net Assets	185,152.26
Net Income	338,924.06
Total Equity	1,037,096.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,427,428.22

# Budget

### First Presbyterian Church 2024 Budget

-	2024 Budget
Income	
Pledged Receipts	371.600.00
Plate	2.675.00
Non-Pledge Giving	107.150.00
Mission Fund Earnings	20.000.00
Interest Income	20,000.00
Meeting Room Rental Income	4.800.00
Per Capita Income	6,700.00
Preschool Rent	3.000.00
Total Income	516,009.00
Staff Expense	
Pastor Expense	113,320
Associate Pastor Expense	98,918
Staff Salaries	144,611
Total Staff Expense	356,849
Other Expense	
Building & Business Expense	99,367.00
Spriritual Growth & Formation Expense	6,000.00
Worship & Arts Expense	7,750.00
Connections	3,540.00
Session & Deacon Expense	300.00
Transportation	1,952.00
Outreach Expense	40,000.00
Per Capita Payment	15,601.00
Capital Campaign-Mortgage Inter	13,813.00
Total Other Expense	188,323.00
Total Expense	545,172.17
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Net Income	-29,163

### **FPC Value Statements**

#### At First Presbyterian Church, we value...

- We value creative worship in the Presbyterian tradition.
- We strive to recognize God's image in all people and to be respectful of our differences.
- We welcome all to Christ's Table.
- We affirm that church membership and leadership are not constrained by human labels but by God's gifts and grace.
- We believe lifelong spiritual growth happens by navigating life's tough questions as individuals and as a community of faith.
- We value strengthening community through serving, playing, studying and eating together.
- We value sharing God's abundant grace and love in Jesus Christ today







Top Left: Outreach donations

Top Right: Pride Event

Bottom Left: CROP Hunger Walk

Bottom Right: Common Threads Group

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