

2022 Narrative Budget



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Berwyn, PA

Persevering in the Spirit...

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) describes the purpose of the church in the following way:

In our own time, we affirm that, in the power of the Spirit, the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ as it:

Proclaims and hears the Word of God,
responding to the promise of God’s new creation in Christ, and inviting all people to participate in that new creation;

Administers and receives the Sacraments,
welcoming those who are being engrafted into Christ, bearing witness to Christ’s saving death and resurrection, anticipating the heavenly banquet that is to come, and committing itself in the present to solidarity with the marginalized and the hungry; and

Nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ,
living in the strength of God’s promise and giving itself in service to God’s mission. (F-1.0303)

This year, in spite of an unforgiving financial environment, our church’s budget held rather steady at \$303,909. Additionally, disbursements from the Trinity Fund totaled \$80,000 and have been put to use for the benefit of our facility and our ministry.

As we prepare our budget for 2023, we are all aware of the challenges that inflation continues to pose to our budget. We are also living into hope that our ministry will continue to thrive. With that in mind, we are asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your current pledge by 1-2% of your household income.

| Approximate Yearly Commitment Increase Based on 1%, proportionate to income | | | | | | |
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| \$200,000 | \$150,000 | \$100,000 | \$80,000 | \$70,000 | \$60,000 | \$50,000 |
| \$2,000 | \$1,500 | \$1,000 | \$800 | \$700 | \$600 | \$500 |

| Approximate Yearly Commitment Increase Based on 2%, proportionate to income | | | | | | |
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| \$200,000 | \$150,000 | \$100,000 | \$80,000 | \$70,000 | \$60,000 | \$50,000 |
| \$4,000 | \$3,000 | \$2,000 | \$1,600 | \$1,400 | \$1,200 | \$1,000 |

The Proclamation of the Word

\$ 84,143 (28% of the total budget)



We are reminded that Christ has called us to share the gospel with all of the world (Matthew 28:16-20). We proclaim God's word whenever we gather to worship, to learn together, and to provide education and resources about God's love for all of God's people, most especially those facing persecution, mental or physical illness, poverty, or loneliness. Through our ministries of Sunday Worship, Mental Health and Addiction Ministries, and outreach, we continue to labor within and without our building to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to Berwyn and the larger community. Our staff and facility support these efforts on a daily basis.

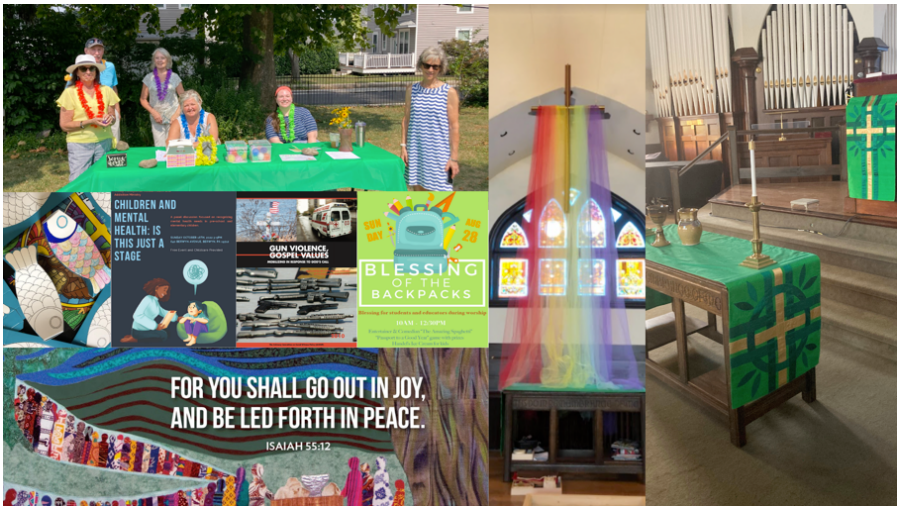
Administration of Sacraments

\$ 69,494.16 (23% of total budget)

Often when we hear the word “sacrament” we think of the Lord’s Supper and baptism. But we offer the sacrament of communion with Christ whenever:

- we welcome our neighbors in the name of Christ;
- we use our resources to offer support and care to the suffering and the marginalized in our community
- we live generously, as though God’s Kingdom is already here.

Through the work of our mission committee and our deacons, through our efforts to provide nurture to our community, and our ministries to the earth and our efforts on behalf of those suffering from lack of food (Caring Cupboard) or access to mental health resources (MHAM) our church is continually reminded that we are not just called to preach the Gospel, we are called to live it.



Nurturing Covenant Community

\$ 115,959 (38% of total budget)

In the early scriptures, God made covenant with the people of Israel. And at its most basic, a covenant is a binding agreement between two parties. But in the story of God's people, the idea of "the covenant community" has come to be understood as those promises that we make to God and to one another when we come together as the church in this time and in this place. When we baptize children, we make a covenant to nurture their faith. When we join a new church, we make a covenant, a promise, that we will show up as our full selves, and offer our gifts to the service of ministry.

Every Sunday, when we gather in worship, we renew that covenant by our promises to support one another, to pray for one another, and to seek the welfare of our community and the will of God. Through our efforts to support and nurture one another, our covenant is made manifest. This area of our budget reflects the ways that we live out those promises:

- through careful stewardship of the gifts of previous generations, especially our facility and manse
- through our nurture of relationships within our community, especially with the Trinity Preschool
- by supporting the community of Trinity in the present.

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' – Matthew 25:40



Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.



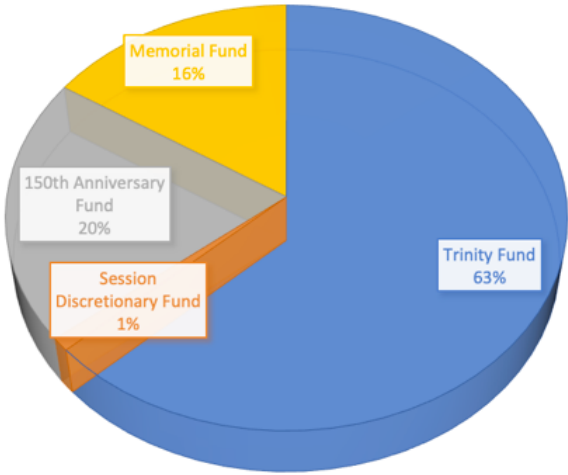
Trinity Fund & Other Designated Funds

\$126,688

We are blessed to be able to make use of various designated funds (Trinity Fund, Session Discretionary, 150th Anniversary Fund, & Memorial Funds) in order to further the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church beyond our operating budget. In 2022, these funds have enabled us to:

- repair the masonry of the Sanctuary Tower
- refurbish the Sacristy
- purchase lovely new White (Easter/Christmas) and Green (Ordinary Time) paraments for worship
- perform much needed maintenance to the grounds of the church, including adding a ramp to the fellowship hall and cleaning up planting beds along the parking lot.
- commission an ecological art piece that was begun during our Vacation Bible School with artist-in-residence Baily Ballenger Cypress
- continue our relationship with the Rev. Jesse Garner as our Theologian-in-Residence.
- hire Nathaniel Fryer as Summer intern and now as our Director for Children and Families

FUNDS BREAKDOWN



Property Investment Priorities for 2023

- **Exterior Signage:** *we have identified an urgent need to provide updated signage on the exterior of our building. This will help visitors find their way into our facility, as well as improve the overall appearance of the exterior of the building and grounds.*

- **Fellowship Hall:** *We use our fellowship hall for so many things: for social gatherings and events, to host our community functions, to allow our neighbors to vote, and to enable our Caring Cupboard to provide its services to our neighbors. We would like to spend 2023 making plans to invest in that space so that it can continue to function as a gathering space for years to come.*

- **Parking Lot and Sidewalks:** *Have you noticed cracks in the parking lot? Or perhaps you have stepped on a crack walking into the main entrance on Sunday. Our Building and Grounds Team would like to plan on resurfacing the Waterloo Parking lot and making repairs and improvements to the sidewalk entries to the building in order to ensure that our building is accessible to individuals of all abilities.*

- **What do you see that could use a little love?** *If you have seen something that needs to be fixed, let us know! Our Building and Grounds Team along with Tom Hartigan are always looking for projects to keep our building in good shape. And if you have a passion for facilities and repairs, consider joining us!*

Ministry Investment Priorities for 2023

- **Family and Children's Ministry:** *Our Trinity Fund has committed to funding a part-time position for Children and Families Ministry through the Spring of 2023. Our prayer is that we can begin to build a foundation for an invigorated presence in our community for families with kids.*

- **Building Relationships:** *Strong churches have strong relationships with their community. We are going to be exploring what it means to know and be known in our village in 2023. And that means we will need your help!*



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