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WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT 2022-2023



rafted and Growing is the theme of our annual report this year. On a recent Sunday morning in Worship, the front of the sanctuary was full of new members being introduced to Westminster and affirming their membership vows to God and before his church. It is always a joyful and sobering moment to watch how God draws folks in to grow each one up in the grace of Jesus Christ. This group of new members was a kaleidoscope of God's grace; people of different nations, ages, stages, and walks of life, with a breadth of experience all with one shared gospel in shared community, truly a people grafted and growing. This is the beauty of the church.

Growing up in Tennessee, I can vividly remember my mom's love for dogwood trees. Our home was on an inlet off the Tennessee River, and our front yard that looked out over the water was filled with walnut, poplar, oak, and dogwood trees. The dogwoods were always mom's favorites. The dogwoods would flower in the spring with beautiful white or pink flowers. One year my parents planted a couple of dogwood saplings that had been grafted so that the trees flowered both white and pink in the spring. The trees were splendid to see every year. There have been times when I have returned in the spring just to admire their beauty.

The wonder of the church is that we are grafted into the "root of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1), Jesus himself, in vital union because of the free gift God has accomplished in Jesus' atoning work on our behalf. We are nourished in this vital union, like the branch drawing life from the vine in utter dependence, because apart from Christ we can do nothing (John 15:1-5). As Christ's people we are grafted and growing together for the sake of God's glory and the good of the world around us (see Romans 9-11). As a grafted people, we will grow deep roots in his Word and grow a wide witness with praise to our God.

We have much to give thanks for over the course of 2022 as we have watched God reinvigorate the life, worship, and ministry of our congregation in refreshing ways. Many new families bring life, ideas, and vitality to WPC's mission and ministry. As a church we are thankful for the addition of the McCann and Hampton Families

to our ministry team. Austin and Alex McCann have joined us to lead RUF at Texas A&M this year. Austin has hit the ground running and the ministry to Campus is thriving this fall. Steve and Katie joined us in August to lead in the areas of worship music and administration. Steve has been a welcomed addition and has been well received, deepening the Biblical reflection and richness of our weekly contemplation of the glory and worth of God in worship. One note of joy with sadness for us as a congregation is that Jana Sparks will retire at year's end. Jana has embodied the joy of Christ in serving the church as office administrator since 2008 (and a member since 1983). Her heart for mercy, her willingness to go the extra mile, and her genuine love for everyone who enters the doors of WPC have been a gift to us all. Please join me in thanking Jana for her service to our church over the years.

The church continues to grow and flourish amidst challenges and changes in a world awash with difficulties and compromise. We will continue to embrace the sovereign grace and love God extends to us by his Word and Holy Spirit. While church finances have been challenging over the past year, they have strengthened at the end of the year. Please prayerfully consider how to support the ministry of the church in the coming year with your treasures, time, and talents. There are an abundance of opportunities to engage ministry and people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. May we constantly be reminded that we are grafted and growing at WPC.

May our hearts sing with praise like Paul in Romans 11:33-36:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Wade

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Westminster highlights

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Over the fall semester, we've been tremendously encouraged as we centered our worship in prayer, song and sermon around the book of Romans for the second year in a row. We have studied the unbreakable, inseparable nature of our union with Christ and the gracious gift of graftedness given to all of Abraham's spiritual children around the globe. Over the spring, we spent time getting to know our Savior through the eyes of Luke, and this summer we studied the foundations of our faith with the series Most Surely Believed. We've enjoyed the communion of the saints with over 40 new members joining us this year, and we've flourished in worship through the leadership of Steve Hampton's thoughtful and skillful musicality.

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Westminster's core value of growth reflects our commitment to Bible-based teaching, and a case in point can be found on Wednesday evenings at Westminster. In a vibrant and active atmosphere, 22 children are learning catechism in Covenant Kids, and around 30 youth attend large and small groups. Couples attend Homebuilders class, led by Wade and Marian Coleman, and the Nehemiah Group offers support and accountability for singles and couples battling sexual sin. Musicians practice the worship set, and the poetry discussion group delves deep into the works of Christian pastor and poet George Herbert (1593-1633). Other times during the week, there are 6 mens and womens Bible studies meeting regularly, and our Leadership DNA class allows church laity and aspiring leaders to make a deep dive into training material that in the past was only offered to church officers. Attendance during our Life Groups hour has greatly increased now that the groups are meeting after the service, and we've been able to invite visitors to join into the life of the church with a class just for them. For the first time college students have a class just for their age group, Conversations, which invites ages 18-24 to grapple with the hardest questions of the Bible.

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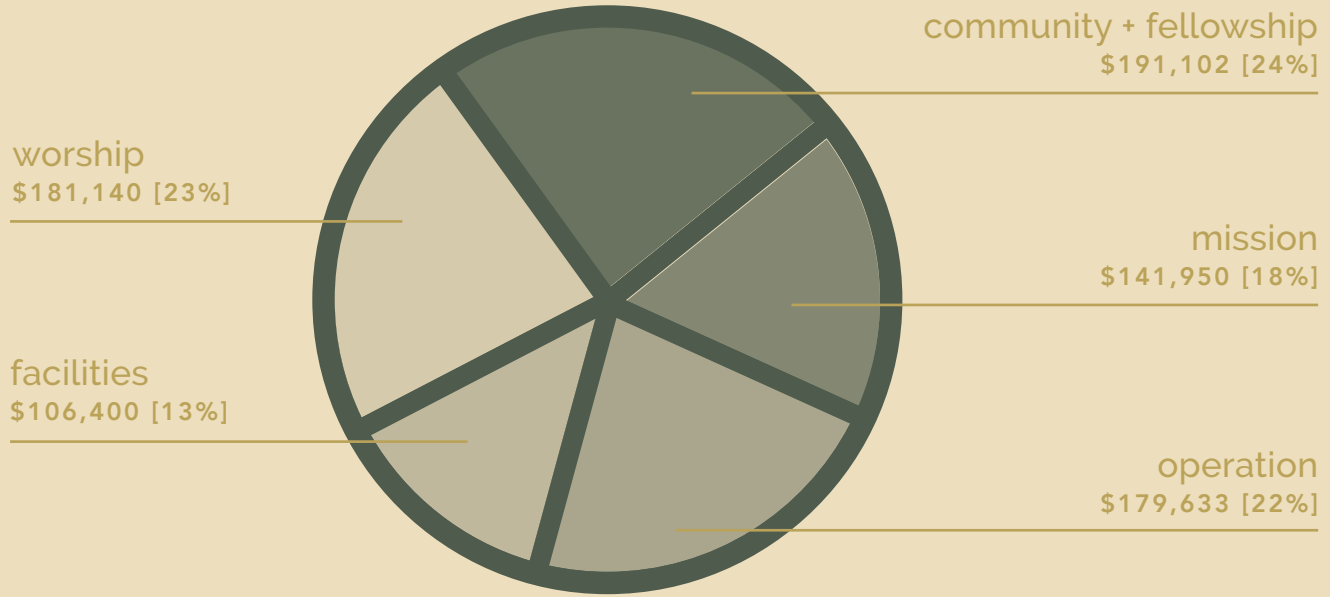
In 2022, Westminster grew in excitement for outward-focused service. Our members are more involved than ever in welcoming the nations through supporting the work of RUF-International, providing rides to students, hosting, feeding, teaching, and mentoring students from around the world. Westminster continues to underpin the work of Heads Hearts & Hands, sending seven members of our church this year to Uganda to conduct a medical clinic and to consult with African partners on long-term spiritual and physical care for patients. Jack Dabney traveled to Albania for a church-building visit and Ryan and Katie have made the transition to their new country of ministry in south-east Asia. Our BCS Together team met a request each month to care for families touched by the welfare system, delivering car seats, beds, food, and many other donated items. Our meals ministry provided months of support to members in need. Out of the 100+ children served during our July VBS, 80% were kids from the community. The Thanksgiving meal giveaway fed 120 people this year and has generated a lot of excitement for serving our local area. One of the most visible displays of our commitment to service was September's Serve Sunday, and members browsed a hallway full of tables inviting them to connect to ministries already mentioned and others such as Gideons Intl., Deacons Assistants, ElderAid, and the Arbor Oaks worship service.

wlshare

Finally in 2022, it felt like things were back to pre-COVID normal. Women came out for special events and our men and senior saints re-started ministries of their own. Our best-attended fellowship meal of the year was the Thanksgiving meal, and the Fellowship Team stayed busy coordinating that dinner, a square dance, and other activities all year. Families came out to enjoy hot dogs, activities for the kids, popsicles and good music during our first ever Summer in the Courtyard events. And we had our largest turnout ever for the Fall Festival, which was open to the community; we welcomed more than 40 families from the community and extended an invitation to worship. We pray that the gospel seeds planted when the community experiences our fellowship will grow and flourish.

CASH ASSETS (as of 10/31/22)	GIVING YTD	BAL. ON HAND
General Funds	\$620,817	\$157,214
Restricted Funds (Capital Fund, Renovation & Deferred Maint)	\$8,380	\$94,081
Pledge of Faith	\$22,450	\$5,613
Alms	\$3,591	\$3,891
Roof Replacement Insurance Claim		\$225,324
TOTAL CASH FUNDS:	\$655,238	\$486,123

EXPENSES	BUDGET 2022	BUDGET 2023	% CHANGE
WORSHIP	\$165,019	\$181,140	9.8%
Worship Ministry	\$7,895	\$6,408	-18.8%
Music Ministries	\$4,875	\$4,000	-17.9%
Worship Ministries Staff	\$152,249	\$170,732	12.1%
COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP	\$204,231	\$191,102	-6.4%
Children's Ministry	\$14,995	\$17,500	16.7%
Youth Ministries	\$18,200	\$17,700	-2.7%
Adult Education	\$1,200	\$1,000	-16.7%
Men's Ministry	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
Women's Ministry	\$9,050	\$9,000	-0.6%
Community Development & Fellowship	\$19,020	\$11,900	-37.4%
Outreach	\$10,600	\$6,000	-43.4%
Community & Fellowship Ministry Staff	\$130,166	\$127,002	-2.4%
MISSION	\$152,054	\$141,950	-6.6%
Missions	\$108,780	\$99,963	-8.1%
Mercy	\$9,000	\$7,500	-16.7%
Missions Ministry Staff	\$34,274	\$34,488	0.6%
OPERATION	\$199,538	\$179,633	-10.0%
Office Expense	\$61,707	\$47,619	-22.8%
Office Staff	\$137,831	\$132,014	-4.2%
FACILITIES	\$113,136	\$106,400	-6.0%
Utilities	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.0%
Insurance	\$27,000	\$29,200	8.1%
Maintenance	\$56,136	\$47,200	-15.9%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$833,978	\$800,226	-4.0%



general fund budget



The 2023 Financial Plan necessitated careful and wise planning from our church leadership. The numbers presented to you are actually the mid-range of three plans prepared by our ministry leaders. This will allow us to adjust during the upcoming year's fluctuations.