

**November 2024 Income/Expense Report**

	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
<b>Income:</b>	\$290,897	\$279,395.01	\$267,524.65
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$290,897	\$304,805.96	\$283,584.66
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus:</b>		<b>\$(25,410.95)</b>	<b>\$(16,060.01)</b>

**Contact Mark Wisely or Robin Story for assistance with any end-of-year gifts. Please help us meet our annual needs!**

**SHOW APPRECIATION TO OUR CHURCH STAFF**

Our paid staff works very hard to keep our Church running smoothly. We would like to give them an extra thank you during this giving season. You may use your Staff Bonus envelope from your December giving envelopes, or there will be extra envelopes on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for your use. This is your opportunity to show your appreciation for their continued dedication to our church. I ask you to consider a special gift this Christmas season. We would like to distribute this to the staff before Christmas. **It will be greatly appreciated if your gift is received by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please use the staff bonus envelope or send to the church and mark it staff bonus.**

Thank you so much! **Dick Zeiler, Personnel & Nominating Elder**

**2024 FPC GIVING TREE**

Please take a moment and stop by the 2024 Giving Tree! It is beautifully decorated and is full of gift tags. This year FPC is assisting five families (14 children and 7 adults) for the Christmas season. If your heart leads you, choose a tag (or two), purchase the gift on the tag, wrap it and return it to church by Sunday December 22. The families will be here that day to pick up the gifts. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. FPC's support of these families truly reflects our spirit of giving and love of community.

**FPC FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday, December 14 at 3:30pm**

Ring in the Christmas Season with your FPC friends, neighbors, and family. Join us for a party and a special guest, Silly Safaris with a live animal show including Santa's favorite animals! Great for all ages! **RSVP at the Welcome Center or email Trish Moore at: [bobtrishmoore@spcglobal.net](mailto:bobtrishmoore@spcglobal.net)**

**Adult Sunday School...**

For the next few weeks **Sandra Pearson will be leading a study on the Beatitudes as found in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:1-12.**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols - 6:00 p.m.  
(note the time change from years past!)**

Christmas Eve is a joyous time at FPC, and all are invited as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The Sanctuary will be alive for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service featuring traditional lessons and carols of Christmas, and the Chancel Choir. The evening concludes with **our much-beloved "Silent Night, Holy Night" candlelight closing** as we share the light of our individual candles with one another, signifying that light will overcome darkness with the arrival of Jesus on earth. We invite you to bring the whole family, neighbors, and friends!

**DECEMBER 8 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2024**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
<b>Monday</b>	1:30 pm	Newcomer's Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 pm	Tri Kappa
	7:00 pm	The Chosen
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am	Men's GBR
	8:30 am	Women's GBR
	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Women
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
<b>Saturday</b>	8:15 am	Aerobics
	3:30 pm	Family Christmas Party—Silly Safaris
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

Flowers today are given in memory of Gary Griffith from Jeri and Michael Griffith.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Ray Faust**, at St. Vincent, 86<sup>th</sup> St.  
**Sympathies to the family of Gretchen Dickison**, on her recent passing.  
**Tom Bader**, having hip problems.  
**Kiersten Clifford**, biopsy was negative.



**Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities, especially during this Advent season:**

<b>Wendy Bittle</b>	<b>Susie Dawes—Allisonville Meadows</b>
<b>Dorothy Etchison—The Lodge</b>	<b>Ray / Sherry Faust</b>
<b>Helen Klucznik</b>	<b>Barbara Landes</b>
<b>Carolyn McGinley—Hamilton Trace</b>	<b>Rachel Morgan</b>
<b>Verna Merrell</b>	<b>Jane Rowley</b>
<b>Carol Stough—Five Star Residences of Noblesville</b>	
<b>John Thomas—The Barrington of Carmel</b>	



**FIRST  
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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

**DECEMBER 8, 2024  
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**ELDERS**

Mark Wisely	Finance
Barb Runyon	Evangelism
Jennie Auble	Mission
Laurie Szabo	Clerk
Stephen Craig	Planning
Dick Zeiler	Personnel /Nom.
Sue Jourdan	Properties
	Christian Education
	Worship
Eric R. Gale	Moderator

**DEACONS**

Jake Light, Moderator
Johnathan Baker
Susan Clark
Brenda Christian
Karen Perkins Gale
Clint Gingerich
Andrea Joines
Fran Oakley
Joe Sullivan
Quinn Teague
Diane Widdifield



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*As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet before worship.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Birthdays

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Cheryl Mayhew, organist  
"The Perfect Gift" Donald Lee Moore

ADVENT READING

Azenwi & Lum Ndofor

L: As we prepare for Christmas and the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that we long for PEACE in our lives. PEACE is countercultural to our lifestyles especially during Christmas. "Multi-tasking and staying busy have become the norm". God wants us to lean on Him and to remember what Christmas is all about-the gift of Christ the child born to save us.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

L: We light this second candle to instill PEACE in our lives and to prepare the way for Christ in our hearts. (candle is lit)

† OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #249

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, please remind us that during this Advent season, when we are bombarded with more things to do and places to go, we should turn to You, God, for rest and PEACE. Forgive us when we don't ask for Your strength when we are weary. Help us to recognize the gift of Your PEACE when we are busy and forget to spend quiet time with You. Amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)

L: "For unto us is born, to us a Son is given and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of PEACE." (Isaiah 9:6)

P: Let us rejoice that Jesus is the Gift of PEACE above all others. Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Mary Did You Know?" Chancel Choir  
(Lowry/Greene/Schrader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Mary and Joseph" Saddleback Kids  
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*(Please keep joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer.)*

OFFERING

Offertory "Lullaby" W.A. Mozart  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**  
† Prayer of Dedication

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Love Has Come!" #256

MESSAGE

"Lasting Peace" Pastor Eric Gale  
Isaiah 9:6-7; John 14:27

† CLOSING HYMN

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #277

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Behold, He Cometh!" Mary Elizabeth Dexter

† Please stand if you are able.

*Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.*

- \* Please sign and date the attendance pad.
- \* Be sure to silence your cell phones.
- \* We have a fully staffed Nursery available for newborn through 2 years old. Located in the upstairs hallway (nearest the back door), the 2nd door on the left. A changing table is available in the Nursery, as well.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

John 14:27

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

MESSAGE NOTES

I. Deep and abiding peace only comes when Christ builds a \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart!

II. True peace comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ out...not the \_\_\_\_\_ in!

III. God's plan is that you and I are \_\_\_\_\_ of peace!