



First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham Annual Congregation Report to Presbytery Spring Meeting, 2021

Psalm 102:13 You will arise *and* have mercy on Zion;
For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

Membership: 35 Communicant (+4), 8 Baptized (+2)

Transferred In: 11 (7 profession of faith)

Transferred Out: 5

Removed from Roll: 1

Baptisms: 2

Average Attendance:

Lord's Day Morning Worship: 41 (in-person) + 6 (on Zoom) = 47

Prayer Meeting [Lord's Day/Wednesday Evenings]: 16 (in-person) + 8 (on Zoom) = 24

Faced with the Covid-19 virus, in the midst of great public and governmental panic, the saints at the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham took safeguards, but also increased ministry to advance Christ's gospel and minister to the brethren. This past year, we added a Bible study and prayer time on Lord's Day evenings at 7 pm. We kept the Wednesday night Bible study and prayer time as well. Both of these times are very well attended. Due in part to COVID, the disruption in our normal rotation of teachers and the infrequent attendance of in-person young children, we have suspended the children's class for the time being. For five months we suspended the weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper due to COVID concerns. Precautions put in place allowed us to resume that sacrament, and the fellowship meal with shared dishes has reverted to bring your own lunch.

The *Westminster Confession of Faith* study continues during the afternoon Sabbath school class hour. Looking forward, Lord willing, we hope to study through *The Pilgrim's Progress*, various topics on biblical counseling, and later a study on cults with the intent of answering their false teachings with biblical apologetics.

The books of Daniel, Romans, and I Corinthians, and now Exodus and James, are the studies covered on the Lord's Day and Wednesday evenings. The Lord has blessed us with the greatest attendance in memory here at Durham for the Bible study/prayer meeting, averaging between fourteen to seventeen in person, and easily five to eleven on Zoom.

After nearly six years of not having local elders, the congregation elected Eric Hallfors and Drew Poplin to serve as ruling elders. These men were examined and installed on January 22, 2021. Many thanks to our sovereign Lord who has blessed us with these two men and their families. The congregation also gives special thanks to the Lord and to our two provisional elders Elder Bob Bibby (who served for over six years) and Pastor Shawn Anderson (serving two years) for their faithful, tireless efforts and the love they poured into the congregation and helping, along with Pastor Butterfield, through many challenging times.

Drew Poplin, having served previously as an ordained minister in a reformed baptist church, has come to us with desire to be part of the congregation and to pursue examination to be eligible for a pastoral call in the RPCNA. The Lord has used Drew to labor as a pastoral intern these past six months preaching, teaching and greatly helping in many administrative and pastoral tasks. Drew is currently preaching through Philippians, completed a Bible study in Daniel and has started one in Exodus. He has also written many pamphlets dealing with our distinctive and other subjects that are available on our tract tablet and church website.

The congregation has applied for the Resident-In-Training Program. The 2021 budget denotes the congregation's increased commitment to fund Drew's salary for the next two years while he is in that program. We pray for the Lord to open up a church planting opportunity at the end of the two years.

The Lord has blessed us with many additions to the membership roll with more attending a membership inquirers class. People are growing spiritually in their knowledge of Scripture, convictions concerning the Lord's Day, and love to both the lost and to the brethren. The members and adherents have grown in their convictions in keeping the Lord's Day holy. Personal and family devotions have developed into regular practices for all. Increased hospitality and witnessing are very evident in the congregation. Fellowship is strong along with a hunger to grow in biblical knowledge. A few members faced long-term economic hardship, needing help with rent and car repairs. Those needs were often met privately and at times through the diaconal funds. The Lord has recently brought those people out of the difficult financial situations.

We thank the Lord for His blessings and mercies as He blesses His church here in Durham.

For Christ's Crown and Covenant,
The Session of First RPC Durham

	First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham 2021 Draft Budget	2020 Budgeted	2020 Actual Jan-Dec	2021 Draft Budget
	Ministry Income Checking Account Balance Jan 1, 2021: \$33,398.16			
	Investment Balance Jan 2020: 322,445 (1/1/2021)			
100	Undesignated tithes and offerings to the general fund	\$94,862.46	\$105,486.33	\$115,955.62
120	Designated giving - Diaconal fund	\$790.00	\$7,666.00	\$3,000.00
110	Other designated giving	\$250.00	\$1,119.00	\$250.00
115	HMB Resident in Training Funds (offsets line 206)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00
190	Total Funds available (tithes & offerings, designated funds carried forward, new designated giving)	\$95,902.46	\$114,271.33	\$135,205.62
199	Withdrawal from investments & cash	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00
	100 Total Funds Available	\$115,902.46	\$134,271.33	\$160,205.62
	Ministry Expenses			
200	Payroll Expenses & Pastoral Compensation			
201	Salary & Housing (60% is for housing)	\$60,045.00	\$60,045.00	\$62,447.00
202	Medical Insurance	\$15,072.00	\$15,905.98	\$16,621.68
203	Retirement-\$700/month	\$9,000.00	\$9,250.00	\$9,600.00
204	Professional Expenses and Cell Phone Allowance	\$800.00	\$798.10	\$800.00
205	Pastoral Hospitality	\$300.00	\$172.18	\$300.00
	Subtotal Pastoral Compensation	\$85,217.00	\$86,171.26	\$89,768.68
206	Resident in Training Compensation (60% housing)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
207	Resident in Training Medical Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
208	Resident in Training Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal Resident in Training Compensation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,000.00
	Total 200 Ministry Expenses	\$85,217.00	\$86,171.26	\$130,768.68
300	Worship, Session, Diaconal, Administration			
285.5	Pulpit Supply	\$1,000.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
315	Intern	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
320	Session Work	\$500.00	\$592.73	\$2,500.00
330	Communion Expenses	\$100.00	\$72.57	\$150.00
340	Diaconal Fund	\$2,500.00	\$3,544.76	\$2,500.00
345	Children's teaching materials	\$300.00	\$74.57	\$250.00
350	Administration			
351	Office Equipment	\$0.00	\$246.94	\$200.00
352	Treasurer's, Clerk's, CPA expenses	\$200.00	\$7.75	\$500.00
353	Banking Expenses	\$50.00	\$29.28	\$50.00
355	PayPal fees (2.93% per \$1,000)	\$300.00	\$93.32	\$150.00
	300 Total Worship, Session, Diaconal, Administration	\$4,950.00	\$16,786.92	\$6,300.00
400	Synod and Presbytery			
410	Synod room and board fee (pastor & one ruling elder)	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
411	Synod & Presbytery travel expenses (1TE and 1RE)	\$600.00	\$262.81	\$450.00
431	Presbytery assessments	\$694.77	\$694.77	\$686.84
432	Synod assessments (2.2% of 2020 line 100)	\$2,070.69	\$2,070.69	\$2,320.70
	400 Total Synod & Presbytery	\$3,965.46	\$3,028.27	\$4,057.54

500	Missions			
510	RPM&M	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
520	Other RP works (all from designated giving)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
530	Outreach	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	500 Total Missions	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
600	Book Table, Literature, and Sermon Audio			
440	Book Table - free literature	\$100.00	\$69.83	\$50.00
612	Free literature for distribution (class, prisoners)	\$100.00	\$73.23	\$300.00
620	Sermon Audio	\$360.00	\$459.40	\$479.40
	600 Total BTLA	\$560.00	\$602.46	\$829.40
700	Fellowship			
710	Fellowship expenses-food	\$500.00	\$293.32	\$300.00
711	Fellowship expenses-other (kitchen & BR supplies)	\$500.00	\$344.77	\$500.00
	700 Total Fellowship	\$1,000.00	\$638.09	\$800.00
800	Publicity			
830	Website	\$250.00	\$218.95	\$250.00
	800 Total Publicity	\$250.00	\$218.95	\$250.00
900	Facilities			
910	Utilities (building only)			
911	Gas	\$750.00	\$567.49	\$750.00
912	Electric	\$1,700.00	\$1,616.52	\$1,700.00
913	Water	\$800.00	\$724.98	\$800.00
915	Internet package for office	\$1,900.00	\$982.41	\$1,200.00
	910 subtotal utilities	\$5,150.00	\$3,891.40	\$4,450.00
920	Cleaning supplies	\$0.00	\$131.63	\$200.00
921	Cleaning contract	\$1,860.00	\$610.00	\$2,000.00
930	Facilities maintenance (includes Orkin)	\$5,500.00	\$3,057.87	\$5,000.00
935	Lawncare/Landscaping	\$2,500.00	\$262.28	\$500.00
940	Facilities equipment	\$0.00	\$374.34	\$0.00
941	Sound system	\$50.00	\$400.53	\$50.00
950	Insurance	\$3,700.00	\$3,707.00	\$3,800.00
	900 Total Facilities	\$18,760.00	\$12,435.05	\$16,000.00
	Total Disbursements	\$115,902.46	\$120,481.00	\$160,205.62
	Ending Balance	\$0.00	\$13,790.33	\$0.00