

# Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church

"The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad." Psalm 126:3 (NKJV)

## Annual Congregational Report to Presbytery Spring Meeting, 2024

### MEMBERSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Communicant: 57 (+4)<sup>2</sup>  
Baptized: 28 (+10)  
Grand Total: 85 (+14)

### ATTENDANCE<sup>3</sup>

AM Worship: 76 (+6)  
PM Worship: 57 (-3)

### PROFESSIONS

New Converts: 0  
Covenant Children: 0  
In Lieu of Transfer: 3  
Grand Total: 3

### BAPTISMS

Adults: 0  
Children: 6  
Grand Total: 6

### OTHER ACTIONS

Transfers (in): 7  
Transfers (out): 1  
Dismissals: 1  
Excommunications: 0  
Deaths: 0

<sup>1</sup> Net Totals (Net Chg.) 12/31/23

<sup>2</sup> Incl. 2 suspended members

<sup>3</sup> In-person, not incl. livestream

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

We are grateful to the Lord for His abundant mercies to our congregation over the past year. Here are some of the highlights.

1. In 2023, our membership continued to grow as we labored to mentor our young adult members and encourage the increasing number of folks caring for aging loved ones.
2. In addition to weekly sermons (AM: Romans, PM: Christian Love, Heir of the World) and Psalm meditations, we completed our sabbath school series on the the The Federal Vision, and started a new series on Theology Proper.
3. Pastor Kuehner continued leading pre-seminary Zoom studies on *Theology Proper II/III: The Trinity* (Spr/Sum '23) and *Presbyterian Ecclesiology I/II: Bannerman–Durham* (Fall '23, Spring '24) with a combined total of 20+ participants, including five other RP pastors and various RP members, both local and denominational.<sup>1</sup>
4. The session completed a one-year diaconal internship with five communicant members, nominating two of them for the office of deacon in advance of a March congregational election meeting.
5. Having relocated to SE Michigan, Rev. Colin Samul and his family joined the congregation, with Rev. Samul providing occasional pulpit supply, which has been well received.
6. Several of our members have been involved in RPGM's *Next Steps* program: including one who spent the entire summer in South Sudan (RPGM) and is scheduled to return this summer; along with two others who are involved in stateside Japanese

<sup>1</sup> In 2024, Pastor Kuehner also plans to begin an exploratory study on preaching with two young men who have expressed initial interest in the gospel ministry.

ministry, and who attended the 2023 RPGM summer trip to Japan, and plan to return again in 2024.

7. Session members engaged in regular visitation (in-person and via Zoom) and led midweek groups in Southfield and Troy.
8. In addition to our fifth Sabbath evangelistic services, congregational outreach included leading chapel services at the Christian Guidance Center in Detroit, volunteering with a local Japanese ESL ministry, and evangelizing outside abortion clinics.
9. Communion frequency was changed to *quarterly* with Saturday evening preparatory services, all of which was well received.
10. The session issued two censures of suspension, including one that is presently under appeal, and another that appears well on its way to full restoration sometime in 2024, God willing.
11. The session was privileged to host the Southfield Visitation Committee (Mann, Lodge, VanSickle) in October, and found the interaction to be encouraging and instructive.
12. Pastor Kuehner informed the session (and the session agreed) that it would be best for his family and ministry to make 2024-2025 his tenth and final term as clerk of presbytery.
13. Our total membership (as of 12/31/22) increased from 71 to 85, with an average morning worship attendance of 76 (in-person), an average evening worship attendance of 57 (in-person).<sup>2</sup>
14. We praise God for blessing us with yet another all-time high in total income for 2023 (\$194,408): a 6% increase from 2022, and a 28% increase from 2021, thereby enabling us to increase our Improvement Fund from \$41k to \$71k, in preparation for the expansion of our parking lot within the next year or two.
15. We are humbled and thankful to God for His goodness, and remain hopeful, as we continue to seek and serve Him in 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Session of the Southfield RP Church

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<sup>2</sup> The reduction in our 2023 in-person evening worship attendance was due in part to the increased number of households affected by caregiving responsibilities (6) as well as pregnancy/birth (6), which often required them to livestream one or both services. In addition, we have two households living an hour away from the church who are able to attend morning worship only.

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## Treasurer's Report

Dec. 31, 2023

		<u>YTD as of</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>% of</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>	<b>25,566.33</b>	<b>25,566.33</b>		27,623.80
2	TOTAL INCOME:	194,408.16	156,600.00	124%	192,750.00
3	TOTAL EXPENSES:	192,350.69	156,388.00	123%	188,621.00
<b>4</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>27,623.80</b>	<b>25,778.33</b>		<b>31,752.80</b>

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<b>5</b>	<b>INCOME:</b>				
6	Tithes	191,207.11	156,000.00	123%	190,000.00
7	5th Sabbath Offerings	845.00			
8	Interest - Certificates of Deposit and Savings	2,356.05	600.00	393%	2,750.00
9	Other	0.00			
<b>10</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>194,408.16</b>	<b>156,600.00</b>	<b>124%</b>	<b>192,750.00</b>

**11 EXPENSES**

**12 BUSINESS EXPENSES:**

13 RPCNA SYNOD & PRESBYTERY:

14	Delegates to Synod	750.00	700.00	107%	800.00
15	Synod's Assm't (2.2% of receipts)	3,947.00	3,900.00	101%	4,230.00
16	Presbytery Assessment	2,168.20	2,170.00	100%	2,396.00

17 SOUTHFIELD:

18	Worker's Comp. Insurance	381.00	400.00	95%	400.00
19	Church Business Expenses	513.42	200.00	257%	500.00
20	Pastor's Expense Account	3,427.02	3,750.00	91%	4,000.00

<b>21</b>	<b>TOTAL BUSINESS EXPENSES:</b>	<b>11,186.64</b>	<b>11,120.00</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>12,326.00</b>
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**22 BUILDING EXPENSES:**

23 UTILITIES:

24	Electric	2,016.72	2,000.00	101%	2,400.00
25	Natural Gas	1,277.14	1,500.00	85%	1,650.00
26	Internet	983.40	985.00	100%	1,020.00
27	City Water & Sewer	504.10	500.00	101%	525.00

28	PROPERTY INSURANCE:	5,955.00	5,250.00	113%	6,250.00
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29 CONTRACTED SERVICES:

30	Gutter Cleaning - Parsonage & Church	325.00	0.00		500.00
31	Janitorial Services & Supplies	3,946.31	4,200.00	94%	5,700.00
32	Lawnmowing Service	4,070.00	3,675.00	111%	4,500.00
33	Parking Lot & Drive Seal Coating	0.00	0.00		1,000.00
34	Snow Plowing	870.00	1,620.00	54%	800.00

35 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR:

36	Building	1,766.12	2,000.00	88%	3,000.00
37	Equipment/Appliances/Furniture	5,201.35	2,000.00	260%	3,000.00
38	Materials/Supplies	220.67	175.00	126%	300.00
39	Groundskeeping/Landscaping	553.18	500.00	111%	750.00

40	IMPROVEMENT FUND: (add to Fund)	30,000.00	5,000.00	600%	15,000.00
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<b>41</b>	<b>TOTAL BUILDING EXPENSES:</b>	<b>57,688.99</b>	<b>29,405.00</b>	<b>196%</b>	<b>46,395.00</b>
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		<u>YTD as of</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>% of</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>42</b>	<b>MINISTRY EXPENSES:</b>				
43	SOUTHFIELD:				
44	Social Committee	2,523.61	1,500.00	168%	2,500.00
45	Education	37.01	100.00	37%	500.00
46	Library Expenses	30.00	28.00	107%	35.00
47	Guest Preaching	2,711.00	4,000.00	68%	4,250.00
48	Church Web-Site Expenses	807.34	920.00	88%	1,100.00
49	Outreach/Evangelism (add to Fund)	200.00	200.00	100%	200.00
50	RP Conference Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00		
51	Publication Fund (add to Fund)	300.00	300.00	100%	300.00
52	REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN GIVING:				
53	RP Missions & Ministries	7,750.00	6,250.00	124%	9,500.00
54	RP Home	3,200.00	2,600.00	123%	2,800.00
55	RP Seminary	3,200.00	2,600.00	123%	2,800.00
56	RP Global Missions	3,200.00	2,600.00	123%	2,800.00
57	Home Missions	1,775.00	1,450.00	122%	1,100.00
58	Reformation Translation Fellowship	0.00	0.00		500.00
59	Other (Includes desig. gifts)	0.00	0.00		
60	FIFTH SABBATH OFFERINGS:	0.00	0.00		
61	NON-REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN GIVING:				
62	Choices Prenancy Center	0.00	500.00	0%	remove
63	Other	0.00	0.00		
64	MINISTRY OF MERCY(add to Mercy Fnd)	200.00	200.00	100%	200.00
<b>65</b>	<b>TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSES:</b>	<b>25,933.96</b>	<b>23,248.00</b>	<b>112%</b>	<b>28,585.00</b>
<b>66</b>	<b>PASTORAL COMPENSATION EXPENSES:</b>				
67	Pastor:				
68	Salary	51,850.00	51,850.00	100%	58,050.00
69	Housing Allowance	10,000.00	10,000.00	100%	10,000.00
70	Utilities	6,471.10	6,750.00	96%	7,250.00
71	Health Savings Account	7,750.00	7,750.00	100%	8,300.00
72	Pension Fund-Employer Cont.	4,800.00	4,800.00	100%	4,900.00
73	Conference Costs	2,205.00	2,000.00	110%	2,400.00
74	Bonus	5,000.00	0.00		
75	In Lieu of Social Security	9,465.00	9,465.00	100%	10,415.00
<b>76</b>	<b>TOTAL PASTORAL COMPENSATION EXP:</b>	<b>97,541.10</b>	<b>92,615.00</b>	<b>105%</b>	<b>101,315.00</b>
<b>77</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>192,350.69</b>	<b>156,388.00</b>	<b>123%</b>	<b>188,621.00</b>
<b>78</b>	<b>NET INCOME(LOSS)</b>	<b>2,057.47</b>	<b>212.00</b>		<b>4,129.00</b>

+ \$27,085.47 before transferring \$25,000 to Imp. Fund for major projects
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### OTHER FUNDS

		<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Mercy</u>	<u>Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Outreach/ Evang. Fund</u>	<u>Publication Fund</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Balance 01/01/2023</b>	11,613.92	132.97	41,118.17	279.16	10.01
<b>2</b>	+ Contrib. or Interest	486.80	4,732.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3</b>	+ From General Fund	0.00	200.00	30,000.00	200.00	300.00
<b>4</b>	- Expenditures	0.00	4,448.54	0.00	150.00	31.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2023</b>	<b>12,100.72</b>	<b>616.43</b>	<b>71,518.17</b>	<b>329.16</b>	<b>279.01</b>

### SUMMARY OF ASSETS

Dec. 31, 2023

	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Designation</u>
<b>6</b>	Bk Of America	SV acct.	12/12/19	none	0.02	10,453.25	
<b>7</b>	Live Oak Bank	12 mth.	05/12/23	05/12/24	5.00	10,719.70	CD# 5946
<b>8</b>	Live Oak Bank	12 mth.	09/19/23	09/18/24	5.20	10,800.08	CD# 7115
<b>9</b>	Live Oak Bank	6 mth	02/18/23	02/18/24	4.35	12,100.72	CD# 7764 *
<b>10</b>	Live Oak Bank	SV acct.	04/14/22	none	3.92	59,820.05	#0541
<b>11</b>	Dec. 31, 2023					8,573.49	
<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL CASH BALANCES</b>					<b>112,467.29</b>	
<b>13</b>	General Fund					27,623.80	
<b>14</b>	Cemetery Fund					12,100.72	CD# 7764
<b>15</b>	Mercy Fund					616.43	
<b>16</b>	Improvement Fund:					71,518.17	
<b>17</b>	<i>Designated for parsonage kitchen</i>				<i>\$1,410.00</i>		
<b>18</b>	Outreach/Evangelism Fund					329.16	
<b>19</b>	Publication Fund					279.01	
<b>20</b>	Payroll Tax Liability Account					0.00	
<b>21</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					<b>112,467.29</b>	

\* Note: CD# 7764 is designated for Cemetery Funds

### SUMMARY OF NOTES RECEIVABLE

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date of Loan</u>	<u>Total Loan</u>	<u>Amt. Repaid</u>	<u>Bal. Due</u>
<b>22</b>	None at this time						

### SUMMARY OF NOTES PAYABLE

<b>23</b>	None at this time						
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