

## **Congregational Report**

January 2025

## Session Report 2024

As a session we keep learning about the priority of prayer. We don't have quick or simple solutions to the challenges we see, for individuals, families, the church and our own families and personal lives. So we must pray and keep remembering, "Apart from me you can do nothing."

We are thankful for several answers to those prayers this past year.

One answer is preaching by Pastor Jerry Foltz, as well as evening preaching by our interns, Nathan Shaver and Mike Wold.

Two years ago, we were not sure how we would maintain a strong preaching format. We found guest preachers within the presbytery at first, and then the Lord answered through Nathan and Mike, who were sensing calls to ministry at about the same time.

This past year Jerry finished his preaching on the book of Romans and has started into the gospel of Mark. Nathan has preached on Jude and Ruth and is now taking us through I John. Mike has preached on the Sermon on the Mount from the book of Matthew in addition to some topical sermons.

We continue to seek the Lord as to His plan for another pastor to come alongside Jerry, as we have found that many men in established church responsibilities do not feel led to leave their current responsibilities to join us. We have looked to recent graduates of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh. From Montana, Chris Schrock also has preached for us and grew up in Indiana. He has 6 children, homeschooled, and has been approved by the Midwest Presbytery to receive a call to the RP church as a teaching elder. We also are thankful for how Nathan Shaver has been a blessing to the congregation as an intern and potential pastoral candidate as he completes his seminary work in 2027.

Another answer to prayer: We are thankful for the good fellowship we have enjoyed, after morning and evening services, on work days, in fellowship events such as IronMen and women's special events. We also are blessed with midweek Bible studies, as well as the 7 a.m. Zoom prayer meeting. We have an overflowing cup in our fellowship with one another.

Another answer to prayer: The election and ordination and installation of two new deacons, Adam Dinkledine and Philip Cutter, who bring some special gifts to their new responsibilities.

The late London pastor Martyn Lloyd Jones once suggested that prayer in the most important discipline, even more important than Bible study. He wrote many commentaries, from many years of preaching and certainly recommended daily Bible reading and study. May we keep growing as a praying church, as a foundation for reaching training, building and sending for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

 This past year the session held 20 meetings: 12 regular meetings and 8 special meetings. Total membership as of Dec. 31, 2024 was 155 communicant members and 52 covenant children. We welcomed nine new members: Mike and Kate Wold; Mary Beth Mauser; Jason Tolley; Carol Yonkers; John and Lynn Boyer; Austin Middleton; Laura Mumme. Two communicant members transferred to RP churches in other locations, Nathan Marcisz and Mike Stuart. Six communicant members transferred to other churches in the Indianapolis area: Jessica Cutter; Jim Long; David and Grace Pulliam; Joe and Janae Chheng. Beth Cavanaugh was given a letter of standing. Two members transferred to churches in other locations: Zuri Cassell; Cargill Faris. With sorrow we admonished Shane and Erika Blue as they joined the Roman Catholic Church after considerable discussion with them about their decision. We approved Richard Blankenship's request to step down as an elder and have honored him with an elder emeritus recognition.

- 2. The congregation observed the sacrament of communion on 12 occasions.
- 3. We rejoiced in these births:
  - Feb. 18, 2024 Eleanor Scott Saunders, daughter of Daniel and Rylee Saunders
  - March 27, 2024 Ophelia Jo Chheng, daughter of Joe and Janae Chheng
  - Apr. 22, 2024 Edith Margaret Kilbourn, daughter of Stephen and Eleanor Kilbourn
  - July 28, 2024 Caden Remington Cutter, son of Philip and Ashley Cutter
  - December 4, 2024 Gideon Jerry Dinkledine, son of Adam and Heidi Dinkledine
  - December 20, 2024 Solomon Oghenemario Musick, son of Jordan and Joyce Musick
- 4. The sacrament of baptism was administered to:
  - July 14, 2024 Eleanor Scott Saunders, daughter of Daniel and Rylee Saunders
  - Sept. 8, 2024 Edith Margaret Kilbourn, daughter of Stephen and Eleanor Kilbourn
  - Nov. 24, 2024 Caden Remington Cutter, son of Philip and Ashley Cutter
  - Dec. 8, 2024 Austin Middleton (baptized and received as a new member)
  - Dec. 15, 2024 Gideon Jerry Dinkledine, son of Adam and Heidi Dinkledine
- 5. Denny Prutow went to be with the Lord, October 30, 2024. Sam Chheng went to be with the Lord, December 20, 2024.
- Ruling elder delegates to the Feb. 29-March presbytery here at 4800: Dave Mauser, Terry Magnuson; alternate, Adam Doerr. For synod and presbytery, June 11-14, Geneva College, Dean Filson and Jeff Platt. Jerry Foltz served as a delegate as teaching elder to presbytery and synod meetings.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the session,

Russ Pulliam, Clerk of Session

## 2023 Audit Report

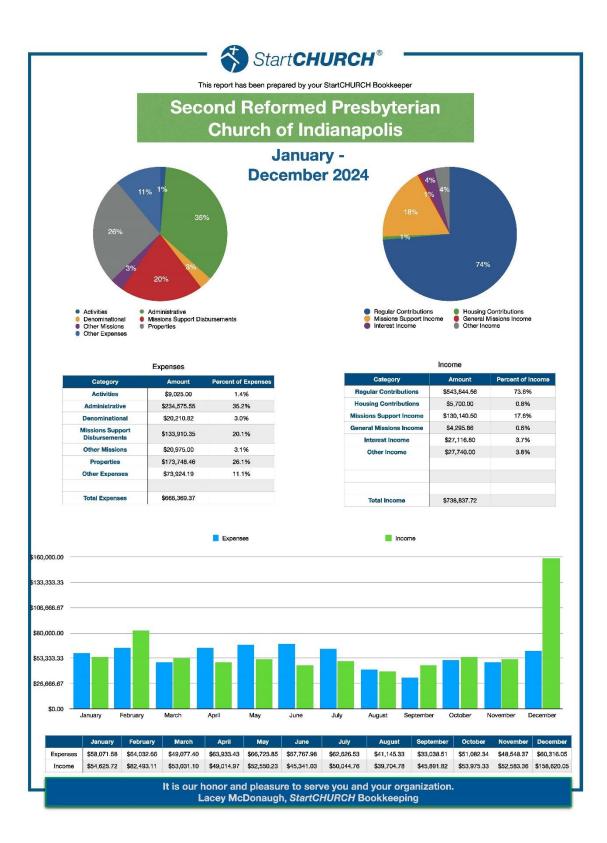
An audit of the church finances was conducted as of December 31, 2023, which included reviewing the receipts, disbursements, payroll records, bank accounts, and financial statements. We did find that there were a few outflows from our checking account that are not accounted for by receipts. These were small values and we informed Ethan Bell of these things and our questions have already been answered by him.

Overall, the records were found to be in good order and to fairly represent the financial position of Second Reformed Presbyterian Church. A recommendation we do have is to have the outside record keeper also hold receipts for us so that we can more easily find and confirm the receipts of our payments for future reference.

We would like to extend our gratitude to: the Church's outside record keeper, StartChurch, Ethan Bell for his work as Treasurer, and the deacons and others who have assisted them throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob Long, Chairman Jim Bright Philip Cutter Stephen Kilbourn



## Second Reformed Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis

Statement of Financial Position | Cash Basis As of December 31, 2024

ASSETS	ΤΟΤΑΙ
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Chase 270-364 Days CD (6175)	103,744.84
Chase 60-89 Days CD (6174)	51,855.33
Chase Checking (6736)	180,096.44
First Internet Bank 12 Month CD (7638)	87,030.44
First Internet Bank 24 Month CD (2631)	49,809.0
First Internet Bank 6 Month CD (5733)	84,249.7
First Internet Bank Money Market (5913)	12,146.5
First Merchants Bank 12 Month CD (8496)	105,250.9
First Merchants Bank 12 Month CD (8925)	105,250.9
First Merchants Bank Savings (2711)	12,084.9
Total Bank Accounts	\$791,519.3
Other Current Assets	
2024 Donations	5,822.4
Total Other Current Assets	\$5,822.4
Total Current Assets	\$797,341.7
Fixed Assets	
4840 Property	275,000.0
Accumulated Depreciation	-102,449.2
AV Equipment	15,306.2
Building Improvements	168,457.5
Equipment Purchase	59,907.5
Office Equipment	3,793.2
Total Fixed Assets	\$420,015.3
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,217,357.0
IABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Chase Credit Card	119.1
Total Credit Cards	\$119.1
Other Current Liabilities	
Accrued Expenses	10,500.0
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$10,500.0
Total Current Liabilities	\$10,619.1
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Equity	
Net Assets	1,162,970.2
Net Revenue	43,767.7