

SYCAMORE RP CHURCH

2026 REPORT

Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery – Orlando RP Church

Mar 3-5, 2026

After you have suffered a little while, [He] will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

(1 Pet 5:10)

The past year was one of testing and refinement for Sycamore RPC. As a congregation, we were reminded that the Lord grows His church through both increase and pruning, and that Christ Himself remains the faithful Shepherd of His people. Though the year brought difficulty, loss, and change, we are thankful for the Lord's preserving grace and for the growing clarity of our calling to stand firm in faith, obedience, and prayer.

The Session met in constituted court approximately fifteen times during the year and convened informally as needed to address pastoral and shepherding concerns. Our meetings were marked by prayerful deliberation under God's Word.

Significant time was devoted to intercession for members and families, as well as for the peace, purity, and perseverance of the church. The elders continued to pursue faithful oversight through study, discussion, prayer, and personal shepherding, even as the year placed substantial pastoral demands on the Session.

Throughout the year, the elders studied Michael Kruger's *Bully Pulpit*, which encouraged careful reflection on pastoral authority, humility, and the responsible exercise of leadership in Christ's church. Household visitation and individual shepherding matters were discussed, with particular attention given to those facing grief, trial, or spiritual distress.

The Session interviewed and sustained two covenant youth this year, giving thanks to the Lord for helping them publicly profess faith in Christ and commit themselves to His visible church. The Session also addressed notable membership changes, including relocations and those who ceased regular participation. The membership roll declined from 94 to 80 over the year; of those 80, 21 are not in regular local attendance due to college enrollment, relocation pending transfer, or disciplinary circumstances. Average morning attendance was 65, with evening attendance averaging 41, reflecting the steady faithfulness of those who gathered regularly for worship.

Congregational Stats	2024	2025
Total Members	51 C 43 B (94)	44 C 36 B (80)
AM Attn	81	65
PM Attn	50	41
Professions of Baptized	5	2
Professions of New Converts	0	0
Change in Members	-1/+4	-17/+3

The Lord continued to bless the congregation with meaningful fellowship and connectional life. Highlights included communion weekends, RP Night at Victory Field, joint fellowship with sister congregations, youth participation in denominational events, hosting the GLG Women's Retreat, and seasonal congregational gatherings. These occasions strengthened bonds within the congregation and reinforced our shared life with the broader church.

The preaching and teaching ministry centered on themes particularly suited to the year's challenges. Morning worship focused on Spiritual Warfare, reminding us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood and that Christ has already secured the decisive victory. Sabbath evening worship emphasized The Fear of the Lord, calling us to reverent trust, humility, and obedience. The Lord's Supper was celebrated regularly, and congregational Psalm singing continued, including special Psalm sings on the fifth Lord's Days.

Prayer remained a defining feature of congregational life. The church labored together in calling upon the Lord through seasons of grief, illness, uncertainty, and sorrow, as well as in thanksgiving for new life, answered prayers, provision, and mercy. Much of the Lord's work among us occurred quietly through sustained corporate intercession, strengthening faith and perseverance.

Regular rhythms of teaching and fellowship were maintained through weekly classes, youth discipleship, and shared meals. Ordinary means—Word, prayer, and shared life—proved once again to be the Lord's chosen instruments for sustaining His people. The congregation also continued its involvement in community and mercy efforts, including support for the local Pregnancy Resource Center and the Vermigli House ministry.

During the year, the pastor stepped back from regular counseling for a season of recalibration and training, addressing gaps in preparation and clarifying long-term counseling aims and practices. This proved fruitful and has strengthened the sustainability and faithfulness of pastoral care moving forward. The pastor served the broader church through denominational responsibilities, including participation on Synod study committees, for which the Session is grateful.

The year brought real loss and sorrow, and these trials affected morale. Yet the Lord has preserved a smaller, stable core marked by quiet faithfulness, reverence, and perseverance. We receive this not as an achievement, but as a gift of grace. Christ remains the Chief Shepherd of His church. He does not lose His sheep, and He faithfully accomplishes all that the Father has given Him to do.

As we look ahead, the Session and congregation seek to remain rooted in Christ, attentive to prayer, and increasingly outward-looking in witness and service. With confidence not in ourselves but in the Lord who builds His church, we trust that He will continue to lead us in His good and perfect will.

Respectfully submitted,

The Session of Sycamore Reformed Presbyterian Church

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2026 BUDGET

	2025 Proposal	2025 Actual	2026 Proposal
100 Income			
101 Interest			
102 Tithes and Offerings		\$200,362.59	\$150,000.00
103 Flow-In (<i>Anonymous</i>)		\$2,000.00	
104 Building Emergency Fund			
105 Compassion International			
107 Other Income			
108 Building Improvements			
110 Building Cleaning			
111 Special Gifts (<i>RPCNA Grant & CC</i>)		24,997.00	
100 Subtotal	\$127,439.00	\$227,359.59	\$150,000.00
200 Administration			
201 Administration	\$4,000.00	\$4,764.22	\$4,000.00
202 Christian Education	\$2,000.00	\$1,218.43	\$500.00
203 Library Education	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
205 Anderson Ministry Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
207 Gift/Donation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
208 Speakers	\$2,400.00	\$250.00	\$2,000.00
209 Media	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
210 Ministry Expense	\$0.00	\$173.18	\$0.00
200 Subtotal	\$11,050.00	\$8,555.83	\$8,900.00
300 Congregation			
301 Fellowship & Hospitality	\$800.00	\$837.20	\$850.00
303 Mercy	\$1,000.00	\$1,530.31	\$1,500.00
304 Memorials	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
305 Outreach & Evangelism	\$100.00	\$37.00	\$90.00
307 Vermigli House	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
310 Sermon Audio	\$600.00	\$599.40	\$600.00
311 Pastoral Continuing Education	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
323 Conference and Missions	\$5,000.00	\$3,002.00	\$3,000.00
324 Scripture Memory Scholarship	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$1,000.00

325 Intern	\$5,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00
300 Subtotal	\$13,200.00	\$8,705.91	\$11,330.00
400 Denomination & Missions			
403 Presbytery Assessments	\$1,480.00	\$1,480.00	\$1,970.00
405 RPM&M	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
407 Synod Assessments	\$3,200.00	\$3,592.00	\$4,000.00
410 Synod	\$400.00	\$792.00	\$800.00
400 Subtotal	\$6,280.00	\$7,064.00	\$7,970.00
500 Pastor			
501 Health	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
502 Housing	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$26,000.00
503 Salary	\$32,563.00	\$32,600.00	\$36,000.00
504 Pension	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
500 Subtotal	\$75,563.00	\$75,600.00	\$80,000.00
600 Building			
602 Domestic Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,851.66	\$2,000.00
603 Maintenance	\$4,046.00	\$2,662.41	\$4,000.00
604 Building Emergency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
605 Insurance	\$4,500.00	\$5,078.09	\$5,000.00
607 Utilities	\$9,000.00	\$10,041.95	\$9,000.00
608 Building Improvements	\$0.00	\$48,649.87	\$18,000.00
610 Building Cleaning	\$2,600.00	\$3,090.00	\$3,800.00
611 Appliances and Furniture	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$0.00
703 Flow Out (<i>Anonymous</i>)	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
600 Subtotal	\$21,346.00	\$73,428.98	\$41,800.00
TOTAL	\$127,439.00	\$173,354.72	\$150,000.00
Over/Under Budget		-\$45,915.72	
2024 Balance	\$80,028.41		
2025 Balance	\$134,033.41		