



Sunday, February 22, 2026

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Erhalt uns, Herr (The Glory of These Forty Days)
Timothy Albrecht
Yoojung Chung Ji, Organist

*I was breathing but not alive.
All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb 'til I met You.*

Welcome

Pastor Jim Szeyller

Call to Worship

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,

People: *Christ goes with us side by side.*

Leader: While we gather here for worship,

People: *May our lives be focused with praise and care.*

Leader: As we sing, pray and listen,

People: *May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.*

Leader: And may this time of worship,

People: *Be for us a constant guide.*

Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

People: *As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.*

Opening Prayer

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

Glorious Day
Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith, Kristian Stanfill,
& Sean Curran
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums & Madison Spach, Guitar

*I was buried beneath my shame.
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met You.*

*You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

*Now Your mercy has saved my soul.
Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.*

*You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

*I needed rescue. My sin was heavy,
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter. I was an orphan.
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.*

*When I was broken, You were my healing;
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future. My eyes are open,
'Cause when You called my name,*

*And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name,
And I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!*

This Is Amazing Grace
Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle, & Josh Farro

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.*

*Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.*

*This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.*

*Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.*

*Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance,
The King of glory, the King above all kings.*

*This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!*

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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy, worthy, worthy!*

*This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.*

Prayer of Confession

Mark Imfeld

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving
(please stand if able)

*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. Amen.*

Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ

Anthem

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Arr. by Victor C. Johnson
LNPC Chancel Choir

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.*

*Jesus prayed there in the garden,
He had to pray all by Himself.
Oh, nobody else could pray there with Him,
He had to pray all by Himself.*

*Jesus died way out on Calvary,
He was pierced and crucified.
Oh, nobody else could die in His place,
He had to die all by Himself.*

*He must walk this lonesome valley,
He has to walk it by Himself.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
He has to walk, He has to walk,
He has to walk it for us all.
This lonesome valley.*

Recognition of Children

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 32
Pew Bible pp. 506 - 507

- ¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.
¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
William Williams; Peter Williams, Translator
#634 (vv. 1, 2)

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty--
Hold me with thy powerful hand:*

*Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:*

*Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

Second Scripture Readings

Matthew 4: 1 - 11
Pew Bible p. 3

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Sermon

He Was Tempted As We Are Tempted

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

I thought I was distant.
I thought I was finished.
Drifted too far,
Too far from Your heart.

But you never left me.
You didn't forget me.
Each step of the way
You were there in my heart.

Your arms are always open.
You welcome me home.
Father of mercies,
How do you love me?

So well, so well,
So well, so well,
Never withholding ever pursuing.
So well, so well
So well, so well you love so well.

Your grace so relentless
Brought me to my senses.
Awakened my soul
And filled me with hope.

You are the shelter
I rest in forever.
Should I lose my way
I know where you are.

Your arms are always open.
You welcome me home.
Father of mercies,
How do you love me?

So Well

Caleb Grimm and Mitchell Wong
Jaime and Lani Colley, Duet

So well, so well,
So well, so well,
Never withholding ever pursuing.
So well, so well
So well, so well you love so well.

So well,
And you're walking here beside me,
Through the desert of my soul.
You're breathing life within me;
Just to make my spirit whole.

Your thoughts for me outnumber
The countless grains of sand.
My home is where your heart is
And your heart is where I am.

And you're walking here beside me,
Through the desert of my soul.
You're breathing life within me;
Just to make my spirit whole.

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Father of mercies,
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So well, so well you love so well.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Response

(please stand if able)

*Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins
And close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend,
And did the victory win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.*

Lord, Who Throughout

Claudia F. Hernaman
#200 (vv. 1 - 4)

*As you did hunger and did thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and so to live
By your most holy Word.*

*And thro' these days of penitence,
And thro' your Passiontide,
Forevermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.*

Charge and Benediction

(please remain standing)

Chorale Response

*May we be blessed as we go on our way.
May we be kept in safety and love.
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,
May this be our blessing Amen.
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen.
Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen.*

Prayer for the Road

(We invite you to be seated for the Congregational Meeting immediately following the Worship service. Thank you.)

SERMON NOTES

Congregational Meeting

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Judy Ruddiman
in honor of her dear Bill's birthday.*

Worship Production Leaders

Sound

Carlos Morales
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Ben Roebuck
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Prayer Concerns

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Claire Hirakawa
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Nancy LeBlanc
Kathleen Lechner
Allen Renning
*Dave Ross**
Tasha Schwarz
Gary Wright

Peace & Comfort

Family of Marvel Anderson
Family of Suzanne Chapman
Jaime & Lani Colley and Family
(Jaime's Father)
Fred and Janice Ehlers &
Family (Fred's Mother & Friend)
Fitzpatrick Family (Jill's Father)
Eileen Green (Brother)
Nora and Mark Imfeld & Family
(Nora's Father)
Sharon and Greg Johnson &
Family (Sharon's Brother, Bob)

Lange Family (Mindy)
Kathleen Lechner (Daughter)
Moore Family & John Flannery
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Sunday, February 22, 2026 Announcements



Children bathroom independent through 5th Grade*

Worship is attended as a family until the Recognition of Children, when our young children are excused to go with their teachers to the Sunday School classroom located in the hallway off the Narthex.

**If you are in need of nursery space during the service, you are invited to use the Quiet Room, equipped with livestream, located across from the Sunday School Room.*

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Noteworthy News

- ◆ **Memorial Service for Kathleen Roebuck:** Saturday, March 21st, at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary/Livestream. A reception in Gard Hall will immediately follow the service.
- ◆ **Henrietta Mears Film and Potluck Lunch immediately following worship on Sunday, March 15th:** Asst. Producer Tim McCalmont will join us for conversation and a Q & A as we explore the remarkable life and influence of Henrietta Mears. Sign up on the patio or online and let us know what main dish you'll bring to share.
- ◆ **How Did We Get It & How Do We Use It:** Lenten Study, Wednesday March 4th, 11th, & 18th, at 6:00 pm, in Gard A. Join us as we think together about the origins of Scripture, the historical methodology for deciding which books would be included, and for a conversation about how we read, study, and apply Scripture. Light refreshments will be served.
- ◆ **Women - You're Invited:** Join the women of Community Presbyterian Church for a time of reflection and renewal on Saturday, March 21st, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. \$25 includes lunch. Email Terri Beck at terribeck@sjcpres.org.
- ◆ **Urgent Need:** Our Missions team is requesting donations of canned proteins—tuna, chicken, beef—to distribute on Thursday afternoons to FAM families. You are invited to leave your donations in the bin on the Missions Cart on the patio after Worship or during the week in the lobby of Gard Hall.
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Sunday, March 29th, 7:30 am - 1:30 pm in Gard A. Sign up today to save lives! Use the LNPC app or go to lnpc.org, click on the link, and use Sponsor Code LNPC. Or, simply call the church office for assistance in scheduling your appointment.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

February 22	SUNDAY	February 26	THURSDAY
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm FAM Food Dist. Parking Lot
11:00 am	Congregational Mtg.	Sanctuary	4:00 pm Holy Yoga Chair Gard C
11:30 am	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room	5:00 pm Holy Yoga Gard C
3:00 pm	Middle School.	The Garage	6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
4:00 pm	High School	The Garage	
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A	
February 23	MONDAY	February 27	FRIDAY
7:00 am	AA Men's	Gard B	7:00 am AA Men's Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women's	Gard B	9:30 am AA Women's Gard C
1:30 pm	Staff	Conference Room	
5:30 pm	Col. de Cap. HOA	Conference Room	
6:00 pm	Session	Work Room	
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	
February 24	TUESDAY	February 28	SATURDAY
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B	9:00 am Men's Disc Golf Meet at LNPC
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study	Conference Room	
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
February 25	WEDNESDAY	March 1	SUNDAY
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B	10:00 am Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream
6:00 pm	PNC	Conference Room	11:15 am Faithful conversations. Sanctuary
			11:15 am Men's Meeting Christian Ed. Room
			11:15 am Missions Gard A
			3:00 pm Clippers Game—YTH Meet at LNPC
			4:00 pm The Journey Gard A

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Ginny Bowman (Heath)	Rene (Woody)
John Carruth (Ehlers)	George Rihovsky
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)
Robyn Fong (Ehlers)	Bob Strickler (Ditto)
Phil Hermsmeyer (Muck)	Dave Tuma (Troester)
Blake Hourigan (Hourigan)	Lindsey Yanez (Nunnikhoven)
<i>Sophia Truong and Elaine Phan & Family* (Lee Lee)</i>	
Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)	

(*New addition - Names will appear for 3 months unless otherwise specified by those who submit the prayer request.)

To submit a prayer request or notify us that one can be removed: office@lnpc.org or 949.249.1218

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

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Organist
Suk Choi

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PASTOR JIM SZEYLLER 2025 Annual Report

As I look to 2026 and the close of my 10 years of service at LNPC; as I look to 2026 and the close of 46 years of non-ordained and ordained service in Christ's Church; as I use this time to reflect on the saints that I have encountered – saints who ensured that my ministry was rich and life giving; I am overwhelmed by the goodness of God and God's people.

2025 was the beginning of a season of transition for the church. In accordance with an exceptionally gracious process outlined by our Presbytery of Los Ranchos Committee on Ministry, I announced my retirement, effective December 31, 2026, and the beginning of a pastoral search process that we would be allowed to conduct while I was still here.

That decision was made in recognition of the health and vitality of the church. The decision has allowed LNPC to forego the traditional interim period. I am so very, very thankful for that Committee on Ministry decision and for the faithful members who have been elected to serve as our Pastor Nominating Committee.

Even as this transition is underway, the ministry life of LNPC remains strong. The staff of this church – Stephanie, Lee Lee, Ben, and Becky – are deeply faithful, wonderfully competent and creative, and committed to the life and ministry of this church. It is a joy to serve with them.

Our elective leadership has leaned into the challenges of leading a church in a season of transition. Each leader – deacons and elders – have brilliantly lived into their ordination vows. The church continues with its challenges: sustainable financial giving, the maintenance of an aging church plant, and transitioning a growing online worship community to an in-person presence.

I have no doubt that LNPC will continue to thrive. I have no doubt that God has already selected a pastor to lead this church into its next season of faithfulness. I also have no doubt that our new pastor will find the LNPC church community as faithful, supporting, encouraging and lifegiving as I have.

I remain deeply thankful for each of you!



BEN ROEBUCK 2025 Annual Report

In 2025, I had the privilege of serving the Youth Ministry and Technical Ministry at LNPC. This year has been characterized by spiritual growth, renewed connection, and deep encouragement as I witnessed God moving in the lives of our students and our church family. I remain profoundly grateful for the love and support of my LNPC family, whose partnership has been an ongoing blessing throughout this year of ministry.



Within our Youth Ministry, LNPC YTH, I saw our students' faith take shape as they pursued a more personal relationship with Jesus. Many demonstrated a growing boldness in their discipleship by inviting friends, sharing the gospel, worshipping together, and engaging more intentionally in conversations about faith. It has been a joy to see them embrace their identity in Christ and step forward with confidence and authenticity.

On the technical side, 2025 brought significant improvements to our digital ministry. We launched a new livestream partnership with BoxCast, which now encodes and distributes our services across all major platforms,

including the LNPC App, Website, YouTube, and Facebook, providing a more reliable and accessible worship experience to those joining us online. Additionally, we partnered with Pulpit.AI, an efficient resource that has helped extend the reach of our sermons to many people in our community and beyond, allowing our sermons to impact lives far beyond our physical walls. We also embraced new approaches to create a more immersive and welcoming worship environment, particularly during our annual Christmas Worship Festival, helping our congregation experience the beauty and hope of the season in a meaningful way.

Looking ahead, we plan to continue strengthening our systems by consolidating our management and database platforms, making everything more streamlined and supporting the ongoing needs of every ministry team.

I am also grateful for the continued dedication shown by our Communications Ministry and Men's Ministry teams. Their commitment has expanded our reach and strengthened the life of our church, and I look forward to supporting their efforts in the coming year.

As we move into 2026, my heart is filled with gratitude; for our students, our volunteers, our leadership, and our entire church family. It is an honor to worship alongside you, and I look forward to another year of ministry at LNPC, marked by connection, transformation, service, and love.

In Christ,
Ben Roebuck
Youth Ministry & Technical Director

LEE LEE TRUONG - SAWICKI 2025 Annual Report

Dear LNPC Family,

Worship is what unites us, and once again we give thanks to God for the ways we have been gathered, formed, and sustained through worship this year. As the body of Christ, we continue to praise God with our hands, feet, and voices—offering ourselves fully in this sacred calling because we love Him as He first loved us.

This year marked a significant moment of gratitude and transition within our Worship and Music Ministry. After 21 years of faithful service, we celebrated the retirement of Suk Choi, our beloved organist. For more than two decades, Suk's music supported our prayers, carried our hymns, and enriched our worship with beauty and reverence. We give thanks to God for Suk's ministry among us and trust that the same faithfulness that sustained her service will guide us as we look forward to the next chapter of music ministry at LNPC, with gratitude for the past and hope for what lies ahead.

I continue to be deeply grateful for the Worship and Music Ministry Team and for the many volunteers who serve with such dedication and joy. Your willingness to offer your gifts week after week is a true blessing to our congregation. I am also thankful for the ways God provides for our worship life, including the addition of a new sound mixer, which has improved the quality and consistency of sound for those gathered in person and those joining us from afar.

I give thanks to God for a congregation and staff who truly live as the body of Christ, willing and able to step in and serve faithfully, ensuring that worship continues with reverence and care whenever the need arises.

God's generous outpouring of grace—most fully revealed in the gift of His only-begotten Son—is a gift no human could ever repay. And yet, our love for God compels us to sing of the great things He has done. We cherish God's gift of music and return it to Him in songs, hymns, and anthems of praise and thanksgiving. Music gives voice to what words alone cannot fully express and allows our hearts to respond in love.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Worship and Music Ministry Team, Chancel Choir, Audio and Visual Team, worship leaders, and musicians. You are the steadfast foundation of worship at LNPC. May all that we offer be dedicated to God alone, for His glory is the praise of our hearts.

Amen.

In Christ,
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki
Music Minister / Director



ADULT MINISTRY - WOMEN'S 2025 Annual Report

The Women's Ministry continues to treasure our times of fellowship, which provide essential refreshment and growth in Christ. Following the success of last March's train trip to San Diego, we are excited to announce an overnight Women's Retreat scheduled for February 6–7, 2026.

We have been greatly enriched by our recent programs. Many were blessed by Susie Hess's "Faith and Art" class, which offered a wonderful way to celebrate God's creation through artistic expression. Additionally, our fall Tuesday night study, "Daring Joy," provided graceful insights into remaining mindful of the joy God provides even during difficult times. Our closing circle prayer time further strengthened our community.

For those interested in outdoor fellowship, a paddleboard group now meets in Dana Point on most Wednesday mornings. All skill levels are welcome to join.

Blessed by these women,

Becky Szeyller



ADULT MINISTRY - MEN'S 2025 Annual Report

Men's Ministry continues to gain momentum, and we are seeing the enthusiasm build as we continue to move forward to advance and grow the Men's Ministry program at LNPC.

The Men's Ministry Team focuses on and strives to build a Men's Ministry program that creates meaningful opportunities for fellowship, to establish and build relationships, offers a place of support and provides meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth.

The Men's Ministry Team has been very cognizant to plan a variety of activities and events that appeal to men in every age demographic at LNPC and in doing so, we have seen our participation numbers grow.

Some of the activities and events that were offered and enjoyed this year include: two (2) Breakfast & Devotionals, where we enjoyed outstanding devotions presented by Gary Wright - "What It Means To Be a Christian Man" and Jamie Colley - "Renewed In Spirit". Other activities and events included two (2) Disc Golf Challenges, a Barbecue with Cornhole and Bocce Ball at LNPC, an Angels baseball and a Ducks hockey game and we attended the "Concert in the Park" at Crown Valley Community Park.

Thank you to the members of the Men's Ministry Team: Steve Foster, Mike Malone, Steve Moorehead, Steve Muck, Ben Roebuck, and Ted Rose for their support, devotion and hard work helping the Men's Ministry program grow and thrive at LNPC.

Scott Troester
Men's Ministry



YOUTH MINISTRY 2025 Annual Report

LNPC YTH has experienced a vibrant and spiritually rich year in 2025, filled with opportunities for connection, growth, and transformation. God has continued to move in powerful ways within our ministry as students gathered, served, worshiped, and enriched their faith together.

The 2025 youth calendar included memorable events such as Dinners for a Difference, Catalina Day, Ski & Snowboard Night, Disneyland Day, Knott's Scary Farm, and Summer Worship Nights with Brandon Lake and Phil Wickham. These gatherings created opportunities for students to connect with one another, build friendships, and experience meaningful moments with God through worship and community. This year offered students meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and build relationships in settings that encouraged honest conversation, shared worship, and community life. Through weekly gatherings, special events, and times of fellowship, students engaged with their faith in ways that shaped their understanding of who God is and how He is at work in their everyday lives.

This past year, we witnessed something especially encouraging: our students truly embracing their faith and living it out boldly. Many shared the gospel with friends, invited peers to church, leaned into worship opportunities, and stepped into leadership with a Christ-centered confidence. Watching students take initiative; whether praying for one another, leading in worship, or serving our community, has been one of the clearest signs of God's transforming work.

We also hosted several special fellowship events with our middle school students, creating valuable space for them to build relationships and feel welcomed into our ministry community. At the same time, we continued to walk alongside our high school students as they discern the next season God is leading them into.

A continued focus of our ministry has been strengthening the relationship between our students and the wider church community. It has been encouraging to see students serve in worship, participate in ministries, and build intergenerational connections that reflect the unity of the body of Christ. These relationships embody our church's mission to build a Family of Faith by welcoming all people into a life-changing journey together as servants of Jesus Christ through connecting, transforming, loving, and serving.

This ministry thrives because of the faithful dedication of our parents, volunteers, leaders, and church family. Thank you for the ways you pray, support, mentor, and invest in our students. Your love and commitment play a crucial role in shaping the next generation of disciples.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to walking alongside our students in their relationship with Jesus and guiding them as they continue to build their lives on the firm foundation of Jesus. We pray that the seeds planted this year will continue to cultivate faith, hope, courage, and compassion in each student. With anticipation and gratitude, we look forward to all that God will continue to do in and through the students of LNPC in 2026.



LNPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 2025 Annual Report

The Children's Ministry continues to find ways to encourage our Sunday School students to take a leading role in Bible lessons while making meaningful connections to their daily lives. Our programs incorporate music, games, crafts, and painting.

On Easter Sunday, the children chose their own tomato plants to care for as a reminder of their growth in Christ. We also held a delightful egg hunt on the front lawn for everyone from toddlers to middle schoolers.

Much of our spring was spent planning for VBC. Thank you to everyone (guys included) who shared their time and talents to make this outreach a success.

Our "Wonder" Vacation Bible Camp saw delightful community attendance this year. The program featured music in the Sanctuary, Bible stories and crafts in Gard Hall, and recreation with a picnic lunch outdoors. We are grateful for our fantastic leaders and youth counselors.

During Christmas Eve, the message of Jesus' everlasting love was shared through the distribution of "Pocket Jesus" figurines to the children and congregation.

LNPC Children's Ministries remain enriched by a faithful group of volunteers.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY 2025 Annual Report

Mission Statement: To foster quality Christian fellowship within our church family and outlying community through hosted events. With each event we look to bring our congregation closer through interacting and participating in activities that also welcome our community.

Team Members: Carolyn Knutson (E), Jaime Colley (E), Nora & Mark Imfeld, Janice Ehlers, Becky Szeyller, Lani Colley, Ted Rose, & Scott Troester.

In 2025, the Congregational Life committee hosted the following events to promote fellowship and engage with the community:

- Bowling at Saddleback Lanes in February
- Hosted luncheon for Choir Bells concert benefiting FAM
- Movie Night in June - the Chronicles of Narnia
- Father's Day root beer floats in June
- Summer Church picnic and potluck after VBC in June
- Oktober Fest and Line Dancing in October
- Christmas Caroling in December
- Christmas Worship Festival reception in December
- Weekly Sunday morning coffee and treats table after worship service

In 2026, Congregational Life will continue to love and serve our church family and the surrounding community, by hosting activities that provide opportunities to be in loving, cheerful fellowship, and by partnering with other committees in their outreach activities. We will also look to facilitate fellowship opportunities to attend arts/drama/music events, where our church members will be able to experience Christian faith and perspectives in ways that could help them grow in their own faith, and thus become closer to God.

Many thanks to our hardworking and dedicated team of CL volunteers! Pictured: Jaime Colley, Elder, Janice Ehlers, Nora Imfeld, Mark Imfeld, Lani Colley, and Becky Szeyller. (Not pictured: Carolyn Knutson, Elder, Ted Rose, and Scott Troester)



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY

2025 Annual Report

We have been working hard maintaining the LNPC buildings and grounds this year. Our Ministry Teams' Values are Love, Welcoming, Service, Safety, and Teamwork. Our team of Saints has also been helping to support other ministries throughout the year. Our monthly meetings were held on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00AM and were very productive as well as fun. Following our meetings, we often toured the grounds to discuss future projects.

The LNPC B&G team members are listed below:

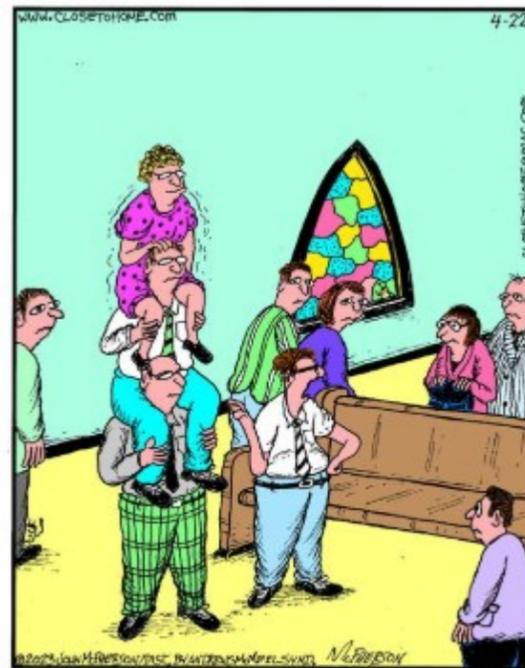
Greg Johnson, Tony Abraham, Ellen Hampsten, Scott Troester, Steve Galloway, Tom Dunn, and Steve Moorehead.

Of course, much of the work would not be completed without the many additional Church volunteers that helped us tackle the larger projects. In 2025, we had two Church workdays, one in May and one in October, in which we completed and removed fifteen actions items from our list. The Hanging of the Greens was well attended to get the Church ready for the Holiday season. A special thank you to all that turned out for our All-Hands Church Workdays.

The B&G team is planning to have two Church Workdays in 2026. Please keep an eye on the Church Calendars for specific dates.

We are truly blessed to have a Buildings & Grounds team - and a congregation - that cares so much about the LNPC campus.

Thanks,
Greg Johnson



"How about it, people? Any more volunteers to change the light bulbs in the sanctuary?"

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

2025 Annual Report

In 2025, the Communications Ministry supported LNPC's vision of building a Family of Faith by helping people enter deeper connection, transformation, love, and service through clear and meaningful communication. Throughout the year, we strengthened connection by keeping our website, mobile app, weekly eblast, livestream, and printed materials accurate, timely, and simple to navigate. We encouraged spiritual transformation by sharing sermon clips, scripture reflections, and digital content that helped extend the impact of worship throughout the week.

Our communication reflected love by aiming for clarity, hospitality, and a tone that made information easy to understand and accessible to everyone who engaged with it. We also supported service across the church by maintaining reliable communication workflows and partnering with ministry teams to provide the materials and information needed for successful events and outreach.

As we look toward 2026, we hope to continue building on this foundation by increasing meaningful video content, strengthening event communication workflows, growing volunteer involvement, and thoughtfully using new tools to enhance clarity and consistency. We are grateful for the ways God used communication in 2025 to draw people closer to Christ, to one another, and to the shared mission of LNPC.

Communications Ministry Team: Mark Imfeld (Elder), Ben Roebuck, Carol Stocksdale (not pictured), and Stephanie Muck.



BOARD OF DEACONS 2025 Annual Report

The Board of Deacon's role is to love and care for their Parish members, to host the American Red Blood Drives, to support Holy Yoga, to coordinate Celebration of Life Receptions, to work with the Elders by preparing, cleaning up and serving Communion and to keep an eye on the Little Free Library. The Deacons desire to be the hands, heart and feet of Christ in relation to our congregation members. To do this loving and caring job, Deacons will sometimes request reimbursement for cards, stamps, flowers, refreshments or other related items.

The LNPC Core Values align beautifully with the role of a Deacon. We love God while loving our members, through cards, calls, flowers and meeting together. We connect with God when we connect with our Parish members in any creative way we do. We show love for God when we serve our Parish members. Lastly, we are transformed when we share these core values. In the end, we hope by loving, connecting and serving we all experience a little Godly transformation.



MISSIONS MINISTRY 2025 Annual Report

IT'S A WRAP FOR 2025

"Truly, as you did these things to the least of them, you did them for me." (Matt. 25:40, para.)

Congratulations to our Missions Team: Chris Green, Michael Boscardin, Sharon Johnson, Dora Pasco, Leticia Celaya, Cassandra Ondryas and Debbie Heath (Elder). Without this group of dedicated members our projects would not operate with such success and passion. Our projects continued seamlessly and we send many thanks to our congregation for all of its support.

Friendship Shelter – Thank you to the faithful women and youth who gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month to prepare 60 sandwich bags that are delivered to the shelter. A lot of love and preparation is put into this project. Volunteers always welcomed.

Friendship Shelter Leads – Sharon Johnson, Lori Galloway & Linda Abraham

Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) – Weekly food distribution serving 60+ families, provides food, diapers and case management support every Thursday in the LNPC parking lot. Thanks to the incredible team that shows up each week to serve this project including special projects with our team members from The Lions Club and LN Women's Groups, we couldn't do it without you!

FAM Leads – Cassandra Ondryas & Debbie Heath

South County Outreach- This year we continued to promote filling the barrels which sit in Gard Hall. Non-perishable items are always welcome. Several food drives were organized as well as the yearly Thanksgiving food baskets and gift cards which were distributed in the community. LNPC donated 649 lbs of food!

South County Lead – Mike Boscardin

Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee- LNPC continues this beautiful partnership and supports our military families not only with Christmas toys but a wonderful financial donation courtesy of our congregation.

The Missions Team continues to partner with Children's Ministries for VBC, Congregational Life for a special Hand Bell Concert benefiting FAM, Xmas Caroling and other projects that are making a difference locally and worldwide-Plant With Purpose, Disaster relief, Presbyterian Mission agency, Home Aid we provided 2 free Little Libraries to their La Veta Senior Housing project.

We send many thanks to Susie Hess and all those who support Holy Yoga. Holy Yoga has been supporting the Missions Team in many of our projects.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY 2025 Annual Report

*“All creatures that on Earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.”
(William Kethe, “Old Hundredth”)*

The Worship and Music Ministry Team provides for the music and decorations that frame worship at Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church, to help express the joy we feel in worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Decorations in the Sanctuary are prepared and refreshed by the Chancel Guild. These include not only the seasonal decorations for regular Sunday worship but also the special decorations for Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Advent, and Christmas.

The Chancel Guild created new Advent decorations for the Sanctuary in 2025, including beautiful new bows for the garlands that ring the Sanctuary. Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki and Lani Colley deserve special recognition for their hard work in procuring and supervising their fabrication.

Our Ministry Team retains audio-visual technicians to manage sound and visuals for regular worship as well as special occasions; these skilled individuals have done much to further the development of our thriving livestreamed service. The sound board that organizes the Sanctuary audio required replacement, and the new one has improved the quality and reliability of our audio system and eased the workload of the AV technicians.

Other members of our Ministry Team

- Recruit ushers, to assist the congregation in seating and special needs.
- Recruit liturgists, to present the liturgy alongside the pastors.
- Provide flowers to decorate the Sanctuary, and facilitate donations to cover their cost.

The Journey, our regular Sunday afternoon worship service featuring praise music, is managed by Ministry Team member Margaret Lee.

2025 marked the third full year of Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki’s ministry as Director of Music Ministries. Lee Lee not only trains and conducts the Chancel Choir but also recruits musicians to bolster our ranks in regular worship and special occasions including Easter and Christmas. With the aid of the Christmas Worship Festival Ministry Team, Lee Lee plans and arranges, as well as conducts, the annual Christmas Worship Festival.

2025 has also been the year LNPC’s longtime organist, Suk Choi, retired. Suk’s last performances at LNPC were the deeply moving Christmas Eve worship services on December 24. Suk was the longest-serving member of the LNPC staff, having provided us with uplifting music and sensitive accompaniment for 21 years. The Worship and Music team and all of LNPC wish Suk well in her retirement and pray she may enjoy the blessings of her family for many years.

Members of the Worship and Music Ministry Team are Pat Kun, Carol Stocksdale, Judy Ruddiman, Jean Shelton (Chancel Guild team leader), Mike Malone, Mark Imfeld (CWF team leader), Nancy LeBlanc,

Margaret Lee, Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki (staff), Jim Szeyller (staff), and Chris Green (team leader). Ministry Team plans for 2026 include the search for a new organist, recruiting and training new members of the Chancel Guild, and the long-overdue replacement of the sanctuary sound mixer.

In 2026, the Worship and Music Ministry Team will work to preserve the joy that our shared gifts of worship bring, both in ordinary time and in special seasons, with the knowledge that we can rely on our God to multiply and spread these gifts beyond our own place and abilities. Reliant on the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are confident Jesus will lead his church this year and in years to come.



PERSONNEL MINISTRY 2025 Annual Report

2025 was an important transition year for the Personnel Committee. Pastor Jim announced his planned retirement which would be effective December 2026. This set in motion a number of related activities: Selection of the transition process that would be utilized, finalizing the schedule for that process, announcement to the congregation, approval of the Mission Study budget and initiating that process which was completed in or about September/October 2025.

In the meantime, we continued to manage through staff wage/hour issues such as overtime liability. The process for selection of a payroll company continues and the need for a new, updated Handbook continues. We also oversaw compliance with mandated trainings for sexual harassment and child abuse as well live scan for both regular staff and volunteers. In addition, we said a fond goodbye to Suk Choi, LNPC's beloved organist. The Personnel Committee approved the job description for posting to find a new organist. We also participated as per usual in the budgeting process. Other staffing concerns dealt with during the included Pastor Jim's health issues, which he transparently disclosed to the congregation; we continue to pray for him and Becky as they navigate their respective health journeys.

Looking forward, we expect 2026 to be a busy year for our Committee as Pastor Jim and Becky transition to a new phase of life and we welcome a new Head of Staff. Thankfully, LNPC's core personnel including Stephanie, Ben and Lee Lee (with Becky graciously serving in the Children's Ministry) have continued to prove faithful, reliable and cherished. As we move forward, we are open to all suggestions, so please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,

The Personnel Committee
Pastor Jim, Howard, Fred, Shannon, Bill and Judie



FINANCE AND OPERATIONS MINISTRY 2025 Annual Report

Treasurer: Tom Stocksdale
Ministry Team Chairman: Jean Wakim

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Finance and Operations team for their hard work and dedication in maintaining the smooth operation of our church. Thank you Tom Stocksdale, Frank Pearce, Allen Renning, Richard Parry, and Steve Galloway for your thoughtful input and guidance. Special thanks go out to Gary Wright who spent countless hours to audit our 2024 records as per Presbytery guidance, and to Judie Ward, our Finance Manager, who tirelessly works to manage all aspects of our financial accounting needs. We also thank LNPC Office Manager, Stephanie Muck, for her daily example of excellence in all things administrative.

The F&O Ministry Team's 2025 activities included:

- A review of new proposals for all insurance coverage to validate that our coverage is adequate and fairly priced.
- An update of procedures as we continue to evolve our recordkeeping and filing practices.
- A review of bank account deposit procedures to reduce costs and to strengthen anti-fraud security measures.

The team's primary goals for 2026 are as follows:

- Continued diligence to review the church's expense and income projections to stay within budgets and provide informed guidance to Session.
- Further our integration of updates to church administrative and online giving software.
- Continued review and timely payment of our payroll, our vendors and expenses.
- Continued assistance in the stewardship of the church's assets to allow for LNPC to better advance Christ's work in our community and the world.

Key to these efforts is the dedicated support of each and every member of the LNPC congregation. Your contributions of time, talent and financial support are critical to LNPC and each of its ministries. We are blessed to have your help!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Wakim



STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY 2025 Annual Report

As of the end of 2025 LNPC has received 71 pledges to the church's 2026 annual operating fund totaling \$462,000 which was a \$5,000 decrease over last year's total for the same period. The 71 pledges represent 56% of our membership.

In summary we had:

- 33 people/families who pledged the same amount as last year
- 29 people/families who increased their pledge over last year
- 5 people/families who decreased their pledge versus last year
- 4 people/families who pledged last year but not this year

It's not too late to pledge for 2026 or increase your pledge! Although we are very grateful for the ever-generous LNPC congregation we are short of income needed to operate the church, so more giving is necessary.

We wish to thank Fred Ehlers, Steve Foster, Gary Wright, Stephanie Muck, Judie Ward, Steve Galloway and Tom Stocksdale for their faithful service to our Stewardship Efforts.



PLANNED GIVING 2025 Annual Report

On a fiscal year basis, the balance as of October 31, 2024, was \$147,947. The balance as of October 31, 2025, was \$140,704. The decrease in the net asset value was \$7,243.

\$21,025 was approved by Session last year for special projects and was the cause of the decrease in the net asset value. Even though the net asset value was down by \$7,243, we gained back \$13,782 of the net asset value.

The members of the Planned Giving Committee are as follows: Frank Pearce, Gary Wright, Tom Stocksdale, and Steve Galloway.

If you are interested in learning more about Planned Giving or would like to contribute to the Planned Giving fund, please contact a member of the Planned Giving Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Pearce, Planned Giving Committee Chairman

CLERK OF SESSION 2025 Annual Report

MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025		163
MEMBERS RECEIVED IN 2025		
LETTER OF TRANSFER	0	
PROFESSION OF FAITH	0	
REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH	16	
REINSTATED	0	
TOTAL GAINS IN 2024		16
MEMBERS LOST IN 2025		
BY DEATH	5	
TRANSFERRED MEMBERSHIP	3	
REMOVE FROM ROLLS	0	
TOTAL LOSS		8
MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025		171

IN MEMORIAM:

Linda Schmidt
Karen Vassey
Mindy Lange
Suzanne Chapman
Louanna Robeson

Born:

03/28/36
07/13/36
04/19/54
02/10/25
09/03/26

Went to be with our Lord:

05/25/25
06/05/25
06/11/25
11/09/25
11/21/25

Your current Session Elders:

2026

Debbie Heath
Carolyn Knutson
Fred Ehlers

2027

Chris Green
Shannon Jenkins
Greg Johnson

2028

Terry Argast
Jaime Colley
Mark Imfeld
Jean Wakim

Pastor Jim Szeyller, Moderator; Nancy LeBlanc, Clerk of Session

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy LeBlanc, Clerk of Session



(Not pictured: Shannon Jenkins, Carolyn Knutson, and Jean Wakim.)

2025 BUDGET RESULTS

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual
Revenue		
Member Pledged Giving	470,000	467,075
Member Non-Pledged Giving	70,000	98,140
Program Income	78,025	69,035
Angel Fund	40,000	35,284
Equity Transfer	---	---
Transfer From Dedicated Accounts	---	---
Transfer From Reserve for Replacement	32,243	32,243
Facilities Donations	15,000	15,250
Operating Income	705,268	717,027
Capital Improvements Income	---	---
Total Revenue	705,268	717,027
Expenses		
Personnel	434,261	429,020.55
Buildings and Grounds	36,000	37,715.61
Utilities	59,950	65,898.02
Capital Improvements	---	997.40
Worship and Music	69,520	69,744.27
Communications	4,200	4,483.96
Congregational Life	2,490	1,520.32
Finance and Operations	45,000	44,979.97
Stewardship	6,000	8,106.82
Deacons	1,600	136.53
Session	8,025	12,290.03
Christian Education		
Children Subtotals	2,600	218.28
Youth	16,182	6,130.83
Adults	3,500	699.98
Christian Education Totals	22,282	7,049.09
Family Camp	---	---
Mission and Issues	15,940	15,939.41
Total Expenses	705,268	697,881.98
Total Revenue	705,268	717,027
Net Differential		19,145.02 Surplus

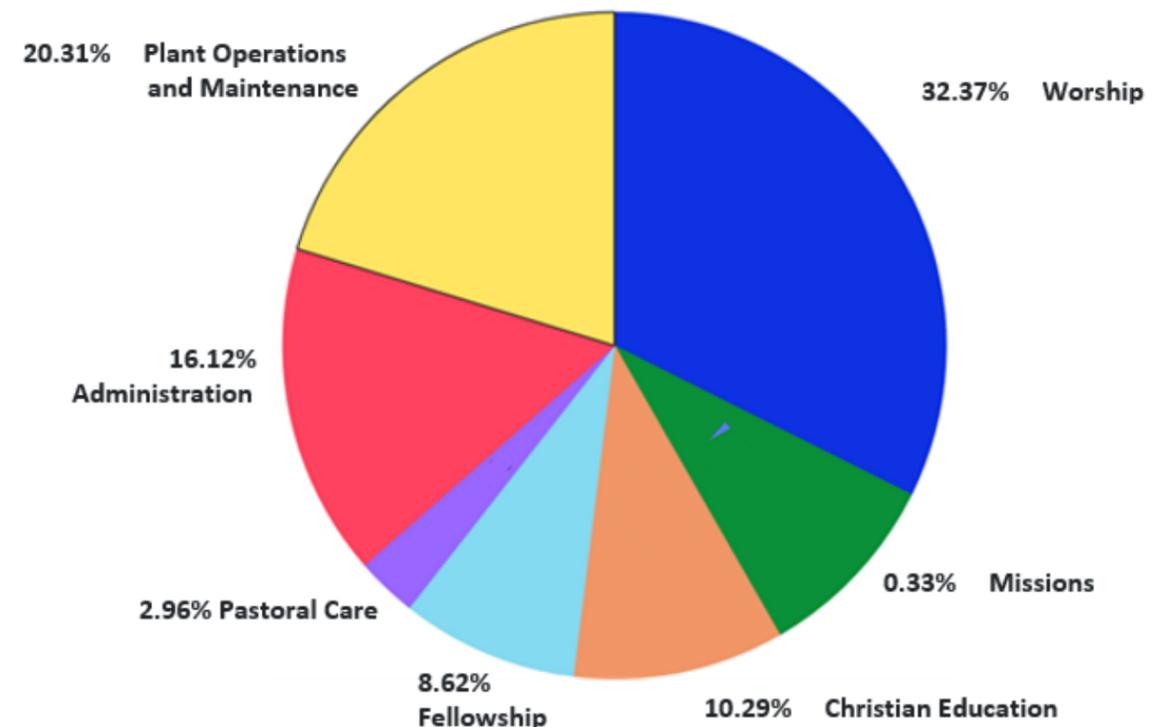
2026 APPROVED BUDGET

	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Revenue		
Member Pledged Giving	467,075	508,600
Member Non-Pledged Giving	98,140	79,588
Program Income	69,035	73,830
Angel Fund	35,284	40,000
Equity Transfer	---	19,000
Transfer From Dedicated Accounts	---	9,619
Transfer From Reserve for Replacement	32,243	---
Facilities Donations	15,250	15,000
Operating Income	717,027	745,637
Capital Improvements Income	---	---
Total Revenue	717,027	745,637
Expenses		
Personnel	429,020.55	460,230
Buildings and Grounds	37,715.61	36,000
Utilities	65,898.02	69,680
Capital Improvements	997.40	---
Worship and Music	69,744.27	70,630
Communications	4,483.96	4,419
Congregational Life	1,520.32	2,490
Finance and Operations	44,979.97	46,917
Stewardship	8,106.82	8,135
Deacons	136.53	645
Session	12,290.03	18,000
Christian Education		
Children Subtotals 1,400		
Youth 8,401		
Adults 3,750		
Christian Education Totals	7,049.09	13,551
Family Camp	---	---
Mission and Issues	15,939.41	14,940
Total Expenses	697,881.98	745,637
Total Revenue	717,027	
Net Differential	19,145.02 Surplus	Balanced

2025 Expense Actuals, Including Special Contributions* Missional Distribution

2025 Operating Budget Actuals, Including Special Contributions*	Color On Pie Chart	Actual Expenditure	Percentage Of Expanded Expense Actual
Worship	Dark Blue	236,526	32.37%
Missions	Green	68,144	9.33%
Christian Education	Orange	75,171	10.29%
Fellowship	Sky Blue	62,978	8.62%
Pastoral Care	Purple	21,635	2.96%
Administration	Red	117,781	16.12%
Plant Operations and Maintenance	Yellow	148,392	20.31%
Totals		730,627	100%

2025 Expense Actuals with Special Contributions

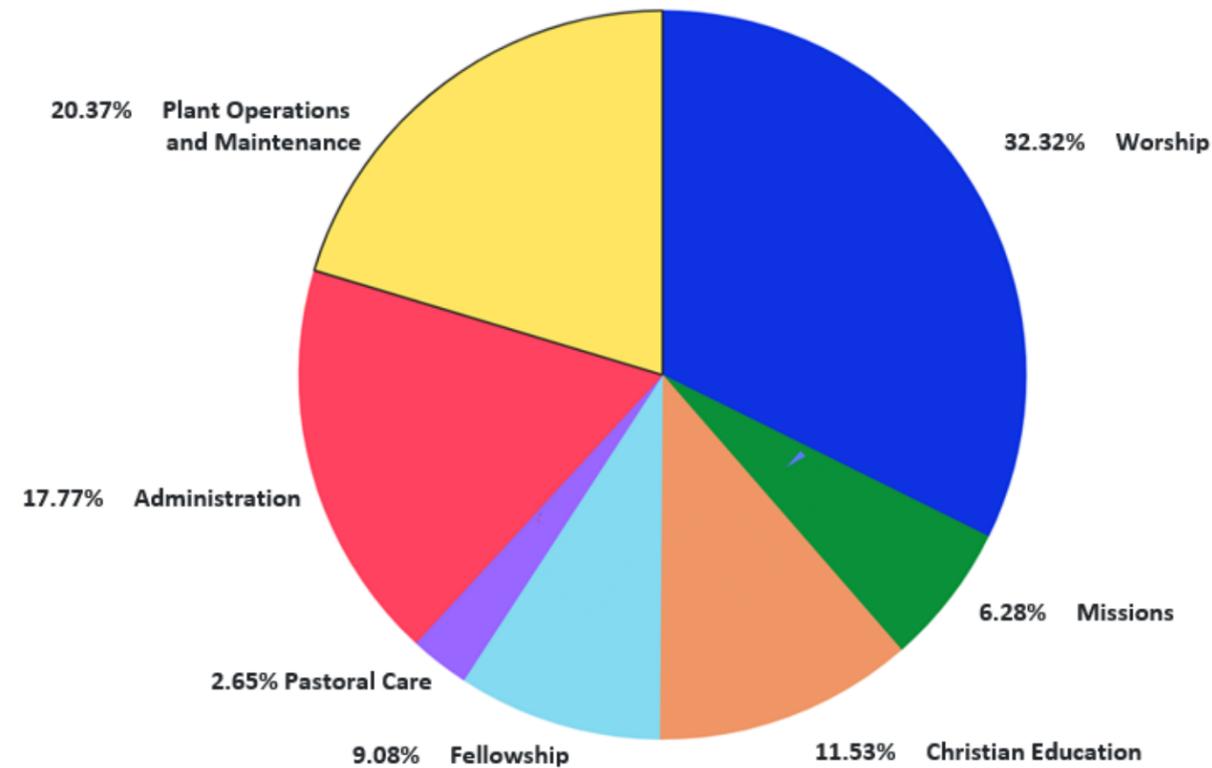


* Includes Funerals, Special Offerings, Special Services, Contributions, Event Participation, Fees, Grants, etc.

2026 Budgeted Expenses Missional Distribution

2026 Expense Budget Missional Distribution	Color On Pie Chart	Budgeted Expenditure	Percentage Of Overall Budget
Worship	Dark Blue	240,966	32.32%
Missions	Green	46,797	6.28%
Christian Education	Orange	85,990	11.53%
Fellowship	Sky Blue	67,761	9.08%
Pastoral Care	Purple	19,729	2.65%
Administration	Red	132,519	17.77%
Plant Operations and Maintenance	Yellow	151,875	20.37%
Totals		745,637	100%

2026 Budgeted Expenses



Review of 2026 Pastoral Terms of Call

Pastor Jim Szeyller Full Time, Installed	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Annual Cash Salary	50,096	50,096	47,096	47,096	52,086
Housing	45,000	45,000	48,000	48,000	50,000
403b Contribution	6,587	1,587	1,587	1,587	7,810
Study Leave/Continuing Ed	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Discretionary Fund	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Dental	1,026	1,118	1,118	1,118	1,118
Major Medical and Pension	37,623	37,757	37,757	37,616	41,750
Total	151,932	147,158	147,158	147,017	164,364

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