

2026 Ministry & Mission Budget



Trinity's purpose is to reach out and share God's love in Christ while nurturing a firm Christian faith in an atmosphere of learning, loving, and giving—together.





2026 Stewardship Campaign

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. "John 13:34-35 (NRSV)"

Do you love Trinity Presbyterian Church? So, what does that exactly mean?

Studies show that on average only 20 % of church attendees regularly contribute and are involved in the ministry and leadership of their church. While the other 80 % fill seats on Sunday but never experience the blessings of full church engagement.

Is this what Christ intended when he created his church? **No!** Scripture implores us, "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another . . ." Hebrews 10.23-25

You see, we are called to do more than just come to worship on Sunday if we want to be Christ's Church. We are to firmly hold onto the profession of our faith and then think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. In other words, if Jesus is going to build His church as He promises, then we need to respond to His call to actively follow him in mission and ministry.

This year's stewardship series is intended to help us take a moment to reflect on Christ's call and think about our church and what we are doing here. It is my hope and prayer for us to celebrate, how for 67 years, Trinity has loved God and have motivated one another to acts of love and good works. And out of our gratitude for these blessings and desire for our church to love others for the next 67 years, I encourage you to generously respond to this year's Stewardship Campaign.

A great part of how we love God and others, as followers of Jesus, is the understanding that we are called to give of the resources entrusted to us for the work, mission, and ministry of God's Kingdom.

I challenge you to respond to the love that God and Trinity have given you by bringing a sign of your love (time, talent, treasure) to share with the church you love.

So, how might you demonstrate your love for our church? Could God be calling you to take a step toward tithing (10% of your income) by increasing your pledge? In addition, is God calling you perhaps to give more of yourself to the church you love by volunteering more hours to one of Trinity mission projects or serving the church in some other capacity? Or maybe commit to attending church more regularly?

During this stewardship season, may you firmly hold onto the profession of our faith by provoking one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together [regularly]! As you reflect on "Why I ♥ My Church," prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share your love of Jesus, of Church, and for one another a little bit more this next year so that Trinity can be an even more loving, faithful and awesome church!

Your Pastor and Friend,

Rev. Ronnie Osborn





LOVE

in Worship

Worship is at the heart of why we love our church. It is more than singing songs or attending a service—it is our opportunity to draw near to God, to offer God our praise, gratitude, and devotion. When we gather together, we are reminded that we are not alone in our faith journey; we are part of a family united in Christ. Worship centers our hearts on God's greatness, renews our spirits, and equips us to live faithfully throughout the week. It is in worship that we experience the joy of God's presence and the strength of our shared community, making it one of the most vital expressions of our love for the church. We want our worship to always glorify God and be transformational.

The operating budget provides funding for

- ♦ 52 Sunday services
- ♦ special services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve
- ♦ weddings and funerals
- ♦ guest preachers
- ♦ guest musicians
- ♦ vocal and instrumental music
- ♦ communion supplies
- ♦ banners and vestments
- ♦ flowers
- ♦ maintenance of the audio-visual equipment and musical instruments

Included is the time the one preaching devotes each week to sermon and worship preparation, our Administrative Assistant and Office Assistant devote to slides and bulletins, our Director of Music, Scholarship Singers, and organist/pianist devote to planning and rehearsals, in addition to the maintenance of our audio-visual equipment.



"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

Psalm 95:1-2; 6



♥ LOVE in Community

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

One of the greatest gifts of the church is the sense of community it provides. In a world where so many people feel isolated or alone, the church becomes a place of belonging—a family bound together by faith, love, and mutual support. Here we share life's joys and sorrows, encourage one another in times of need, and celebrate God's blessings together. Community is more than fellowship; it is a reflection of Christ's command to love one another. When we gather in worship, serve alongside each other, and grow in faith together, we discover that we are stronger, more faithful, and more joyful because we do not walk this journey alone.

Our donations to the annual operating budget enable us to offer:

- ♦ Sunday morning Christian Education classes
- ♦ youth activities
- ♦ small groups
- ♦ monthly fellowship events and receptions
- ♦ special events
- ♦ new member development and education
- ♦ elder training and an elder leadership retreat
- ♦ Pastoral and Congregational care of members



♥ LOVE by Serving and Sharing

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10

We share our time and talents by:

- ♥ Serving on session and church committees
- ♥ Singing in the church choir and/or playing an instrument
- ♥ Serving as the liturgist for Sunday worship services
- ♥ Serving as an audio-visual tech
- ♥ Serving as an usher or greeter
- ♥ Visiting homebound members and those who are ill or grieving
- ♥ Providing food for memorial services and for those who are recovering from surgery or illness
- ♥ Teaching classes and leading small groups
- ♥ Helping care for the building and grounds
- ♥ Hosting after-worship Fellowship Time
- ♥ Preparing food for and serving at Loaves and Fishes
- ♥ Working a monthly shift at The Wardrobe
- ♥ Participating in the ForColumbia workday . . . *and in many other ways*



We share our building with these groups for meeting and activities:

- ♥ Columbia Garden Club and their Judges Council
- ♥ Missouri Symphony League
- ♥ Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- ♥ AAUW
- ♥ Fortnightly
- ♥ Love Coffee Board
- ♥ PEO Chapters
- ♥ Sacred Harp Singers
- ♥ Women in Recovery
- ♥ Boone County Elections
- ♥ Caring Women of CoMo . . . *and others*

Trinity is a church where sharing and serving come naturally. When we use the gifts God has given us—whether it's our time, talents, or resources—we bless others and strengthen the body of Christ. Serving alongside one another allows us to put our faith into action, meeting needs both inside the church and out in the community. In sharing what we have and offering ourselves in service, we reflect God's love and live out the mission of the church together.

We share our financial resources :

Through its annual mission budget, Trinity supports over 20 local , national, and international organizations providing care for God's people. We also generously support the work of Missouri Union Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through our One Mission Undesignated annual pledge. In addition, non-budgeted opportunities for giving (both financial and tangible) throughout the year include special offerings—including PCUSA mission offerings, semi-annual food drives, Festival of Sharing School Kits, Christmas card tree donations for Presbyterian Children's Homes and services, and others.



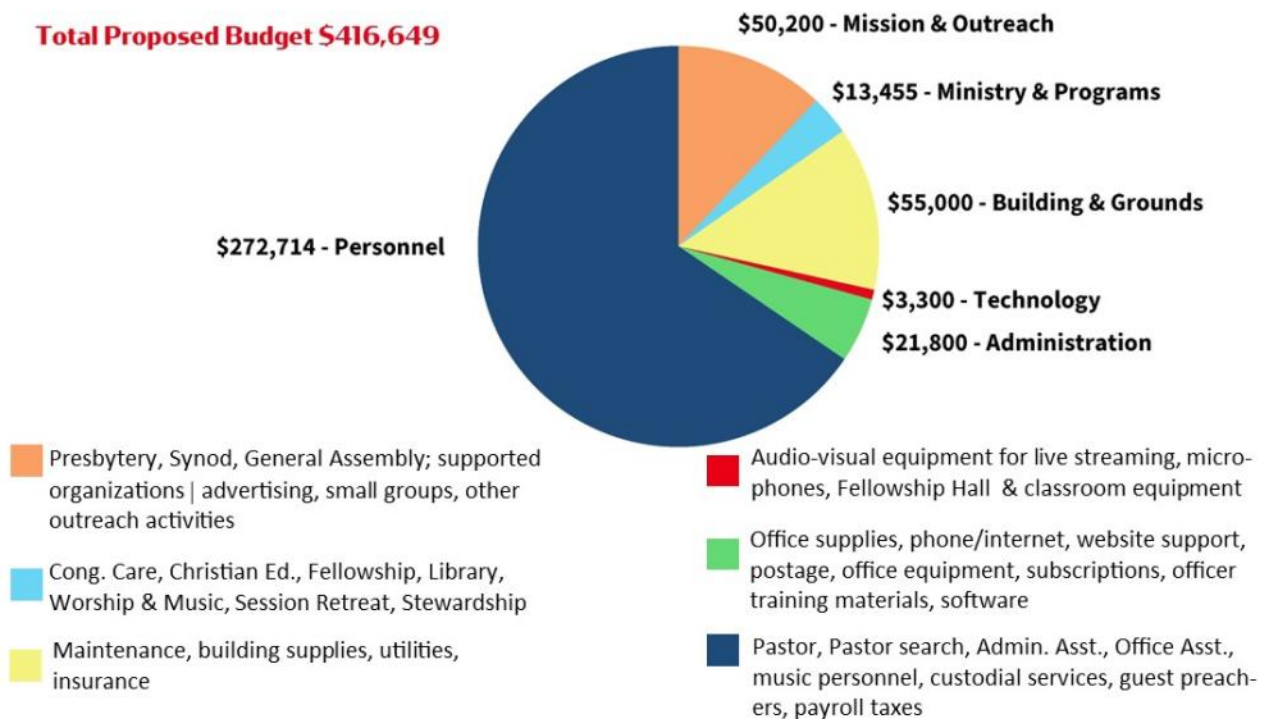
LOVE by Giving Generously

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:17

At Trinity we have the opportunity to practice generosity in meaningful ways. When we give freely of our resources, we not only support the ministry and mission of the church, but we also reflect the love of Christ, who gave everything for us. Generous giving allows our church to serve others, nurture faith, and extend God's kingdom in our community and beyond. Each gift, whether large or small, is an expression of gratitude to God and a tangible way of saying, "I believe in the work of this church." Giving generously deepens our faith, unites us in purpose, and ensures that future generations will also experience the blessings we enjoy today.

WHAT WILL YOUR PLEDGE SUPPORT IN 2026?

Total Proposed Budget \$416,649



The 2026 Proposed Operating Budget represents a total increase of 12% over the 2025 budget of \$374,004. The largest increase is in the Personnel category, which includes \$11,000 in search expenses for our new Pastor, the *maximum* salary and benefits we *could* offer an incoming Pastor, cost of living increases for office and music personnel, and adjustments to payroll taxes. A \$1,250 increase has been added to the Mission component of next year's budget. Utilities and insurance items have been raised based on rate increases.

Dedication Sunday—November 2

Bring your pledge card to worship on November 2. If you cannot be present that day, please mail it to the church office before Dedication Sunday. You can also make your pledge on the church website by clicking on the "Give" menu option, then selecting 2026 Pledge.

After worship on November 2nd, we will celebrate God's amazing generosity to us with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided; please bring a side dish to share.



Why I Love Trinity

Reflections from Trinity's Session Elders

- ♥ I love the people, the wonderful music, the sermons that make me grow in knowledge. I love that the church has allowed me to serve in many ways.
- ♥ Mission is important to this church. We welcome everyone. We are a close church family who support each other when needed.
- ♥ It is such a blessing to be a part of Trinity, who welcomes all, young and old, into our Christ centered family.
- ♥ Trinity is a congregation full of people with generous hearts. When a need arises, people respond. I love the way people genuinely care for one another.
- ♥ I love Trinity because it has the most caring congregation we have ever known.
- ♥ Trinity Presbyterian Church strives to practice the love that Jesus commands us.
- ♥ When Trinity has any kind of gathering, it feels like sitting around the family dinner table. The conversations are always clever, informed, thought provoking, and they feel safe, where you can express your opinions to kind, warm and receptive people.
- ♥ I love Trinity because of the way the congregation is willing to work together to get things done.
- ♥ Wonderful, friendly, and giving people with a mission-oriented heart for the Lord. Learning, loving, and giving. It's always filled with the spirit of God.
- ♥ I love Trinity Presbyterian Church because through participation in worship and other activities I have strengthened my Christian faith and have found a family of true friends.
- ♥ I love my church because of the care the church members have for the least among us and their commitment to make a difference in their lives.
- ♥ I love my church because we believe we are all God's children and there are no exceptions.
- ♥ Members of Trinity demonstrate their love of God and neighbor through worship, fellowship, and service.

Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared. —Rev. Henri Nouwen



LOVE by Leaving an Enduring Gift

Trinity Legacy Fund

A legacy speaks not about how we died, but how we lived. It speaks about the things that move us in life, the things that matter to us. A legacy is an expression of gratitude and thanks to God for all that has been given and enjoyed in life.

Have you considered creating a legacy of faith and love that lasts for generations to come? Your generosity can ensure that the ministries and missions of the church continue to shape and change the lives of others. You've already given of your time, talents, and service. Now, you can create a legacy to nurture that which is most important to you.

Recognizing the need to help provide long-term financial stability for Trinity and with \$7,000 in seed money from two donors, this year Session created the **Trinity Legacy Fund**. This Enduring Gift Fund will be managed by the Stewardship and Finance Committee with the direction and overview of the Session.

The Trinity Legacy Fund may be used to: a) Offset operating budget shortfalls; b) provide funding for capital expenses when other resources are not available; and/or c) cover unexpected or unbudgeted expenses deemed necessary by Session.

It is the hope of the Stewardship and Finance Committee and Session that through donor gifts and sound investment practices the Legacy Fund will grow significantly over the next few years. There are many ways you can donate to the Legacy Fund. For additional information, please contact Ann Bouchard at the church office or your financial advisor.

The Psalmist tells us that "the Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." We are stewards of God's generous gifts to us in life and, through our estate planning, beyond our lives on this Earth.



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