



GILROY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

2026 Report

But the **LORD** says,
“Do not **cling** to
events of the past
or dwell on what
happened **long ago**.

Watch for the **new thing**
I am going to **do**.
It is **happening** already
—you can **see it now!**

Isaiah 43:18–19_{GNB}

FEAR NOT

*For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you,
"Fear not, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13 RSV*



Watch for the new thing...it is happening already! Isaiah 43:19GNB

What will 2026 bring? Each year, as I take a moment to write this report, I am awestruck as I look back at all the blessings God has given us in 2025. Last year, we were blessed to share our facility with not one, but two schools. Pac Point Preschool entered its third year of renting from us, and Vine Academy joined us for their first year. We also hosted the Lion's Club Omelet Feed, the Garlic Festival Board and Association meetings, and their Awards Ceremony. The South Valley Symphony, Pacific Brass Band, Pac Point Musical, and Vine Academy Chapel all enjoyed our hospitality.

What's more, as a church, we gathered for worship each Sunday, coming together as a community to pray, sing, and grow in faith. Our high schoolers met on Sunday nights and throughout the week, building relationships and supporting one another. We shared meals together, engaged in ministry with children and adults through Bible studies on Monday and Tuesday nights, our knitting group met during the week, and we hosted community events including Day Camp, the Fall Festival and the Walk For Water, welcoming neighbors, families, and friends onto our campus.

All of that is to say—whew! We've been busy! What a blessing it has been to use God's buildings, His sanctuary, and His campus as fully as we can. I am deeply grateful to those who came before us, who planned and sacrificed so that we could have such a wonderful campus and the opportunity to be this active in ministry. But most importantly, I am thankful for each of you who call Gilroy Presbyterian Church home. None of what happens at our church could be done without your time, your talents, your generosity, and your faith. As we enter 2026, I pray that God continues to bring new people, fresh possibilities, and many new opportunities for us to serve and grow together.

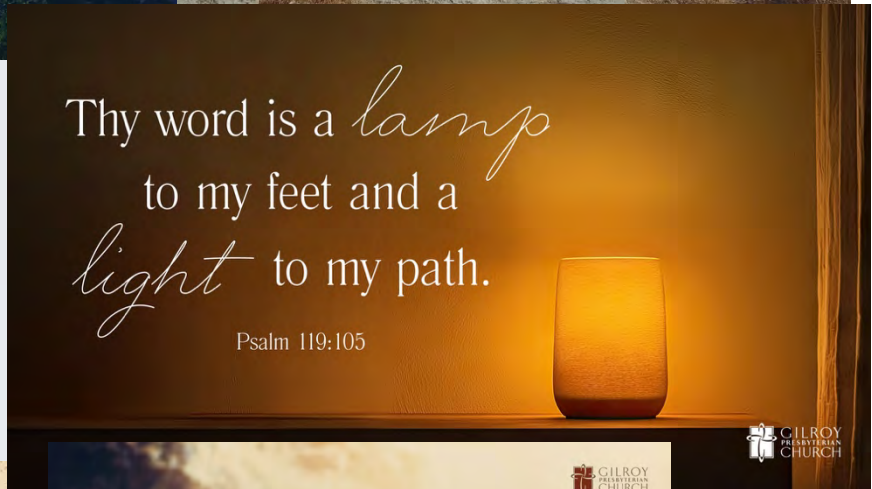
With the love of God,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Van Laar', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Pastor Trevor Van Laar

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER - THE **STEADFAST LOVE** OF THE LORD

2025 was a great year of worship! Spending time together in communion, song and scripture grew us in so many ways.



KIDS MINISTRY

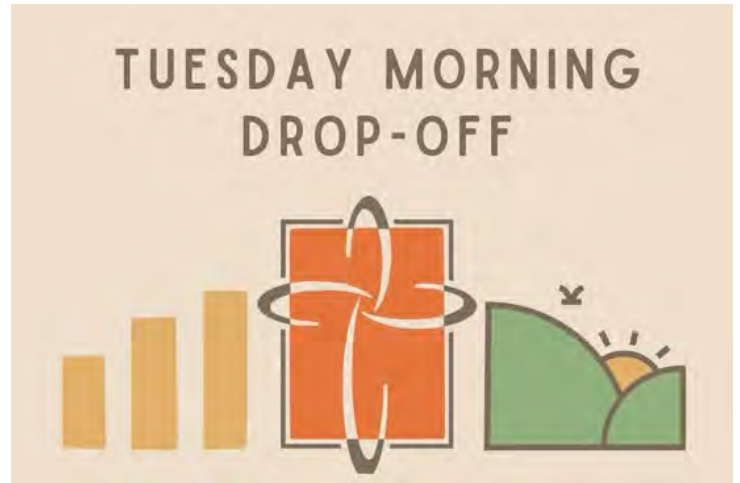
Thanks to **Katie Van Horn** for her leadership in our Family Ministries. Her leadership continues to minister to our children in new and effective ways!

Sunday school:

We had a wonderful year in kids ministry. We had 3 sessions of Kids For Christ **seeing new and familiar faces every time!** We continued Sunday School, for toddlers all the way through 5th graders. In Sunday School this year we discussed uniqueness, cooperation, hope, initiative, sharing God's word, bravery, and more!

Day Camp

Our Day Camp theme this year, **Dive In**, was centered around God's deep love for us. We had nearly 100 campers participate in Day Camp this year! In addition, we had over 60 staff members spread over the two weeks of camp who were able to disciple our campers.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth group continued through the year, diving into what it means to be a Christian, accepting Christ's love, and what a life rooted in Jesus looks like. Both our junior high and high school groups attended Mount Hermon's Fall Frenzy events, focusing on how God waits for us to turn to him and how his love cannot be earned, but is given freely.

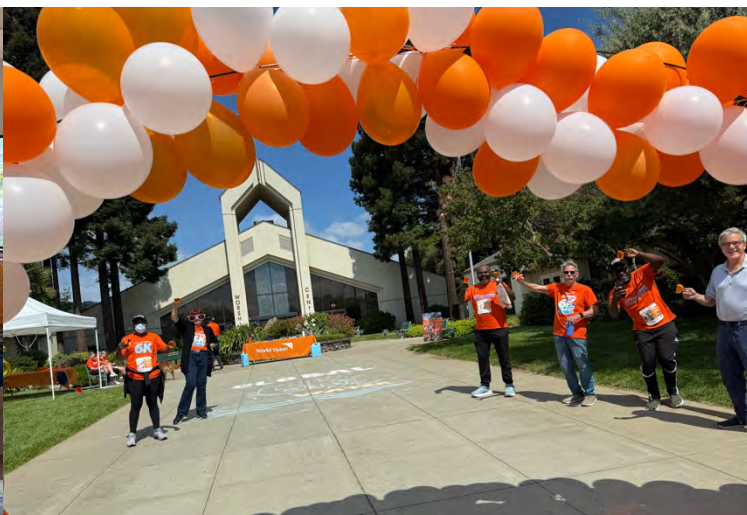




Our High Schoolers went on a mission trip in February to the Mexico / Texas border, where they visited orphanages, immigration houses, and soup kitchens to serve the local communities and hear the stories of those seeking a better life.



ADULTS



COOKING CLASSES

Schedule:

- 9/8 Gene Sakahara - Asian Cuisine
- 9/15 Gena Gonzales - Hawaiian Cuisine
- 9/22 Dominic Bozzo - Italian Cuisine
- 9/29 Ariz - Volovanes (Mexican Pastries)
- 10/6 Grace Malech - Phillippino Cuisine
- 10/13 Franchesca - Focaccia bread
- 10/20 Stella & Wehna - Cameroonian Cuisine

Register at gilroypres.org

Cost: \$45 for all classes or \$10 per individual class

Taco and Nacho bar fundraiser

Jan 12th after church



All proceeds go to
the Texas-Mexico
mission trip



A Good Yarn

1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month
10am-12 at GPC

Calling all knitters and crocheters
(and those who would like to learn!)



Our knitting circle meets semi-monthly to enjoy fellowship, and knitting for a good cause! All items made are donated to local charity organizations. those of all skill level welcome!

If you are interested and have questions contact
Nancy Coates: 831-801-7593

MISSIONS

This year, the Mission committee was amazed and humbled by our church's generosity! All in all, your donations of over **\$36,000** helped to fund the ministries and needs of the following organizations;

\$6,823, general support for South County Community Services (formerly St. Joseph's). SCCS served almost 18,000 Gilroy residents last year, more than during the pandemic, one third of Gilroy's residents. With the uncertainty of federal SNAP food funding, even more Gilroy residents are facing hunger.



\$4,600 to the Salvation Army, also assisting the homeless and very needy of Gilroy. The Salvation Army and SCCS coordinate to help ensure their support does not duplicate efforts and the neediest families are helped.



\$4,000 for support for the City of Refuge (CORM) for their missionary work in Ghana.



\$2,500 for Helping Hands for South Sudan. The founder of this organization is Gabriel Nyok, a former lost boy of Sudan who came to the US after receiving a UNICEF sponsored high school education in Kenya. He received a college education here and graduated from San Jose State University majoring in Justice Studies and Human Rights. Helping Hands for South Sudan uses 99% of the contributions it receives to directly support its students in two schools who, by 2023, numbered approximately 1000. Gabriel does not draw a salary from the nonprofit organization he founded.



\$400 for Heifer International for the excellent work they do in «seeding» long term sustainability of families in some of the poorest countries around the



\$1,500 to Immanuel House, a house in San Jose renovated ten years ago and a project of our Presbytery, for newly arrived refugees. This month Immanuel House celebrated their 100th refugee resident. They live for a relatively short period of time at Immanuel House to get on their feet and become self-sufficient. world.

\$1,200 Honoring Janet Espinosa and continuing her hands on assistance to Gilroy's homeless ----Janet's Manna Bags (Hygiene Bags) \$100 per month (5-10 bags per month), through 2025. St. Joseph's is going to continue to assemble and disseminate the bags, specially to honor Janet.

As we reflect on the past year, we give thanks for the growth and ministry God made possible, and for the privilege of sharing it with you.

Psalm 115:1 — “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.”

I'm looking forward to another great year of ministry in 2026!

Pastor Trevor Van Laar

GPC Session Members

John Hunsperger, Edwin Njinimbam, Chris Okoronkwo, Ben Chan, Edie Elder, Dinga Nfon, Tony Herz and Christyf Tuma

GILROY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Congregational Meeting Agenda
January 25, 2026 11:00 am

Session Members:

(John Hunsperger, Edwin Njinimbam, Chris Okoronkwo, Edie Elder, Tony Herz, Christyf Tuma)
Trevor Van Laar (Moderator) and Chuck Moresco (Clerk of Session)

Excused/Absent:

Guests: Congregation

Agenda:

Call to Order and Prayer: Pastor Trevor Van Laar

1. Presentation of incoming Session members and vote:
 - a. No new Elders
 - b. Currently Serving –
John Hunsperger, Edwin Njinimbam, Chris Okoronkwo, Ben Chan,
Edie Elder, Dinga Nfon, Tony Herz, and Christyf Tuma
 - c. Word of Thanks!
2. Presentation of incoming Deacons and vote:
 - a. Rolling off – Ken and Nancy Macdonald
 - b. New Deacons - Linda Tata, Grace Malech
 - c. Currently Serving – Word of Thanks!
3. Presentation of incoming Nomination Committee members and vote:
 - a. a. Rolling off - Rolling off (no one rolling off)
 - b. New Members – (none at this time)
 - d. Currently Serving –
Cynthia Van Laar, Gena Gonzales, Edie Elder
4. Presentation of 2026 Budget (previously approved by Session) and questions
Finance Team (Finance Team: Gary G., Tony H., Marianne VH, Trevor VL)
5. Presentation and review of Pastor's Terms of Call and vote:
Personnel Chair, Gene Sakahara & Personnel Team
Vote on Pastor's Terms of Call – Personnel Chair, Gene Sakahara

Adjourn with Prayer: Pastor Trevor Van Laar

GPC 2026 Budget				
ACCT NUMBER	ACCOUNTS	2024 YR END FINAL	2025 Actual Total	2026 Budgeted Total
	Beginning Cash Balance			
	INCOME			
4000	General Fund - Tithes & Offerings	403,507.13	454,127.10	415,000.00
4010	Program Income			
	Program Income	50,695.61	40,380.01	40,000.00
	Other Income			
	Total Other Income	66,405.59	130,703.54	69,000.00
	TOTAL INCOME	520,608.33	625,210.65	524,000.00
	EXPENSES			
	Reserve Expense	8,471.87	12,637.58	10,000.00
	General Administration			
	Total Administration Expense	73,436.73	52,458.87	66,000.00
	Facilities			
	Total Facilities Expense	62,409.21	69,777.29	54,500.00
	Ministry Expense			
	Total Ministry Expense	40,963.16	33,475.78	34,000.00
	Missions			
	Total Mission Expense	31,741.12	36,141.15	21,250.00
	Personnel Expenses			
	Total Personnel Expense	237,405.78	335,479.84	297,000.00
	Worship			
	Total Worship Expense	37,409.82	36,175.33	37,000.00
	Broadcast Ministry			
	Total Broadcast Ministry	9,831.95	9,277.93	9,000.00
	Total Expense	493,197.77	572,786.19	518,750.00
	Net Income(Loss)	27,410.56	52,424.46	5,250.00
	Cash available at month end		12/31/25	
	Heritage Bank Checking		2,210.69	
	Heritage Bank Construction Account		119.77	
	Heritage Bank Savings - Reserve		10,000.00	
	Heritage Bank - Pre School Security Deposit		0.00	
	Pinnacle Bank General Checking Account		83,927.08	
	Pinnacle Bank Reserve Savings		86,659.10	
	Pinnacle Bank Construction Account		20,636.22	
	Pinnacle Bank Pre School Security Deposit		10,074.10	
	Total Cash		213,626.96	
	Amount in Designated Funds		52,431.80	

CASHFLOW ACTIVITY										Net activity for the month	CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE
CAMPAIGN FAITH FORWARD DONATION	INTEREST INCOME	SYNOD LOAN #1	SYNOD LOAN #2	MIDVALLE Y SOLAR PAYMENTS	TITLE FEES	LOAN FEES	INTEREST EXPENSE				
2023 ACTIVITY	40,080.40	11.14	150,000.00	0.00	(130,707.75)	0.00	0.00	0.00	59,383.79	59,383.79	
JANUARY 2024	1,036.08	7.19	(543.96)	0.00	0.00	(1,732.50)	(500.00)	(546.88)	(2,280.07)	57,103.72	
FEBRUARY 2024	0.00	6.74	(608.22)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(482.62)	(1,084.10)	56,019.62	
MARCH 2024	2,236.08	18.63	(641.20)	150,000.00	(34,905.40)	0.00	0.00	(449.64)	116,258.47	172,278.09	
APRIL 2024	13,036.08	31.03	(612.26)	(590.83)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(978.59)	10,885.43	183,163.52	
MAY 2024	0.00	23.51	(629.60)	(623.94)	(54,140.00)	0.00	0.00	(928.14)	(56,298.17)	126,865.35	
JUNE 2024	4,413.16	19.75	(616.27)	(610.38)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(955.03)	2,251.23	129,116.58	
JULY 2024	0.00	11.23	(633.50)	(627.80)	(57,475.00)	0.00	0.00	(920.38)	(59,645.45)	69,471.13	
AUGUST 2024	0.00	8.43	(620.30)	(614.39)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(946.99)	(2,173.25)	67,297.88	
SEPTEMBER 2024	0.00	8.45	(622.31)	(616.37)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(943.00)	(2,173.23)	65,124.65	
OCTOBER 2024	0.00	8.15	(639.36)	(633.60)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(908.72)	(2,173.53)	62,951.12	
NOVEMBER 2024	4,465.48	7.72	(626.38)	(620.41)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(934.89)	2,291.52	65,242.64	
DECEMBER 2024	0.00	8.45	(643.32)	(637.52)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(900.84)	(2,173.23)	63,069.41	
BALANCES	65,267.28	170.42	142,563.32	144,424.76	(277,228.15)	(1,732.50)	(500.00)	(9,895.72)	63,069.41		
2025 ACTIVITY											
Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2025	65,267.28	170.42	142,563.32	144,424.76	(277,228.15)	(1,732.50)	(500.00)	(9,895.72)	63,069.41	63,069.41	
January 2025	0.00	7.89	(630.47)	(624.47)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(926.74)	(2,173.79)	60,895.62	
February 2025	0.00	6.92	(632.52)	(626.48)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(922.68)	(2,174.76)	58,720.86	
March 2025	0.00	7.36	(678.72)	(673.25)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(829.71)	(2,174.32)	56,546.54	
April 2025	0.00	6.25	(636.75)	(630.68)	(16,180.00)	0.00	0.00	(914.25)	(18,355.43)	38,191.11	
May 2025	0.00	4.57	(653.38)	(647.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(880.80)	(2,177.11)	36,014.00	
June 2025	0.00	4.46	(640.91)	(634.81)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(905.96)	(2,177.22)	33,836.78	
July 2025	0.00	4.17	(657.44)	(651.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(872.74)	(2,177.51)	31,659.27	
August 2025	0.00	3.67	(645.10)	(638.96)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(897.62)	(2,178.01)	29,481.26	
September 2025	0.00	1.45	(647.19)	(641.03)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(893.46)	(2,180.23)	27,301.03	
October 2025	0.00	0.00	(663.52)	(657.54)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(860.82)	(2,181.88)	25,119.15	
November 2025	0.00	0.00	(651.42)	(645.22)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(885.04)	(2,181.68)	22,937.47	
December 2025											
BALANCES	65,267.28	217.16	135,425.90	137,353.32	(293,408.15)	(1,732.50)	(500.00)	(19,685.54)	22,937.47		

2026 Terms of Call - Trevor Van Laar, Gilroy Pres and San Martin Presbyterian Churches

(2026 Minimum terms of call - \$121,157 for Santa Clara County)

San Jose Presbytery FT Pastoral Call		Gilroy Pres	San Martin Pres
EFFECTIVE SALARY	2026 FT	2026 PT (0.75)	2026 PT (0.25)
2025 Salary	123,198	92,399 +	30,800 = 123,198
COLA Adjustment (SSI rate - 2.8% for 2026)	3,500	2,625 +	875 = 3,500
Performance/ Merit Increase (if applicable)	11,500	8,625 +	2,875 = 11,500
SALARY TOTAL	138,198	103,649 +	34,550 = 138,198
Division of Salary and Housing			
Housing Allowance (or fair rental value of manse) (NOT TAXABLE)	60,000	60,000 +	0 = 60,000
Salary	78,198	43,649 +	34,550 = 78,198
Utilities Allowance	0	0 +	0 = 0
Tax-Deferred Retirement Savings or Annuity (IRA or 403b)	0	0 +	0 = 0
Other Non-Accountable Allowances:	0	0 +	0 = 0
SALARY/HOUSING TOTAL	138,198	103,649	34,550 = 138,198
2026 PENSION AND BENEFIT PLAN (Pension and Employee Medical only) (https://seasonofrebuilding.pensions.org/selecting-2026-benefits/2026-dues-packages#cpp)			
Covenant Pension, Etc.10% of Effective Salary (see link for reference)	13,820	10,365 +	3,455 = 13,820
Congr Employee Medical (No Fam) 17.5% of Effective Salary (capped at \$18,500)	18,500	13,875 +	4,625 = 18,500
TOTAL PENSION / HEALTH DUES	32,320	24,240 +	8,080 = 32,320
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY AND HEALTH DUES/BENEFITS	170,518	127,888 +	42,629 = 170,518
PAYROLL TAXES			
TAXABLE SALARY (Salary + Pension & Health Dues – Housing Allowance)	110,518	67,888 +	42,629 = 110,518
TOTAL PAYROLL TAXES (approximately 7.5% OF TAXABLE SALARY) =	8,289	5,092 +	3,197 = 8,289
REIMBURSEABLE ALLOWANCES			
Travel	1,500	1,500 +	0 = 1,500
Study Allowance	2,000	2,000 +	0 = 2,000
Social Security Reimbursement up to 50% of FICA	0	0 +	0 = 0
Professional Expense Allowance	1,500	1,500 +	0 = 1,500
Other Accountable Allowance	0	0 +	0 = 0
TOTAL REIMBURSEABLE ALLOWANCES	5,000	5,000 +	0 = 5,000
EFFECTIVE SALARY AND DUES	170,518	127,888 +	42,629 = 170,518
PAYROLL TAXES	8,289	5,092 +	3,197 = 8,289
REIMBURSEABLE ALLOWANCES	5,000	5,000 +	0 = 5,000
TOTAL 2026 FT TERMS OF CALL	183,807	137,980 +	45,827 = 183,807

Study Leave: Two weeks per year

Vacation: One month per year (30 calendar days)

Date of Congregational Approval of Terms of Call _____