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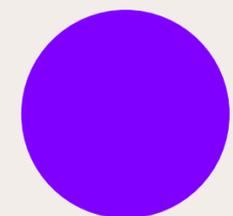
BUDGET

First Church UCC Phoenix, 2024



2024





Expense - Funding the First Church Mission

The 2024 budget reflects our core values and who God calls us to be.
Spiritual, Inclusive, and Justice-Seeking.



Spiritual

Discover and rediscover faith that fosters spiritual growth, expression, and community.



Inclusive

Connect in relationships as we learn to honor each person living as their authentic selves.



Justice-Seeking

Engage in social justice and our commitments to Unhoused, LGBT+, and Immigrants.



Expense Profile

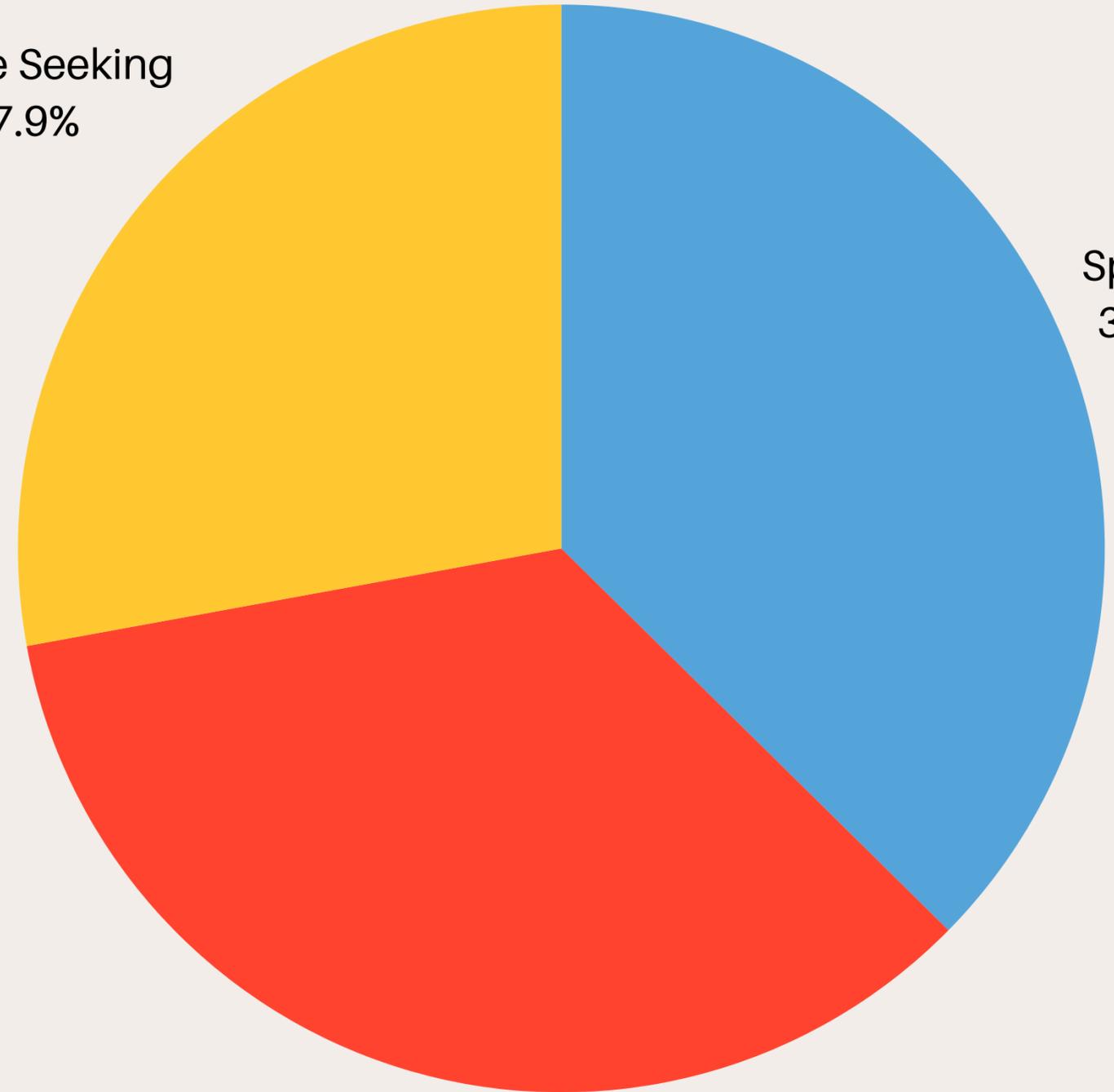


- **Spiritual \$204,456**
- **Inclusive \$190,064**
- **Justice Seeking \$152,435**

Justice Seeking
27.9%

Spiritual
37.4%

Inclusive
34.7%



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Spiritual

Our core purpose is to create a space where everyone can connect in spiritual community.

Our pastor and worship planning committee craft weekly worship services that provide meaningful spiritual experience and teaching that fosters congregation engagement and involvement.

Connect small groups throughout facilitate spiritual connection for 76 people across 5 connect groups



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Inclusive

Inclusivity guides the work we do as well as how we do it. First Church is home to many seeking progressive Christian theology and many who are healing from rejection and trauma from previous faith communities.

Worship services are offered in person and online to ensure we can reach those that are not able or may not feel comfortable setting foot in a church building.

We continue to affirm our designations as an Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Immigrant Welcoming, and WISE (mental health) spiritual community.



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Justice Seeking

We remain committed to social justice and engage in service in several areas by advocating for immigrants, the unsheltered, and LGBTQIA+ communities.

Immigration and Asylum Seekers:

- Welcome Center volunteers provide food, clothing, and showers for 200+ asylum seekers every Saturday FCUCC is one of 5 churches in the area accepting migrants and asylum seekers
- Funds also help dreamers who are no longer able to access DACA



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Justice Seeking (Continued)

The Unsheltered:

- Funds and donations have helped provide 7,697 lunches to our unsheltered neighbors
- Hygiene kits and clothing are distributed (if available)

LGBTQIA+:

- The *I Have A Dream Boutique* provides a safe space for non-gender-conforming people to find new clothes that fit their identity at no cost
- Partnerships with Rebel and Divine, Transpectrum, and the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS

