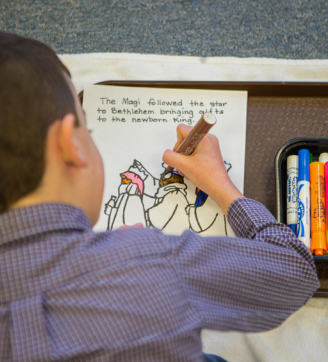


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A GUIDE TO PLANNED GIVING





*Your planned gift
will ensure the
church's ability
to make God's
love visible in the
community and
beyond for many
years to come.*

First Presbyterian Church is a community united by a love of Christ and a desire to do God's work in the world. And yet, God calls us to look beyond our immediate surroundings, and to imagine the important work to be done by God's church far into the future. There is no better testimony to our gratitude to God than our wanting to continue to support God's work beyond our time on this earth.

There are many areas of the church's life that benefit from gifts over and above regular pledges. An endowment or special gift sustains ministries that glorify God through faithful worship; teach the faith to all ages; care for those in need; welcome college students and new residents; and help maintain our magnificent facility.

With the ability to designate your gift to an area of importance to you, you can make a gift that has an impact on future generations.

Making a lasting contribution....

WHAT IS A WILL AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

A Last Will and Testament is a legal document that is made during one's lifetime to designate the distribution of assets after death. Specific bequests may be made to family members and others. Charitable bequests are often included for religious organizations or favorite charities. Making such bequests may reduce taxes and lower expenses in the administration of an estate.

WHAT IS A LEGACY PARTNER?

A Legacy Partner is any member or friend of First Presbyterian Church who includes the Church in his/her estate plans with a planned gift that will come to the church in the future. Such a gift will continue to support the church and its ministries far into the future. Legacy Partners are a vital part of keeping the church financially sound. Each person's generosity establishes a legacy and is an example for others to follow.

HOW DO I BECOME A LEGACY PARTNER?

Let us know that you have included First Pres in your estate plans. Commonly designated through a will or trust, planned gifts are most often passed to the recipient after a donor's death. Making a gift to First Presbyterian Church is simple and straightforward. Details on special gifts and planned giving may be found online at firstpresbyterian.org.

IS THERE A MINIMUM GIFT?

All gifts are gratefully accepted. No gift is too small.

HOW WILL MY GIFT BE USED?

Your gift will be used as you request—either designated for a specific purpose or one that is undesignated and will support a variety of needs for the church. Throughout its history, First Presbyterian Church has received many gifts, large and small. These generous gifts have helped to support vibrant and meaningful worship and music; youth, campus, and mature ministries; heartfelt pastoral care; a model Resident Ministry program; and local, national, and international mission outreach. Additionally, bequests and special gifts not only help sustain the integrity of our historic Sanctuary and facilities, but also help fund new and innovative outreach opportunities that expand the ministries of our church.

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My brother Joe, a certified financial planner, says, "When I talk to long-time clients whom I know really well about what they want to do with their estate, I ask them to think about what matters to them and where they have been putting their money up until now. It often becomes very clear as we look at the numbers that they have been giving to their church for many years. I'll then say to them something like, 'Well, you've been giving a portion

of your income every week for most of your life to the work of the church, why would you not do that now?'"

At this stage in our life, it's hard to know what size our estate might be but it's easy to know that we want to continue to support the work of the church with some percentage of what remains after we are gone. We feel blessed to be a part of this congregation, this community of wonderful souls trying to be the best Christians they can be, and believe that the work of the church is invaluable. We want to do everything we can to continue it long after we are gone.

MARIAN & CHARLES CARES

When you admire one of the many flowering shrubs on the church grounds or sit in the shade of a tree, know that a Legacy Gift in memory of Marian and Charles "Chuck" Cares makes that possible.

Marian and Charles, along with their children Chris, Sue, John, and Alison, became members in 1959. Chuck was a landscape architect who taught at UM, and he and Marian admired the natural beauty of the church grounds.

Upon the death of Marian in 2008 and Chuck in 2010, the Cares children made a gift to First Pres to help preserve and maintain the church grounds. Since then there have been enhancements to the grounds including pruning and replacing trees and shrubs. It is through gifts like this one that First Pres is able to sustain our historic campus.



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