



*I am honored to have been asked to help raise funds to support our “Rooted and Reaching” Campaign at First Presbyterian Church. I have to admit that, when I was first approached about being involved in this project, my first inner response was, Really? You must be kidding! First Presbyterian Church wants to conduct a Campaign Feasibility Study and, if the study is positive, kick-off a Capital Campaign in the middle of a Pandemic!*

*However, as I learned more about the proposed needs and projects of the church, the more convinced I became that this is the right time for our church to be focused on such an endeavor. Over the last months, we as a nation, have faced a lot of uncertainty and I concluded, “What better time than now to bring our church members together to work toward a common goal that we can celebrate after the Pandemic subsides.” I believe our congregation can meet this challenge!*

*Projects such as replacing the church steeple, renovating the organ, building maintenance, benevolence and outreach, support for our Pre-school, and increasing our endowment are all crucial to our church’s needs today. Funding these projects cannot be put on hold until a more convenient time!*

*Founded in 1815, our church’s congregation is rooted in a rich tradition and historic heritage. In addition to serving our congregation, our church has, over the years, played an integral role in supporting our greater community and beyond. We have established schools, helped form other Presbyterian churches, and been active in many community projects and programs.*

*For over 200 years, those who have gone before us have ensured that our church continue Christ’s ministry. I believe that it is our duty as “stewards of the church” to make certain that, not only are the facilities maintained and enhanced, but that our church continues to endure and thrive.*

*I am sure that you, like my husband and I, love First Presbyterian Church and support its mission to spread Christ’s message. As members of the church for 39 years, Dick and I as well as our children have been enriched spiritually, over the years, by participating in worship and many church programs.*

*And, I am sure that we, as a congregation, want to continue Christ's legacy of sharing God's love. I hope you will join me, and many others who have already pledged, to help support this "pivotal moment" at First Presbyterian Church. All pledge payments to the Campaign can be spread out over a 3-year period!*

*In order for our Campaign to be successful we need the involvement of our entire congregation! To date, we have already raised over \$1.3 million and we would like to complete our campaign by the end of November. If you are called by a member of our Campaign Steering Committee, please say "yes" to a visit to hear details about the projects and programs that will be supported by the dollars raised. Additionally, if you have already pledged, we would like to thank you so much for your support!*

*In closing, I'd like to quote a verse from the hymn, "They Will Know We Are Christians," used by Rev. Chad McCain not long ago in one of his sermons:*

*"We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,  
And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love,  
They will know we are Christians by our love."*

Kathryn Pumphrey

**Campaign Prayer:**

**Loving God, Thank you! For all You are and all You have done in guiding First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg through the last 200 plus years; for all the faithful followers You have nurtured and raised up; for all the sacrificial ways they have given of themselves to Your will and way through Your church. At this time, God, we seek Your blessing as we take steps and move into the future You have in store for us. May we be attentive to the power and presence of Your Spirit stirring among us and leading us forward in the work You are calling us to do to "guard the good treasures entrusted to us", to celebrate and inspire, and to be rooted and reaching. May we be filled with thankfulness, joy, courage, and generosity. May we be unified in our common mission to serve You and Your church. And may the face of Christ be reflected, and the warmth of Christ's love be shared, through all we say and do. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, let all God's people say... Amen!**