

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE GRACE OF GIVING

2 Corinthians 8:7

COVENANT GIVING 2026

FROM OUR PASTOR: GRACE-FILLED GIVING

When I think of grace, I think of God's unmerited favor and unconditional gift to us as God's beloved children and I think of smooth, poetic movement. Partner grace with giving and I will admit it lends itself to feeling a little clunky, mostly because when it comes to giving, we can be a bit more controlling, conditional, or rigid.

This may be true whether we are giving of our time or commitment to a cause, offering support to a neighbor or family member in need, sharing our ability to help another in a project, or contributing money to the church or a non-profit mission that pulls on our heart strings.

However, giving of our time, commitment, care, ability, and money to God and God's church in the spirit in which scripture urges us is intended to be grace-filled, flowing out of the grace God so abundantly gives each of us and in a smooth, poetic manner.

May we all allow our giving to be grace-filled in support of God's mission and ministry here at FPCLY.

Rev. Dr.

Peter Thompson

SENIOR PASTOR & HEAD OF STAFF

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this

grace of giving

2 Corinthians 8:7, NIV



GRACE IN WORSHIP

God's grace is His undeserved favor, forgiveness, and love for us. Every Sunday, God calls us to worship with our FPCLY community and to share His grace with others. Join us and celebrate God's grace!



"What a privilege to worship the Lord with a fellowship of believers! We are the recipients of the hope and faith of the diligent practice of our Christian forebears. Our open doors welcome others to join us in becoming more of what Jesus would have us be: loving and kind, celebrating the grace of His love for us."
- Marilyn Hartman



"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" *Psalm 122:1, KJ21*



GRACE IN EDUCATION

God gives us His word, the Bible, and many gifted teachers to lead our study of His word. This is our opportunity to learn and grow in our faith. Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and many learning opportunities are available for all ages.



"Understanding more about the greatest book ever written has been of interest to me for many years. The class led by Gary and Beth Williams offers a superb time to study the Bible with church friends."

- Elizabeth Clarkson



GRACE IN SERVICE & OUTREACH

God set the highest example of grace and giving when he gave his only Son for our sake. We are called to love God and serve others. When we serve others, we serve God. At FPCLY, our grace in service includes outreach to our congregation, our community, and our world.

"I have been connected with the ministries of Service and Outreach at FPCLY since becoming a member in 1985. Thankfully, God has used these 40 years to grow my faith and the faith of my family while abiding in Jesus' command to do for the least of these. True and lasting relationships are founded in reaching out and lifting up each other as God's everlasting love and light is made more fully known."

- Gary Williams



GRACE THROUGH OUR RESOURCES

Every day our church benefits from the graceful service of our personnel committee and staff, our finance committee and trustees, and our facilities committee. Thanks to their tireless efforts, we can be assured that our many church programs are supported; church finances are in good order; and our building and grounds remain beautiful and functional.



“For me, covenant giving is covenant living, and our staff lives God’s covenant relationship every day. Our staff extends the reach of our congregation and enriches our spiritual gifts-- and in so doing, creates a multiplier effect for God’s grace across our community and region.”
- David Cheatham

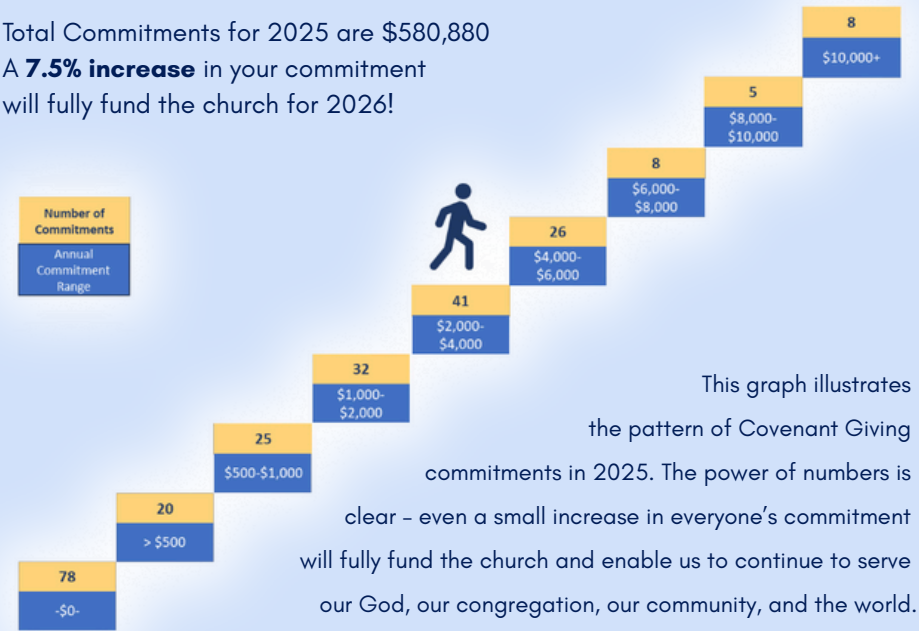
GOD’S GRACE IN OUR BUDGET

Your continuing and steadfast financial support has been essential to supporting the ministries of First Presbyterian Church in 2025. Many wonderful opportunities for worship, music, education and outreach have occurred and will continue through 2025 as other pages in this brochure describe.

But, of course, this fall is the time for planning and preparation for 2026. Our church leadership begins that planning with our faith in God that the needed resources for continuing our ministries will be available. Our 2025 budget was balanced in accordance with the Church’s financial policy and continues to be “in the black.” Your response to the 2026 Covenant Giving Campaign will provide essential feedback that affects the extent of ministries and programs in 2026.

Your voice, faith, and participation are truly needed.

Total Commitments for 2025 are \$580,880
A **7.5% increase** in your commitment
will fully fund the church for 2026!



COMPILED BY DAVE TATE, FINANCE CHAIR

Will you take the next step for 2026?

THE VISIBLE **IMPACT** OF YOUR GIFT + GOD'S GRACE

\$3500 FUNDS VBS FOR 150 KIDS

\$1000 KEEPS OUR WEBSITE ONLINE

\$5000 FEEDS 1250 PEOPLE AT DAILY BREAD

\$7500 SUPPORTS CONCERTS & GUEST ARTISTS

\$500 PROVIDES COMMUNION SUPPLIES

\$2500 MAINTAINS OUR GARDENS

SHARE GOD'S GRACE

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