

# Advantages of a Planned Gift

## To You and Your Family

- Creation of a legacy that expresses your deepest convictions. It need not diminish your current income or current assets.
- Potential income tax or estate advantages, or both, for you and your heirs.
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to the future of First Presbyterian Church and its ministries for years to come.

## To First Presbyterian Church

- Endowment gifts serve as an enduring source of support for the growth of First Pres ministries and the shepherding of its facilities.
- Growing endowments provide financial stability for the future of FPC.
- Each commitment to the future is a building block toward a stronger church family and community.

## Contact Us

If you have questions about your estate plans as you reflect on the stewardship of God's gifts left in your care, contact the church office at 309-452-4459 or Legacy Committee Chair Rob Kelley at [rjkelly856@gmail.com](mailto:rjkelly856@gmail.com) for additional information.

[www.firstpresnormal.org/legacy](http://www.firstpresnormal.org/legacy)



# Composing a **LEGACY**

**Planned Giving to**  
First Presbyterian Church





## Preserve Your Passion

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An endowment fund can be established in your own name, or as a legacy in memory of a loved one. It can be funded using a variety of assets, such as cash, stocks, mutual fund shares, real estate or other property.

Additional gifts to the fund can be accepted at any time from you or those wishing to support your chosen mission or ministry — allowing family and friends to contribute as well.

Your planned gift to First Presbyterian Church will help provide for continued and ongoing support of the mission of the church. You might optimally designate your gift for general use, entrusting the Session to use funds wisely to address the greatest need. Or, you may desire an emphasis for a more focused purpose, such as mission beyond the church, youth ministries, worship, or facilities. Regardless of what you may choose, your gift is a joyful way to preserve your passion and carry values forward to the next generation.

## Getting Started

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Having one's affairs in order, regardless of age, can provide a sense of security and the opportunity to live joyfully knowing that one's wishes are documented and that family, friends, and even a favorite charity are remembered.

Planned gifts of any size allow you to make decisions that will carry on forever, leaving your legacy of values and support for years to come. Many have already remembered First Presbyterian Church in their wills and trusts.

### WHAT TO GIVE

- Cash
- Securities
- Retirement Plan Assets
- Life Insurance

### WAYS TO GIVE

- Memorials and Endowments
- Bequests
- Donor Advised Funds
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts

*"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."*

2 Corinthians 9:8

## Reaping What Others Have Sown

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You can bless First Presbyterian Church, its community ministry and the generations of Christians who follow you with a gift to our church in your estate. And it doesn't have to be that complicated.

Ways that our brothers and sisters of First Pres. have supported the church include:

- A young mother directed funds to our church in honor of her deceased husband to be part of the endowment fund
- A "living gift" which involved a member donating an IRA inherited from her mother to First Pres.
- A member's estate provided a gift designated specifically to enhance the music ministry of our church; a portion of these funds were used for the commission of a special anthem for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Whatever your situation, please consider making a gift to our church that tells the story of your hope in Christ.**

*"Don't hold back – give freely, and you'll have plenty poured back into your lap – a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, brimming over. You'll receive in the same measure you give."*

Luke 6:38