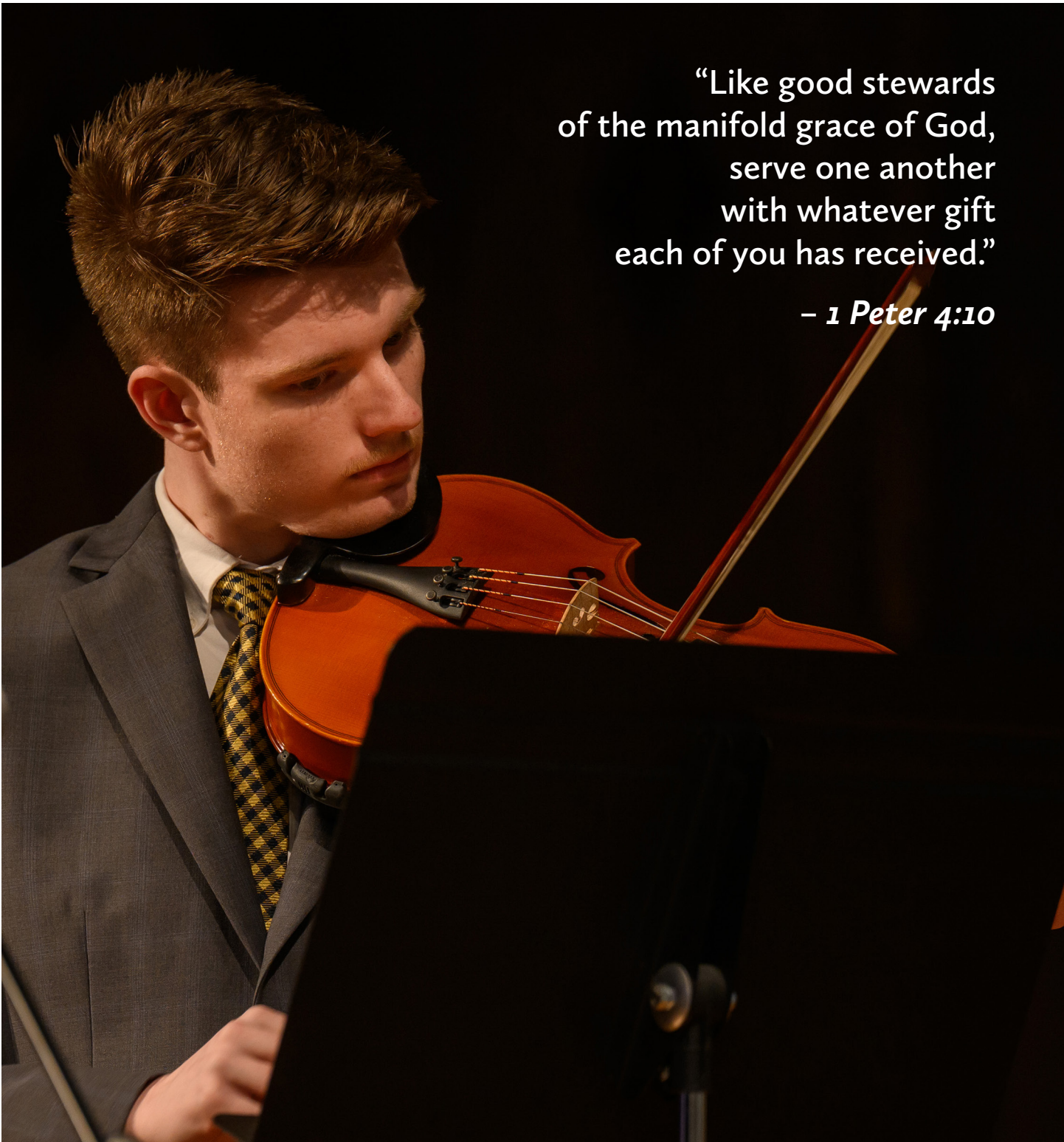




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– *1 Peter 4:10*



In Our Hands

2027 STEWARDSHIP

IN OUR HANDS — WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US



God's gifts are in your hands.

This year's stewardship theme verse encourages us with these words: *"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."* (1 Peter 4:10)

The Presbyterian Church's *Book of Order* says the same thing another way: *"Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world."* (F-1.0202)

What wonderful news! God has entrusted gifts to you and to me, placing *in our hands* all we need to share God's mission in the world. Now is the time to consider how we will serve one another with the gifts and responsibilities entrusted to our care.

Our congregation's plans for 2027 invite a courageous response from each of us. ***In simple terms, our vision requires at minimum a 5% increase to this year's budget.***

What will a 5% increase make possible? And why is it needed?

- **Added staffing** in areas of congregational priority and need. It is anticipated that we will call and welcome *a new Associate Pastor* in 2027.
- **Expanded programs and ministries** for disciples of all ages, including learning and fellowship gatherings for adults. Our recent congregational survey revealed a hunger for these things.
- **More personalized support to members** and an increased focus on welcoming new people into the life of our congregation.

Your boldest and best gifts are more important now than ever before.

So, will you commit to these two actions?

1. **To pray**, specifically inviting God to help you determine your best way to offer the gifts *in your hands* in support of our congregation's mission.
2. **To complete your 2027 Estimate of Giving Card** and offer it during worship on **October 25**. (Or share online before that date. See the back page more for more ways to offer your commitment.)

With deep gratitude for the gifts God has placed *in our hands*,
Pastor John P. Leggett

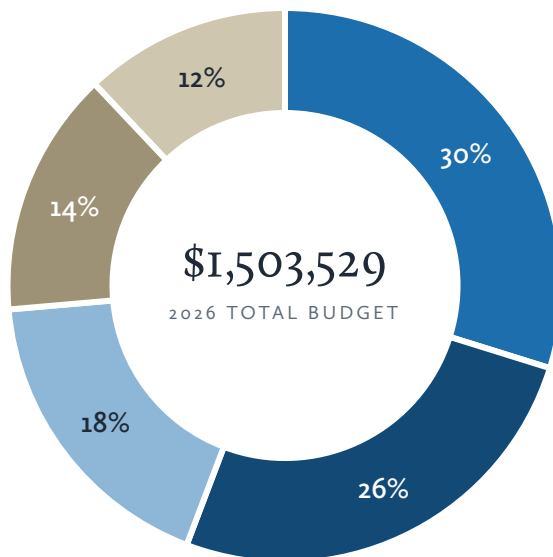


Commitment Sunday
is October 25



How Our Budget Serves Our Mission

Ministry allocations for the current year



Mission	\$448,247 · 30%
Worship and Music	\$390,221 · 26%
Faith Formation	\$268,440 · 18%
Getting Connected	\$215,556 · 14%
Care and Compassion	\$181,065 · 12%

You make all the ministry of Second Presbyterian Church possible through your giving. Here's how your gifts are funding each program area. Staff salaries and building costs are allocated proportionally to the ministries in which they are engaged.



Our congregation's budget reflects our desire to "live out our prayer for the world." These days, our prayers for the world are frequent and deep. People are hurting. They are uncertain. They are looking for community. Our congregation seeks to meet these needs as we glorify God in our common life.

The chart above shows our congregation's investment in each of the main ministry areas of our mission to care for one another, grow in our ministries, and reach beyond ourselves.

Every program, each staff member, even the building — a reflection of God using us to extend God's love in the world.

Because of your generosity, we were able to increase our 2026 ministry plan budget by 3.5%, which allowed us to nurture disciples, develop plans for additional staff, and care for neighbors near and far.

What will our generosity make possible in 2027?

How to Offer Your Commitment:

Commitment Sunday is October 25.

We invite you to fill out the estimate of giving card and bring it with you to worship that Sunday. During the service, we will offer our commitments as an act of worship.

Unable to attend on October 25?

You may:

1. Mail or bring your completed card to the church office during the week, or
2. Put it in the offering plate on another Sunday, or
3. Visit 2preslex.org/stewardship to share your commitment through the secure online link.
4. Scan the QR Code:



The Giving Path

As you walk on the Giving Path, you are moving forward in your spiritual journey to be more like Christ. Jesus said,

*“Where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.”*

MATTHEW 6:21

STEPS ALONG THE PATH



First-Time Giver

Begin to give.



Intentional Giver

Plan what percentage of your income to give for a year.



Growing Giver

Increase the percentage of income toward a tithe.



Tither

Begin to give a tithe (10% of income).



Bountiful Giver

Give beyond the tithe.

Why move along the Giving Path?

It is God's intention that we grow more generous and take bigger steps in our giving as we become more aware of how richly God has blessed us in Christ. You are not alone. *Will you move forward this year?*



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