

## **WHY?**

### **A Gift that costs you nothing now can:**

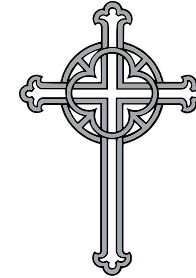
- Give youth a safe place to gather and grow
- Expand our ministry outreach
- Maintain our church home for all to share and celebrate God
- Enrich worship with music and art
- The possibilities are endless — and exciting!

Your planned gift will ensure that First Presbyterian Church continues building a thriving community that is making a difference in the lives of people in our church, in our community, and the world.

We thank you for all you are doing to help First Presbyterian Church share the word of God's goodness, and your planned gift will strengthen our mission for the next generation.

*The Planned Giving Ministry is entirely separate from the annual Stewardship opportunity to return to God a portion of your annual income in support of the day-to-day activities of the church.*

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## **First Presbyterian Church Legacy Society**

**Grace, Generosity, and Gratitude**

Jesus told the crowd another story. He said,

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Someone took the seed and planted it in a field. It is the smallest of all your seeds. But when it grows, it is the largest of all garden plants. It becomes a tree. Birds come and rest in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-32

# **PURPOSE OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN LEGACY SOCIETY**

## **Honor the Past**

We uphold in grateful memory those faithful and generous stewards of the past whose gifts and bequests to our church have created a strong, thriving ministry.

## **Witness for the Present**

We invite all members to join these stewards of the past, witnessing to God's grace in their lives through a planned gift or bequest of their own, benefitting First Presbyterian Church.

## **Cultivate the Future**

We commit ourselves to planting today seeds of faith that will bear fruit beyond our lifetime, supporting and growing the future ministries of our church and sustaining our vitality in witnessing the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ.

## ***BENEFITS***

Most active Christians have given regularly of God's gifts to further God's kingdom during their lifetimes. Membership in the First Presbyterian Legacy Society represents the desire of concerned Christians to continue this stewardship after their death through making a planned gift. These gifts represent our grateful response to God's goodness and mercy to the world, as well as our desire to participate in the future of First Presbyterian Church.

To join the First Presbyterian Legacy Society, simply complete the membership form in this brochure.

Your planned gift can be unrestricted or, if you so wish, designated to existing endowments. An unrestricted gift allows the church to utilize the gift in a way that best meets the church's needs. A designated gift will be used to support the important work of one of the endowments listed below.

## **Endowments**

Building and Grounds

Human Needs

McPherson Lectureship

Ruth Mary Meyer: Music; Gardens & Landscaping

## **Designated Funds include:**

- Worship and Music
- Sanctuary/Church House
- Landscaping/Church Grounds
- Memorial Garden
- Christian Education Fund
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Seniors Ministry Fund
- Youth Scholarship Fund
- Music on Main Concert Fund
- Emergency Walk-in Assistance