

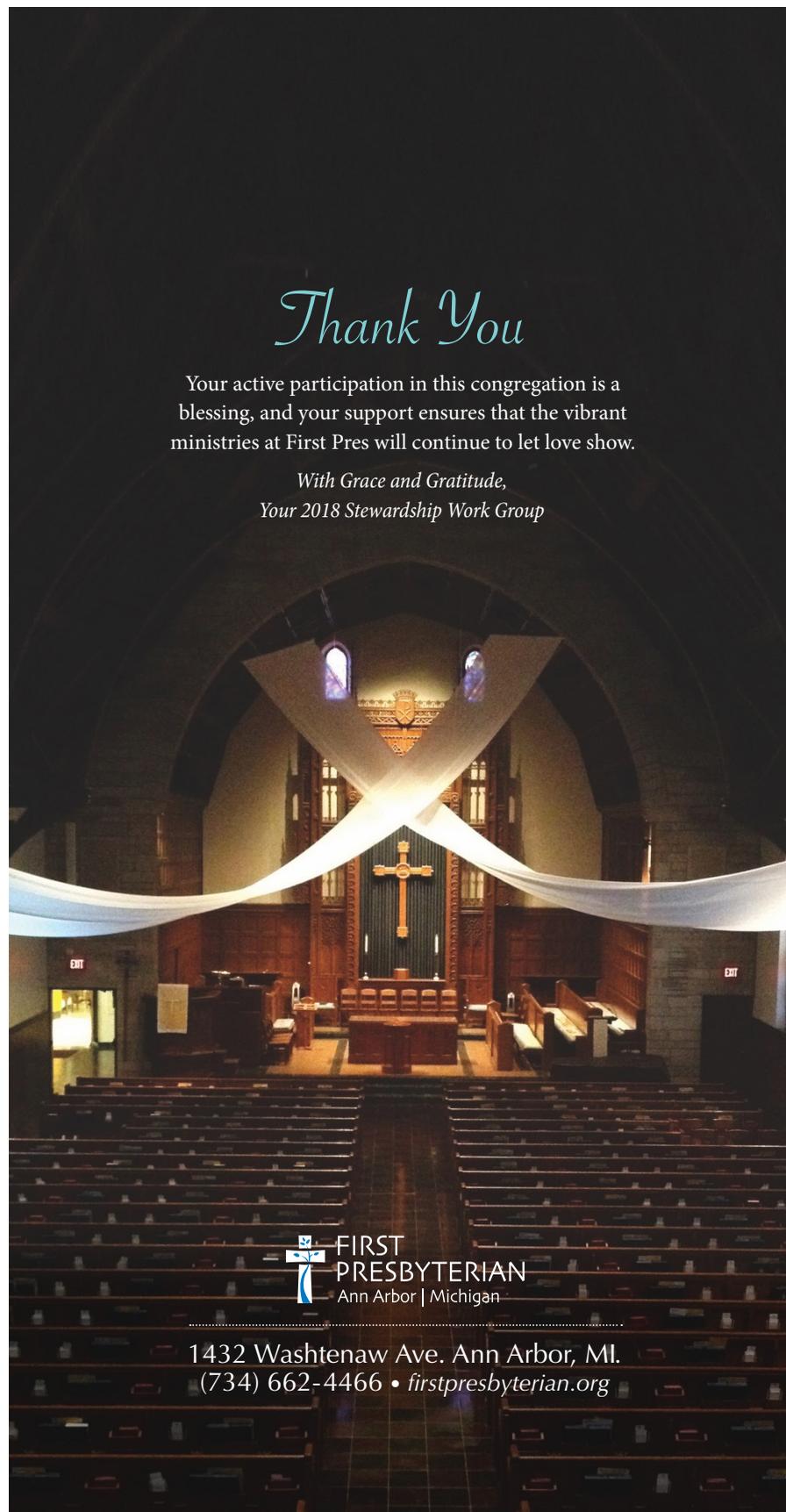


“Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the lord.”
Colossians 3:23

About Us

Our mission is to grow spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, mission, learning and prayer. We commit ourselves, in all we say and do, to demonstrate God’s grace and love. We do this through rich worship services, faithful pastoral care, educational classes, and active participation in local and global service. Christ’s admonition in John 20:21-
“As the Father has sent me, so I send you”- guides our actions.

First Pres is blessed to have engaged members sharing a rich congregational life; talented clergy guiding our worship and nurturing our Christian education; and intergenerational mission opportunities in our backyard and around the world.



Thank You

Your active participation in this congregation is a blessing, and your support ensures that the vibrant ministries at First Pres will continue to let love show.

*With Grace and Gratitude,
Your 2018 Stewardship Work Group*



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LETTING LOVE SHOW

GOD'S GRACE,
OUR GRATITUDE

STEWARDSHIP 2018

“Serve one another with whatever gift you have received.”
1 Peter 4:10

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

--Colossians 3:14



We are blessed to share together in the life of our church. We worship together, we celebrate new life and new love together, we strive to raise loving, thoughtful children together, we mourn the loss of loved ones and celebrate

their lives together, and we work shoulder to shoulder to carry out our mission work together. We can envision a red thread gently connecting our lives through time and place. It is a reassuring tether that reminds us that God's love is the unending thread that binds us together as we strive to let love show in all we do.

Letting Love Show

First Pres, and each of us, are called to be there for one another. As we learn about Jesus and attempt to follow his perfect example, we realize that it requires intentional action to make a positive impact in our world. First Pres provides each of us with meaningful worship, Christian education, community, and enriching mission opportunities. All we need to do is intentionally engage to reap the many benefits of our Christian life together. By committing to pledge your financial support, as well as your time and talent, you ensure that the vibrant ministries and outreach at First Pres will continue. Please intentionally act today and complete your pledge forms. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Our 2018 Stewardship Challenge

- The 2018 pledge goal is \$1,700,000, which is an increase of 3% over the 2017 pledge goal, and 5.5 % greater than actual 2017 pledges received.
- 80% of FPC's annual income comes from pledges.
- If pledge goal is not met, all ministries at First Pres receive less funding to match expenses to income.
- Meeting all ministry needs requires support from all members!

Expenditures By Ministry

Under careful deliberation of Session and guidance by church staff, your pledge is used to support First Pres' activities in roughly the following percentages:



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Financial Management

- First Pres finances are reviewed annually by an independent CPA firm.
- Session sets and manages the Church budget each year and makes adjustments based on funds available.
- Pledges are important as they represent funds that the church can count on when setting the annual budget.

How Much To Pledge

- God calls us to let love show in all we do. Supporting God's church with our time, talent, and treasure is a tangible way to respond to this call.
- Tithing is the Biblical standard of giving 10% of annual income to the church. Some achieve this goal, some set it as a goal.
- If you currently pledge to FPC, please consider increasing the amount of your annual gift as you are able, to move closer to 10%.
- If you don't currently pledge, please make this the year that you start. You will join others who ensure the continued thriving ministries at First Pres.
- Every pledge is important to FPC! No pledge is too large or too small if it's given in gratitude to God.
- Your giving level is strictly confidential. Nobody in the congregation has access to individual pledge amount information.

How To Pledge

- Members will receive 2018 commitment forms via mail in September. Commitment forms are also available in the Church Office.
- Completed forms may be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate.
- Pledge securely online at: www.firstpresbyterian.org/contribute