

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. - *Romans 12.4-5*

That together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- *Romans 15.6*



**First Presbyterian Church
of San Bernardino
Narrative Budget for 2023**

*2022 seems to have flown by!
We have resumed many of the things we “used to do” before
the pandemic slowed us down. We have tearfully said good-
bye to people we love, and we have joyfully greeted new
friends. We have learned not to count too much on what we
have planned! And we have learned to adapt, and make new
plans!*

*We were able to do this in spite of disappointments (think of
the cancelled plans for Youth Triennium!), because we are a
group of people who know how to count on each other, and on
our faithful and loving God in times of sorrow and in times of
joy.*

*So in this budget, we will remember the things we
accomplished in 2022, and look forward with confidence to the
challenges and opportunities in 2023, because*

We ARE the Church TOGETHER!

*It is the Mission of First Presbyterian Church of San
Bernardino, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
through **worship and celebration, and
teaching and learning,**
so that **lives are transformed and
members use their special gifts**
to care for and value,
as God's Beloved,
each other and the community in which we live.*

The estimated budget expense for 2023 is **\$585,105.00.**

Proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through **Worship and Celebration**

2023 Estimate \$195,085.00

In 2022, we worshipped and we celebrated! We were once again able to worship together in our Sanctuary on February 27th. What a joyful event that was! With thanks to our Safe-Reopening Committee, and particularly to Jon Horstmann and Captain Dave, we were able to enter into Lent in our well-loved and much missed space.

We discovered that livestreaming was here to stay, blessing those of our church family who are not able to physically be in the Sanctuary with us, so we all adapted to “hybrid” worship. Lent, Holy Week, Easter Sunday, Pentecost were celebrated and truly ALL were welcomed (with a few mishaps—we are still learning). Pastor Sandy, Pastor Wendy, and Pastor Steve crafted beautiful services and led us in each service with joy and gratitude. When the summer power bill became unsustainable, worship moved to Fellowship Hall, where we remembered that our God is everywhere, and our worship together is wonderful no matter what building we are in!



Our choir sang again—with special singer’s masks and then unmasked. The Bell Choir delighted our hearts with their beautiful music. Thanks to directors Curtiss Allen and Amy Gano for their leadership, and to William Zeitler for his remarkable talent and generosity in sharing it with us. And Craig Colclough joined us for a couple of weeks to bless us with his glorious voice and his kind and generous personality.

Worship aids continue to be produced in both paper and digital

format--we send weekly links to everyone and send printed orders of worship to anyone who requests them.



Easter Sunday Choir

In 2023, we hope to continue growing and expanding our capacity to worship our God and share the joy with the world.

Teaching and Learning

2023 Estimate \$183,233.00

In 2022, class schedules resumed for your **KidSpace** kids, led by Nancy Horstmann and Jeanne Clark. Our youth continued to meet (including a trip to Joshua Tree), and they provided us with a wonderful worship service on Youth Sunday, the first in-person Youth Sunday since 2019! You provided opportunities for adults as well, with the **Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul** event led by John Philip Newell in February, as well as a planned **Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change retreat** led by Nancy Wiens. **Companions on the Inner Way** led many of us in online retreats until they were able to meet at last in person in August.

LifeSkillz groups met and so did **interns**. We did a lot of “home improvement” projects, so that our classrooms would be put to good use, and **Key Essentials** moved in to three of them in June, helping youngsters learn how to adapt to new learning environments so they can grow and thrive. **Oak Tree D Street** expects to be welcoming pre-schoolers in October. **Presbyterian Women Circles** continued to meet for Bible study on Zoom.

In 2023, we hope to resume our Sunday morning adult classes, and continue to grow our LifeSkillz and internship programs.



A conversation with John Philip Newell

*LifeSkillz kids
at Joshua Tree!*



Lives are Transformed

2023 Estimate \$206,787.00

You remember our Christian mandate, to **feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned.** (*Matthew 25.31-39*). You do this directly in congregational ministries, and indirectly as active participants in the Presbyterian Church (USA) where your **special offerings** support mission around the world, educate leaders and pastors for the future, aid in peacemaking efforts, and pay pastor salaries for underserved churches. The hungry are fed, strangers are welcomed, those ill and in prison (in mind or body) are visited and cared for, and God's word and love spread around the world because of your gifts.

Your Deacons' Food Ministry **feed the hungry** with bags of groceries, and take food and clothing to the Central City Lutheran Mission. The need for the Food Ministry has grown. We have been able to keep up with the demand by purchasing a pallet jack, allowing more efficient unloading of food supplies. Your Water Team continues to **give drink to the thirsty**, helping to build clean water systems for communities



Volunteers use the pallet jack to unload a truckload of food

without access to reliable and affordable safe drinking water. Your Pastoral Care team continues to **care for the sick** and/or isolated with phone calls, visits, and cards, and the Deacons' Blood Drive helps at a time when blood is in short supply. **And you welcome the stranger** by donating to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program for Immigrants in the United States.

You also transform lives by making space for important work such as:

- ♥ Straight Up AA meets here weekly;
- ♥ The Retired Public Employees meet here quarterly.
- ♥ the San Bernardino Elections office provides our neighbors an accessible place to exercise their right to vote right here.



Members Use Special Gifts

2023 Estimate – Grace abundant!

Volunteers are a vital part of First Pres' ministry. In 2022 we found we sorely missed those of you who were kept

from doing gardening on campus,

providing badly needed backup to the maintenance staff; who filled

food bags and carried them out for people who needed help; who

made gifts for shut-ins, wrote for the newsletter, and answered the

phones. **Volunteers** make sure everyone follows our safety

guidelines. Deacons and Ruling Elders are volunteers. Sunday

School leaders are volunteers. Presbyterian Women who make

breakfast for LifeSkillz kids are volunteers. Volunteers sing in the

choir, and ring bells in the bell choir. **Volunteers are the eyes, hands**

and feet of Christ here in our community. Volunteers help us to

stretch every dollar we receive, freeing up resources to spread the

Good News even further! **Volunteers are you! And none of these**

things happen without you.



Friends also bless us with **legacy giving, a very real blessing!** Their

faith continues to bless and heal and delight us all. We remember

Edie Leonard, Bonnie Hansen, Edna Dugger, Rosemary Krause, John

& JoAnn Miller, Stewart & Helen Dodds, Marion Sischo, Marian

Klefstad, Barbara Maupin, Herb & Anna Jane Andrews, Joan

Cartpenter, and Sally Morris. Bob Wiens is remembered with

gratitude as **Marion** continues to shape our congregation's spiritual

life. **Brenda Frederick** continues to remember us although she has

moved away. **Norma Lunn** and **Hazel Limric** were not wealthy, but

they left legacies to the church in the form of life insurance policies

with the church named as beneficiary.

If you would like to learn more about Legacy giving, contact the church office.



Marian Klefstad



Sally Morris



Joan Carpenter

2023 Challenges & Opportunities

We continue to face **challenges**. In 2022, we replaced the roof of the Fellowship Hall, and the air conditioner in the office. We replaced old doors and flooring in the Education wing in preparation for making those rooms available to new tenants. We invested in video and sound equipment to make our worship services available to people who can't come here to worship and to improve the experience for those who can. We improved security by moving the courtyard fence further toward the street, and installing smoke alarms around the campus. We replaced broken pipes near the Chapel. We provided food for many people in our neighborhood, but the need is greater than ever. We still need to repair the ceiling in Fellowship Hall, which was damaged by water before the roof was replaced. And with our aging buildings, there are many pipes that are aging and will need replacement.

Your vision and your gifts make our community rich in purpose and in love. When you pledge or volunteer, when you make a special offering or pray for another member or for a ministry, you commit to relationship. You are a part of this rich community.

Planning for the year ahead is always full of questions. What would you invest your gifts in? Maybe...

- Contributing to our Campus Maintenance Fund to insure that needed repairs can be done quickly?
- Exploring new ways to make our facility more water- and energy-wise?
- Teaching an adult class?
- Volunteering to help keep our gardens beautiful?
- Planning an adventure for our youth group?
- Joining the choir or the bell choir?
- Helping to plan for our 150th anniversary celebration in 2024?
- Look for new ways to make San Bernardino and the world a better place to live?

The world is blessed by all the ways you give: in sharing your talents, in financial gifts, and in service.

*With God's help, we will continue to show in every way that **we are the Church together** in this, God's world, confident that God's generous love will bless us and our community.*