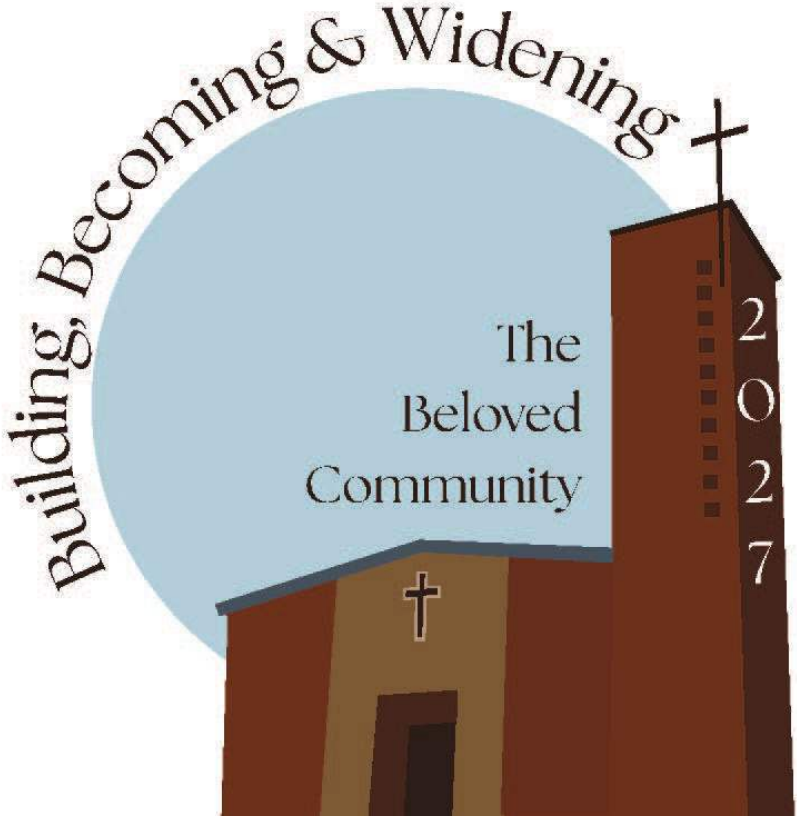
Like good Stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

– 1 Peter 4:10



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Nurturing Relationships

From the beginning, First Presbyterian Church has created and maintained relationships within and outside our congregation. The first members saw the establishment of the city's first high school, the introduction of telephone service, electrical power, and the organization of local government. Our members have been government officials, doctors, dentists, teachers, musicians, and missionaries.

Today **Adult Bible Study** classes, **PW Circles**, **Sanctuary Choir**, **Bell Choir**, the **Mensch Group**, **Kerygma**, volunteer opportunities like **Food Distribution**, and our **Deacons Community Outreach** continue the tradition of giving to the community and each other.

Our relationships with the community at large also continue with **Oak Tree D Street** on our campus, along with **Key Essentials to Behavior Management**. The **Straight Up AA** group meets here every Saturday, as does the ***Symphonie Jeunesse*** **Orchestra**. Our relationship with **San Bernardino High School** has blossomed as the **Lifeskillz** group and our **Internship** program continue to benefit both the students and our church. And this year we were blessed to be able to help host the Juneteenth Splash Into Wellness celebration .





Filling Bags for Food Ministry.



Juneteenth Splash into Wellness

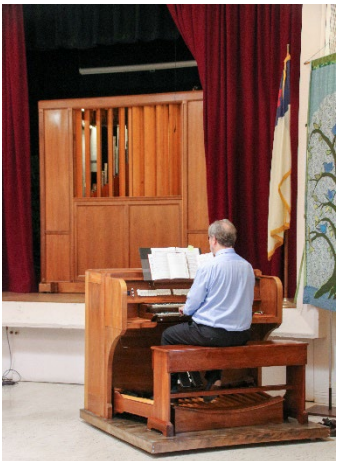
Creative Celebrations

Celebration of God's love for us and for our world is nothing new at First Pres. From Scottish pipers for Reformation Sunday to quiet moments in our Healing services, we have been blessed with creative and joyful ways to express our joy.

In 2026, we once again navigated the change in worship venue from the Sanctuary to Fellowship Hall for the summer with grace and joy provided by our **Worship Committee** and **Nurture Committee**

members. **Tastings from Scripture** was a new highlight of the summer months.

We always celebrate with music – inspiring harmonies provided by our **Sanctuary Choir**, directed by **Curtiss Allen, Jr.**, the brilliant playing by **William Zeitler** every week, and the lovely tones of our **Bell Choir**, directed by **Amy Gano**. We are blessed with talented musicians like **Susan Addington, Norm Wallis, Kendra Lamb,** and others. We also are grateful for the occasional use of talented musicians for our **brass ensembles** and, of course, the **Kevin Blandford Memorial Pipe Band** for our Reformation Sunday celebration.



William demonstrates the Kraft organ.

We celebrate as **Pastor Brian** leads us in worship every Sunday, every Holy Day, and every other occasion. We are blessed with his leadership.



Easter Bell Choir



Seniors being interviewed by pastor on Youth Sunday.



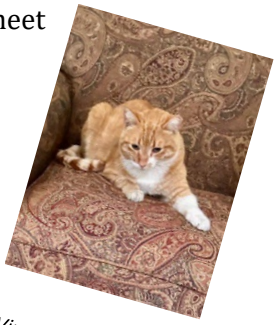
Hallelujah Chorus!



Continuous Learning

First Presbyterian Church continues to be dedicated to education in all its forms.

- ✓ **Adult Bible Study** continues to grow. The group meets every Sunday in the Fireside Lounge to study the Word before worship services.
- ✓ **KidSpace** continues to be led by Jeanne Clark and Nancy Horstmann for our younger members.
- ✓ Our **Youth Group** is led by Pastor Brian.
- ✓ **Presbyterian Women**'s Bible studies continue to meet monthly in person and online.
- ✓ Scholarships are provided for **Companions on the Inner Way**, whose 5-day retreats offer a safe communal place to explore our longings for the Holy.
- ✓ We have begun the monthly **Pastor's Book Club.**
- ✓ **Kerygma** meets weekly on Zoom to discuss books that the circle reads together.
- ✓ The **Lifeskillz Circle** at San Bernardino High School began another new year in August with one of the largest groups ever.
- ✓ And our **Interns** continue to help us with campus maintenance, hospitality, and the food ministry, as we provide them with first time jobs and mentorship.



Vincent keeps all the classrooms vermin-free.



LifeSkillz students and leaders

In 2027, we want to continue and grow all of this, and explore new ways of learning.



Youth Sunday



Spring Intern Team

Transformational Service

2027 Estimate Faithfulness!

Without the transformational service of volunteers much of First Presbyterian's ministry would be greatly diminished. Volunteers provide **hospitality** and **ushers** for our gatherings, and make sure everyone is safe. Volunteers also **operate cameras** and **sound equipment** for worship services. Volunteers **teach** Kidspace and the Adult Bible Study. **Deacons** are volunteers who care for our congregation and our outer community. **Ruling Elders** are volunteers who make church policy and consider issues, making decisions that order our life as a congregation. **Presbyterian Women** volunteer to make breakfast for Lifeskillz kids, and to help our congregation be hospitable, as well as providing timely Bible Studies. Volunteers sing in the **Sanctuary Choir**, and ring bells in the **Bell Choir**. Volunteers fill **food bags** and help distribute them. Volunteers provide **pastoral care**, checking in on us when we're not well, and organizing help when needed. Volunteers provide **labor and know-how** to maintain and improve our campus.

As active participants in the Presbyterian Church (USA) **Special Offerings**, First Presbyterian Church transforms lives around the world, educating leaders and pastors for the future, aiding in peacemaking efforts, and paying pastor salaries for underserved churches. We have been a long-time "Four for Four" congregation that contributes to all four Special Offerings (**Pentecost Offering**, **One Great Hour of Sharing**, **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, **Christmas Joy Offering**) each year. Now that the Special Offerings are three (**One Great Hour of Sharing**, **World Communion Offering**, **Christmas Joy Offering)**, we will continue that service.

You also transform lives by providing space for other missions such as:

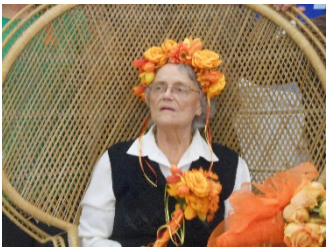
- **Straight Up AA** meets here weekly;
- ***Symphonie Jeunesse*** rehearses here weekly.
- The **San Bernardino Elections office** provides our neighbors an accessible place to exercise their right to vote.
- **Oak Tree D Street**, provides academics and social and emotional development for preschool children.
- And **Key Essentials to Behavior Management** helps children and adults learn the social skills required to succeed in school and life!

♥ *Legacy Giving*



Rosemary Krause

Joan Carpenter



We remember **Herb & Anna Jane Andrews, Joan Carpenter**, **Stewart & Helen Dodds, Edna Dugger, Jim Huffstutler, Marian Klefstad, Edie Leonard, Hazel Limric**, **Norma Lunn**, **Jeannie Marona, Barbara Maupin, John & JoAnn Miller, Sally Morris**, **Paul & Marjorie Owen**, **Dale Showman, Marion Sischo,** and **Bob Wiens.** Gifts left by them and given in their memory bless us every day. **Brenda Frederick, Bonnie Hansen,** and **Rosemary Krause,** continue to provide for our congregation through a Presbyterian Foundation fund although Brenda now lives far away from here, and Bonnie and Rosemary have passed away.

Their faith continues to bless and heal and delight us all.

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



Sally Morris

James Huffstutler





Bob Wiens

2027 Challenges & Opportunities

There are <u>always</u> challenges.

- In 2026 we continued the work of **remodeling the Chapel** to make it more accessible, and more aesthetically appealing. We made major plumbing repairs. We installed **new classroom doors** to make our students and our tenants more secure. We **replaced the solar panels, and added netting to discourage the pigeons from nesting under them.** We **increased the amount of food** we provide each week for many people in our neighborhood. We resealed and repainted the parking lot.
- In 2027, we will need to **replace the ice machine, and add more seating to the Chapel**. **More classroom doors will need replacement**. And we will certainly need to make **other major repairs**. The **need for the food** we supply to our neighbors continues to grow.

Only your commitment to continuing to build on the foundation our forebears laid down allows us to relate, celebrate, learn and transform our church and the world. When you pledge, when you volunteer, when you pray for another member or for a ministry, **you embody the love, forgiveness, and grace of Christ**.

With God's help, we will continue to build on our great foundation, sharing our joy and love of God with each other and our community.

Since 1874,
faithful Christians have laid a foundation of faith here in San Bernardino.

Moved by the Spirit, we strive to create an open and inclusive community embodying the love, forgiveness, and grace of Christ which we extend to ourselves, each other, our neighbors, and our world through nurturing relationships, creative celebrations, continuous learning, and transformational service.

Mission Statement of the First Presbyterian Church

152 years later, we continue to build on that foundation, to preserve old traditions, and create new ones, and to continue to grow the Kingdom of God.

Preliminary Budget for 2027

Expenses	*Budget*
Hospitality Ministries	*188,571.35*
Leadership Team Ministries	*410,227.86*
Global & Regional Mission	*19,680.00*
Spiritual Formation & Wholeness Ministries	*11,250.00*

Income	*Budget*
Pledged Income	*348,333.00*
Non-Pledged Income	*44,883.00*
Per Capita	*3,840.00*
Interest Earned	*6,000.00*
Facilities/Rentals/Fees	*110,529.14*
Endowment Supplement	*42,000.00*