

# COMMIT 2022

*Nurturing what we value  
through commitment*



**GIVE**



**SERVE**



**GROW**

*Enclosed is your commitment card for the upcoming year. This pledge can be made either on-line or in person during worship on March 6. Thank you for your prayerful consideration for the 2022 commitment year and allowing us all to nurture what we value through our commitment to FPC.*

First Presbyterian Church is indeed busy writing a new chapter in an old story. Between our joyous worship, purposeful education, loving outreach, and authentic relationships—this new chapter is shaping up more than ever to be a very exciting part of our story! This overview of the budget is not a line-item facts-and-figures accounting tool. Rather, it is a narrative budget to help us see the story we are telling and the impact we are having.

**Last Year's Budget: \$1,091,097**  
**This Year's Estimate: \$1,073,247**

This year the need is more apparent than ever to expand our mission giving to those we currently support and be responsive to the service opportunities around us. We are looking at maintaining the basic operational expenses with no large increases in any area—yet with added emphasis in purposeful education, needed technology, and an additional focus on our mission partners.



*joyous*  
**WORSHIP**

**\$343,439 • (32%)**

Our joyous worship is at the heart of all we do here at First Presbyterian. It is through our heartfelt prayers, exceptional music, engaging sermons, and celebration of the sacraments that we are able to fully worship the Lord with gladness! Your pledge supports our worship leaders, our guest musicians, and our choral scholars as well as the upkeep of our instruments and paraments. It supports the live-streaming of our worship services as well as our midweek, annual, liturgical, and pastoral services.

*purposeful*  
**EDUCATION**

**\$311,241 • (29%)**

Education programs at First Presbyterian are always done with the purpose of helping us think, grow, and engage in our learning. We have continued to be creative this past year. The Purposeful Education Committee and the Purposeful Education Director never imagined that the first year of living into the new vision would be as challenging as it was, but education has never stopped. Adaptations were made and education went on—as it will in the year ahead!

*loving*  
**OUTREACH**

**\$289,777 • (27%)**

First Presbyterian is a loving congregation with a tremendous outreach. We reach out to those among us who seek help, guidance, or spiritual discernment through visitation programs, Stephen Ministry, home communion, and highly trained pastoral care. We also reach out to those within our Aiken community who might need assistance, support, or a hand-up for various reasons. We partner with ACTS, Christ Central, Community Medical Clinic, Family Promise, Salvation Army, Crossroads, as well as a number of other nonprofits in the area through the use of our time, talents, and treasure. Your pledge supports these efforts and ensures the impact of our loving outreach within our own church family, our own Aiken community, various projects in Mwandi, Honduras, South Sudan, and beyond.

*authentic*  
**RELATIONSHIPS**

**\$128,790 • (12%)**

At the end of every worship service, we remind one another that we do not go out into this world alone, but together as the body of Christ! The authentic relationships we have here at First Presbyterian are not by accident but are a part of our plan for community and God's design for us. Your pledge makes sure we have the space, the supplies, and the spirit to make sure God's Spirit continues to move freely among us as a reminder of our connection.

