First Presbyterian Preschool

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Dear Friends and Families of First Presbyterian Preschool,

For more than seventy-five years, First Presbyterian Preschool has been a place where young hearts and minds are nurtured with love, joy, and curiosity. Many families have shared that our preschool feels like an extension of their own home—and that being part of the "First Pres Family" is something truly special. Again and again, parents tell us that what sets our school apart is the warmth and sense of belonging they feel the moment they step onto our campus.

Our devoted teachers are the heart of this mission. They pour their energy, creativity, and love into every child's day, building the foundation for lifelong learning and confidence. We believe children thrive when surrounded by teachers who are passionate about play-based learning educators who see the wonder in every discovery and the potential in every child. To continue attracting and retaining these exceptional teachers who bring our mission to life, we must ensure they are valued and supported.

This year, **50% of the Annual Fund** will go directly to our *Teacher Retention Fund*, helping us sustain a team of outstanding educators who love children and are dedicated to their growth. The remaining **50%** will support our *Scholarship Fund*, which ensures that every child—regardless of financial circumstance—has access to the transformative early education that First Presbyterian Preschool provides. Each year, this fund allows us to award over $7,000 in scholarships to families in our community.

By contributing to the Annual Fund, you are doing more than donating—you are investing in children's futures, supporting our teachers, and strengthening the community that makes First Presbyterian so special. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us continue this meaningful work.

This year, we are striving for **100% participation** in the Annual Fund. These important contributions help our preschool remain strong and allow us to continue supporting the families in our community. You can contribute in several convenient ways:

- **Scan the QR code**
- **Visit our website, Annual Fund** and click the **"Donate"** button
- **Send a check** directly to the preschool
- **Current families** may also make a one-time payment through their Brightwheel account

When you give, you open the door for a child to learn, grow, and flourish in a nurturing and faith-filled environment. Your generosity helps preserve the magic that generations of families have found here.

We are deeply grateful for the love and support we've received throughout the years and invite you to join us once again in this tradition of giving. Together, we can ensure that every child continues to experience the joy, wonder, and belonging that define First Presbyterian Preschool.

With heartfelt thanks,

The First Presbyterian Preschool Board:
Clare Carter, Lydia Chapdelain, Lauren Bridges, Stephanie Copa, Lise Hutton, Alan Nelson, Lynn-de Smuts, Eric Walther, and Shelley Watson