THOUGHTFUL *Giving*

Give Hope This Christmas:
Support Our Mission &
Justice Partners

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

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Grace and Gratitude

As Presbyterians, we are a people rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ. Our gratitude for God's grace moves us to join in God's mission through ministries of love, justice, reconciliation, and peace.

Gifts to Thoughtful Giving express that gratitude—feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted, and sharing our faith with young and old. When we give together, large or small, we expand our witness to God's abundant work in the world.

The Thoughtful Giving order form is at the end of this guide. Return it to the church office so your loved ones can receive a personalized card announcing the gift made in their honor.

Thoughtful Giving can bring a smile or provide life-sustaining support—bread, water, warmth, or financial help. In giving, receiving, and honoring others, we are all blessed and flourish in God's love.

Thoughtful Giving Makes Gift Giving Easy

- Browse the Thoughtful Giving Guide.
- Complete the order form at the back of the guide.
- Include the name and mailing address of the person who will receive the card.
- If you wish to personally deliver the card, we can fill it out and hold it at the church office for pickup.
- We will address and mail the card to your recipient, noting the organization and gift given in their honor.
- Return your completed order form with a check payable to First Presbyterian Church (memo: *Thoughtful Giving*).
- Mail or drop off your order at the church office.
- Please allow one week for mailing.

Thank you, Thoughtful Givers, for the generous Thoughtful Gifts you have shared.

All Faiths Food Bank In partnership with All Faiths Food Bank, FPC provides food to an average of over 200 families each Thursday morning. Your donation feeds our hungry neighbors.

A 1 $15 buys 24 cans of black beans

A 2 $25 buys 34 boxes for meat

A 3 $50 buys 15 cases of peanut butter

A 4 $_____ other donation

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry promotes self–sufficiency for rural migrant population in the Tampa Bay area through worship, education, and services to meet basic needs.

B 1 $10 buys one new modern translation Spanish Bible

B 2 $15 buys formula for one week for a newborn

B 3 $25 buys a month's supply of rice and beans for a family of 5

B 4 $_____ other donation

Cuba Partnership supports the ministry of our sister church, Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church, in Cardenas, Cuba.

D 1 $20 pays for 20 pounds of rice that provides three meals a week for vulnerable senior citizens

D 2 $30 provides 4.5 pounds of powdered milk

D 3 $50 pays for one month of internet service that supports the work of the pastor

D 4 $_____ other donation

Dial Hope is a 24-hour global telephone and internet ministry providing daily faith-based, non denominational messages of encouragement, inspiration, and care in English and Spanish.

E 1 $20 will print 100 message cards

E 2 $50 will help maintain the website

E 3 $100 supports Dial Hope English/Spanish home messages for troops overseas

E 4 $_____ other donations to share the message of hope

Family Promise provides shelter, meals, and support to children and their families facing homelessness. Since 1986, Family Promise has initiated and coordinated local efforts to help families experiencing homelessness by regaining their housing, their independence, and their dignity, and a chance to build a better future.

F 1 $20 buys shoes for a child

F 2 $50 buys food for a family

F 3 $100 buys furniture for a new home

F 4 $_____ other donation will help to provide food, gas, or clothing for a family experiencing homelessness

Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance exists to build safe, affordable, decent, sustainable family rental units for farmworker families.

G 1 $20 Helps build affordable housing units

G 2 $50 Helps build affordable housing units

G 3 $100 Helps build affordable housing units

G 4 $_____ other donation

Invest in Children is a unique partnership between FPC and Brentwood Elementary School, a Title 1 school where 60% of the students receive free or reduced lunch.

H 1 $10 buys a new book for the library

H 2 $20 provides a student with school supplies for the year

H 3 $100 adopts a classroom for the year

H 4 $_____ other donation to support the church's effort with Brentwood Elementary

The Manasota Interracial Book Club (MIBC) is a community ministry with 80 members and six reading groups. There is no cost to join MIBC. FPC provides meeting spaces, Zoom connections, and office support. MIBC hopes to pair black and white churches to provide support for MIBC Reading Groups and Combined Meetings.

J 1 $10 Supports MIBC communications

J 2 $25 Supports materials for combined meetings

J 3 $50 Helps a speaker lead a meeting for the community

J 4 $_____ helps support the MIBC programs

Mision Peniel, located in Immokalee, Florida, partners with the farmworker community and organizations supporting better living and working conditions. Your support will be appreciated in the following ways:

K 1 $10 will buy a new outfit for a newborn

K 2 $50 will buy a pair of shoes for a worker in the field

K 3 $100 will buy beans or rice (a staple for all families)

K 4 $_____ other donation for ongoing needs

Plant with Purpose is a faith-based nonprofit that transforms lives in rural areas around the world where poverty and environmental degradation intersect. It equips impoverished farming families to change their circumstances with God-given hope.

M 1 $10 plants a nursey of 10 trees

M 2 $25 teaches savings-led microfinance to women

M 3 $50 plants a grove of 50 trees

M 4 $_____ other donation to support local churches

First Presbyterian Preschool is a mission of FPC, started in 1947 to develop curiosity, thinking, and reasoning of young children in a safe and supportive place. The church and preschool together believe that young children learn and grow best in a warm and loving atmosphere. This year we are asking that donations be made towards the scholarship fund so that families in our community who qualify for financial need can receive a scholarship towards tuition. Each gift is an investment in a brighter future, giving more families access to the high quality education they need and deserve.

N 1 $25 Invested in a brighter future

N 2 $50 Invested in a brighter future

N 3 $100 Invested in a brighter future

N 4 $ _____ Invested in a brighter future

Presbyterian Disaster Relief provides a significant response and assistance of trauma care and spiritual care for families and churches affected by natural disaster, civil strife, and humanitarian crises here in the United States and abroad. Your gift will be used to support our PDA host site providing accommodations for visiting disaster relief workers.

O 1 $25

O 2 $50

O 3 $100

O 4 $_____ other donation

Resurrection House is a forward thinking, faith-based resource center committed to transitioning homeless individuals to a path of self-sufficiency in Sarasota County.

P 1 $10 buys toiletries and towels

P 2 $15 provides 15 loads of laundry washed and dried

P 3 $30 provides an individual's breakfast and lunch for a week

P 4 $_____ other donation

Thornwell Home for Children is a Presbyterian ministry located in Clinton, SC, which provides a safe, loving home for children in need. It also offers support for families in crises and educational and therapeutic programs for children.

Q 1 $20 provides a backpack and school supplies for a child

Q 2 $35 buys a training bike for a preschooler

Q 3 $50 buys a set of pots and pans for a household

Q 4 $_____ other donation

Youth Adventures, Fellowship, and Missions provides youth time away from the regular rhythms of life, centering on connecting with God, and provides opportunities for our church youth to develop spiritually through the sharing of fellowship and mission projects. Your gift also supports the extra expenses of Montreat conferences and mission experiences for our youth.

R 1 $25 gift purchases study materials

R 2 $50 gift buys refreshments for a fellowship meeting

R 3 $75 gift pays for supplies for a mission project

R 4 $_____other donation

Need more gift ideas?

Check out the online catalog from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at:
https://PDA.PCUSA.org/

Thoughtful Giving 2025-2026

Order Form

Your Name _____

Contact Number _____

☐ I would like to pick up my card(s) at the church office.

Gift ID (letter and number)	Gift $$ Amount	Recipient (add address if card is being mailed by the church)

Total $_____

Check enclosed _____