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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rooted in Christ's love, we cultivate curiosity, connection, and community, where all are welcomed, faith is nurtured, and Love Is First.

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Love is First

Dear FPC Family,

What you will find in these pages is the record of a church alive in worship and work. Some of the highlights for me in 2025 were welcoming twenty-seven new members; repairing and replacing the roofs damaged by Hurricane Milton; showering Cliff Cardi with Get Well cards; celebrating our first Faith and Diversity Sunday; and opening our facility to mission teams doing relief work in the area. I'm sure you have highlights of your own.

I am grateful for the lives of those who joined the great communion of saints last year: Billie Burquest, Steven Moore, Margaret Cass, Alan Lawrence, Charlie Stottlemyer, Mark Martin, Dottie Goodale, Olivia LaMotte, Diane Price, Connie Waymer, Bob Wrobel, Elaine Barnett, Jane Bertolett, and Ellen Forbes. I am grateful for those who said yes to the call to serve this church as elders and deacons. I am grateful to be able to work with such a gifted and committed staff. I am grateful, too, for those of you who give generously of your time and talents to ensure that our mission to Keep Love First continues.

As I enter my fourth year of partnership with you, I continue to be amazed by what a caring and committed congregation this is. First Presbyterian Church doesn't just have a rich history of living out the gospel in Sarasota. I believe it also has a rich future. And I am excited to be able to watch it unfold with you.

Your pastor and friend,
Rev. Timothy T. Boggess





Music Ministry

Steven Phillips, Director of Music

I am privileged to work with many talented and dedicated people, including our music teams, tech team, church officers, members, and staff. I'm also grateful to work with a gifted pastor and to be a part of Dr. Boggess' team.

Much credit for our musical impact in the church and community goes to our choir members, who give generously of their time and talents each week. This year the choir has benefitted from the addition of five interns from area schools who are paid a stipend to support their studies. I'm equally grateful for the New Song Band and for my friend and co-leader, Ted Eastmoore.

A highlight of 2025 was the tenth annual presentation of *A Celtic Christmas* concert on Friday, December 12, and Saturday, December 13. A team was formed to produce the event and their work was vital to the success of the concerts. That group made a bold step to offer *A Celtic Christmas* for two performances and continued to have a ticketed admission in order to better manage audience size and provide them a good experience. The church again engaged the Via Nova Chorale to join with our choir to form a combined choir of nearly 70 singers, supported by the multi-talented Lubben Brothers Band and piper Kevin Wiegand. Movement and color came from the students of the Cavanagh Porter Irish Dance Academy. With two sold out audiences, the vision of the planning team was well rewarded.

FPC continues to play a vital role in our city as a nurturer of the arts. With thanks to our operations manager, Rachel Martin, and our team of FPC Arts Advocates, our congregation is well recognized as one of the most arts-positive churches in Sarasota.

Finally, I want to commend our Worship and Music Committee, chaired by Lisa Saba and Jaime Bressan, for their steady wisdom and work of support for our many services and musical ventures.

I am blessed to be part of this loving spiritual family!

Steven Phillips
Director of Music Ministries







Education and Formation

Eric Robinson, Director of Christian Education

The education ministry at First Presbyterian is alive, vibrant, and growing. This is a growth that we have experienced together through time, prayer, preparation, and creativity of the people and volunteers who make this ministry thrive. So, I first want to say, thank you! I am excited to share a snapshot of our ministry in 2025.

Worship & Sunday School

We launched a new children's curriculum this year called *Spark Lectionary*. We chose this curriculum because of its hands-on, child centered activities. What truly brings Bible stories to life is the creativity and heart of our dedicated teachers.

Our youth are working through a set of curriculum from the Fuller Youth Institute. This curriculum engages our youth in their life and faith journeys.

We also launched several "whole schoolhouse" Sunday School workshops, including a VBS preview, worship workshop, and family mission and games.

Our worship space continues to be a welcoming place for young families. In the New Song service, children continue to be immersed in the Scripture lesson of the day through the Time with Young Disciples, bulletins, and activity pages. They also regularly lead the Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Dedication.

We continue to grow with new young families regularly joining us in worship.

Intergenerational Events and Christmas Pageant

Our intergenerational events continue to be a central part of our church's ministry. These have included a church-wide outing to Cedarkirk, our Palm Sunday egg hunt, pumpkin carving, and Advent workshop and the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. We've added new activities to these already popular workshops, including making a special craft to add to the Brentwood stockings.

Expanding Adult Education

Adult Education has been one of First Presbyterian's biggest areas of growth.

We launched a second adult education class on Sunday mornings, alongside a regular Bible study on the book of Revelation. We've engaged with C.S. Lewis, Short Stories and Faith, Celtic Christianity, and we "Dared to Dream" during Advent. Our overall attendance has increased significantly, with some Sunday mornings attracting 30 or more attendees.

In our Revelation class, we introduced a new model of learning, the flipped classroom. In this setup, the leader acts as a facilitator, and all members of the class are empowered with access to the same resources. This has led to a high level of engagement and interest!

The launch of our Parent Small Group was a huge success this year. We focused on growing together in faith in the fall, and focused on ways to encourage faith formation at home in the spring.

We launched our weekly Adult Education Newsletter in the fall. This newsletter contains announcements and a wealth of resources to help people engage more fully in theology, faith, and growth.

Youth Group and the Launch of LIFT

Our youth continued to meet regularly for Bible study, games, service, and outings. This included a trip to TreeUmph, a beach cleanup at Siesta Key, and a fun Christmas party where they helped

fill stockings for Brentwood Elementary School

This fall, we also launched our LIFT Middle School program with a bowling outing! LIFT stands for Love is First Tweens, designed to engage our 4th and 5th graders in youth group style activities, building the foundation for our future middle school program.

Confirmation

Two of our youth participated in a 7-session confirmation class written by Eric Robinson. Eric, Mark Carleson, George Chorba and Susan DeWyngaert taught the sessions. Youth were invited not only to learn about the foundations of faith, but to ask questions and think more deeply about how this shapes who they are called to be.

Confirmation also included a mentorship program, where Denise Landers and Lisa Saba met one-on-one with our youth to get to know them better and participated in a service project together.

Montreat

Four of our youth, along with our dedicated adult leaders (Eric, Tim Boggess, Mark Carleson, Mariah Martin, and Susan DeWyngaert) attended the Montreat Youth Conference in June of 2025. It was the church's first trip to Montreat in many years.

We had an experience the youth and adults will never forget. Being in the mountains, worshiping, eating together, getting to know youth from all around the country, alongside immersion in Scripture and opportunities to grow in faith was a truly life-changing experience.

VBS

In June, 45 campers and almost as many volunteers went on an exciting "Road Trip"; an adventure of fun, discipleship, and community. Through music, crafts, science and Bible lessons, children learned that faith is not just a destination but a journey supported by God and the people around us.

Invest in Children / Brentwood

It was my privilege this year to join the steering committee for Invest in Children and Brentwood Elementary School. The heart and work that goes into this partnership is truly amazing to see. I look forward to continuing to support their work this new year.

I'm excited for the ways we will continue growing together in 2026!







First Presbyterian Preschool

Clare Carter, Director

First Presbyterian Preschool is deeply blessed to be part of a mission that has faithfully supported children and families in our congregation and greater community for generations. We are especially grateful to a congregation that believes in our mission and understands the lasting impact of investing in young children and families. The reach of this ministry is immeasurable—shaping young lives, strengthening families, and welcoming new generations into the life of our church.

Our preschool is more than a place of learning; it is a caring community where parents find encouragement, connection, and support during the early years of parenting. For many families, it is also their first meaningful introduction to the church—a place where they feel welcomed, known, and embraced. We hold the hope that families who may not yet have a church home will experience the love, grace, and belonging found here and, in time, feel invited to deepen their connection to our faith community.

In 2024, our preschool received over $19,000 through the Community Foundation's Giving Challenge. This remarkable milestone was made possible by the dedication of our administrative staff, the tireless efforts of church member Stephanie Copa, and the generosity of a congregation and community that deeply believe in our work. These funds have provided developmental scholarships for families, helping offset the costs of speech and occupational therapy. For many children, these therapies have been transformative, supporting meaningful developmental progress while easing financial stress for families. We look forward with excitement to participating in the Giving Challenge again in 2026 so we can continue offering these vital supports.

Our community is one of care, gratitude, and deep connection—for families and staff alike. In 2025, we were honored to celebrate the retirements of two beloved educators, Chris Gantert and Nancy Pagano, who together dedicated nearly forty years to serving the children and families of our preschool. While their retirements were bittersweet, we rejoiced in the new chapters ahead. We are especially thankful that Nancy continues to share her gifts as a classroom floater, offering her wisdom, warmth, and support wherever they are needed.

We are profoundly grateful to First Presbyterian Church for being our home and for its steadfast commitment to nurturing children and families. Since 1947, the guiding words of Jesus—"Let the little children come"—have shaped this ministry, and they continue to light the way forward with faith, love, and purpose.

We would also like to thank the preschool board of directors; Lauren Bridges, Stephanie Copa, Lise Hutton, Alan Nelson, Lynn-de Smuts, Eric Walter, and Shelley Watson.



Health and Wholeness Ministry

Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse

Mission: We believe every life is a sacred gift from God. We believe health and wholeness is a part of the human unity that is inspired through the body, mind and spirit.

Cheryl continues to organize the weekly Care Team meetings via Zoom. The team consisted of Pastor Tim Boggess, Doug DeCelle, Michael Fingerle, and Pat Higgins. The Care Team then reached out to those with health care needs by phone or visit, also collaborating with the Deacons and Stephen Ministers to provide congregational care.

We appreciated all of the collaboration and the care the Stephen Ministers and Michael Fingerle gave to the congregation and will miss not having them as a resource in 2026.

Community Outreach

March: SunCoast Blood Centers Drive, 16 people screened, 19 units blood collected

June: SunCoast Blood Centers Drive: 12 people screened, 12 units collected

August: Yearly Epi Pen and Universal Precautions training to 15 preschool teachers

September: SunCoast Blood Centers Drive: 12 people screened, 11 units collected

October: Hands Only CPR: 19 attended, 1 person from the community attended

Lions Club: Donated 15 pairs of glasses to Lions Club

Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) hosted by First Presbyterian, offered weekly support group at the church

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) hosted by First Presbyterian, offered 12 week Family-to-Family Classes at the church

Care to the Congregation

124 phone calls were made to parishioners, 38 phone calls were received from parishioners

22 referrals were made to resources in the community

23 series of Journeying through Grief were provided

11 home, 14 facility, and 11 hospital visits made

4 funeral services attended

1 parishioner met at doctor appointment

7 prayer shawls given

Weekly care team meetings, monthly faith community nurse and deacon meetings attended

Monthly articles were written for *News at First* as well as correlating information posted in bathrooms, 2 AEDs and 2 first aid boxes checked monthly.

Served as health professional resource to Deacons, Stephen Ministry, and First Presbyterian Preschool

Business Affairs Committee

Steve Largo and Seth Stottlemyer Co-Moderators

The Business Affairs Committee recommends to the session the allocation of our financial resources to accomplish the mission of FPC and strives to provide an inviting, functioning and safe church campus for the congregation and guests.

The efforts of all who generously volunteered their time, for different periods over the course of the year, are greatly appreciated. They include the following: Jenn Stutler, Reva Mitchell, Andrew Copa, Ric Saba, Wendy Miller, Larry Schaper, Steve Fantauzzo, Bob Knudtson, Rich Farr, Diane Johnson, Mary Willis, and Victor Garraus. With regular and significant contributions from Pastor Tim and operations manager, Rachel Martin.

Property Ministry Team

Throughout 2025, the Property Team, led by Rachel Martin and Victor Garraus, remained focused on caring for and improving our church facilities so they continue to support worship, ministry, and community life. We are grateful for the dedication of our staff, including sexton Darwin Goldsmith, volunteers, and trusted contractors who helped ensure that our buildings and grounds remain safe, welcoming, and functional for all who gather here in the name of Jesus Christ. The following items highlight important areas of the team's focus and efforts throughout the year.

Our Roof

Repairs were completed on approximately 50,000 square feet of roofing damaged by Hurricane Milton, with guidance and oversight provided by Jenn Stutler. In addition, four classrooms that experienced flooding received new drywall, ceilings, and paint. Two of these rooms now serve as housing for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance volunteers when they are in Southwest Florida supporting long-term recovery efforts.

Ceiling tiles in the Loft and second-floor hallway were also replaced with new PVC tiles designed to resist moisture.

Phase two of the roof project is scheduled to begin in early 2026 and will include repairs to the tile roof over the Fellowship Hall walkway, along with fascia and soffit replacements. These necessary repairs will further protect the building and extend the life of the roof.

Parking Lot Lights

Improvements were made to parking lot lighting to increase safety and visibility for evening worship services, rehearsals, and events. Updated fixtures and repairs provide better illumination and help create a more secure environment for church members and guests.

Wi-Fi Upgrades

Significant upgrades were made to the church's Wi-Fi infrastructure, resulting in stronger and more reliable coverage throughout the campus. These improvements support worship technology, staff operations, meetings, and events hosted by outside groups.

Improvements and Repairs: HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing

Ongoing maintenance and repairs were completed across HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems. This included servicing air-conditioning units, addressing electrical needs as they arose, and completing necessary plumbing repairs. These efforts help maintain a comfortable, safe, and code-compliant environment for all who use our facilities.

Finance Ministry Team

Business Affairs continued to work diligently in support of FPC's financial well-being. A sampling of some of our efforts:

After a multi-year effort coordinated by Andy Copa and Lisa Garcia, FPC received $275,997 under the Employee Retention Credit program initiated during COVID. Funds were divided equally between our preschool, the Foundation, and the FPC operating fund.

Mary Willis spent countless hours meeting, communicating, and researching with session members and church leaders to develop the 2026 operating budget. Mary's incredible efforts and hard work resulted in a budget that is the basis and foundation of our outreach, preschool, property, and staffing priorities.

Rachel Martin, with input from Rick Saba, authored a successful grant for $25,000 from the Dalbeck Foundation. Funds will be used towards meeting facility ADA upgrades as well as towards continued progress of safety and security enhancements.

Diane Johnson, Ric Saba, and Steve Largo continued to represent Business Affairs on the FPC Foundation Board of Directors. Exciting plans for 2026 include developing new strategies to increase our revenues.

Mary Willis and Wendy Miller began working with Lisa Garcia to create an FPC policy for accepting, acknowledging, and utilizing Restricted Funds accounts.

Andy Copa, Mary Willis, and Kay Steinman conducted a review of the financial records, which concluded that all financial statements accurately reflect the financial position of FPC for 2024.

Increased Facility Use

Our campus and facilities continue to see expanded and meaningful use. Following the September merger of Choral Artists and Via Nova, we are now home to the Via Nova music library and business office. Steven Phillips, who serves as music director at First Presbyterian, also serves as their artistic director, making this shared presence a wonderful collaboration.

Inspired Minds Academy, a homeschool program, is now in its third year and has expanded its offerings. They currently rents two classrooms for two days each week.

At the end of the year, we hosted the Perlman Music Program's winter residency. Twenty-eight students from around the world used our campus for lessons, practice time, and meals, bringing vibrant energy and music to our church.

Through these partnerships and ministries, First Presbyterian Church continues to serve as a center for the arts and a gathering place for the Sarasota community. We believe the forebears of our congregation would be pleased to see the creative and faithful use of the church campus, welcoming hundreds of people through its doors and helping to underpin the ongoing financial stability of our church.

The Business Affairs Committee remains committed to faithful stewardship of the buildings God has entrusted to us. We give thanks for the resources, skills, and teamwork that made these improvements possible and look forward to continuing this work in the coming year in support of the church's mission and ministry.

Stewardship

Following in the footsteps of recent successful stewardship campaigns, Denver Stutler, co-moderator of our Outreach Committee, took on the challenge of chairing our "Living the Yes—Accepting God's Invitation to Jesus." With guidance from Pastor Tim and the invaluable support of Lisa Garcia, a targeted pledge drive of $1,015,378, representing a 6% increase over 2025, was established. Once again, our amazing congregation demonstrated its love and dedication to FPC. As of January 23, 2026, we surpassed our goal and received $1,025,408 in pledges. Additional pledges are likely to arrive, and rest assured that your session and church staff will continue to monitor every expenditure. We remain honored by your faith and trust in our efforts.

Safety and Security

A new task fell to the Business Affairs Committee in the fall of 2025. We were asked to look into ways to increase our safety and security. A subcommittee was formed, and Ric Saba and Seth Stottlemyer, with input from the rest of the committee and church staff, put together the format for a comprehensive safety and security plan that included, among other things, improving our video surveillance system and encouraging church elders and staff to take advantage of online training videos that address church security and active shooter scenarios.

The key component of the plan called for having an off-duty law enforcement officer present outside on campus before, during, and after Sunday worship hours, as well as for other large events.

The comprehensive safety and security plan is currently being finalized and will be shared with members soon.

Going forward, the Business Affairs Committee will carry out the mandate passed by the Session and include safety and security expenses as a regular, annually-budgeted item. Of course, it is always a challenge to find all the funds needed to keep our wonderful church running and to allocate those funds appropriately. But, in today's world, not investing in security is a risk we no longer can afford to take.



Education and Formation Committee
Leah Cotter and Carrie Mills Co-Moderators

The Education and Formation Committee provides Christian growth opportunities to people of all ages, through relationship-building with Christ and others to learn and share about their faith journey, wherever they are.

Children and Youth:
This year was an exciting year in terms of growth for our children and youth programming and for them personally. It's always a joy to watch our young people expand and stretch in their interpersonal faith journeys and as members of our faith community. Below are some of the highlights from this past year's children and youth programming.

Worship: We have seen growth in attendance of young families at the 9 o'clock service and regular attendees. Eric has done an excellent job in his Time for Young Disciples finding new ways to make the time comfortable, engaging and pertinent to their lives outside of church. We have played around with several new and innovated types of bulletins and activities for our kids during worship to keep them engaged and have had great success in getting some of our younger kids involved with liturgy during the service. The spring saw several special Sunday's including Preschool Sunday and Youth Sunday, which was well received, especially the Time with Young Disciples. The fall culminated in the Children's Christmas Pageant which gets better every year as our children and youth grow in confidence and skill.

Sunday School: We finished up the spring semester of 2025 with the Living Word curriculum which followed the lectionary and Pastor Tim's sermon schedule for all grades pre-K through 12th. This fall, for grades pre-k through 5th, we made the switch to Spark's lectionary series which offered more opportunities for hands on learning. For our middle and high schoolers, we began a curriculum from Fuller Institute entitled "Who do You Say I Am?" which focuses on what the Bible says about several topics facing today's youth. We have a small but committed group of Sunday School teachers and subs who continue to invest their time and energy into our kids. We also added a few new workshops such as the VBS preview workshop, a worship workshop and a mission workshop to provide more opportunities for all of kids to come together in one room to explore other aspects of church life together.

Youth Group: 2025 saw an expansion of our youth programming with and increase in regular gathering for our middle and high school students one to two times per month participating on campus in service projects and Bible studies as well as social time as games. They also had outings to TreeUmph and bowling and the beach as well as a Christmas party. This fall saw the beginning of programming for our 4th and 5th grade students called LIFT (Love is First Tweens) as a way to get them excited about youth group next year.

VBS: In June, we had 45 campers go on "Road Trip" with us. Thanks to the dedication of leader Emily Weitekamp and a host of others, as well as a large cache of volunteers, each VBS year seems to get better and better. Highlights are always the teens leading skits and music, energizers, the stations, and water day.

Montreat: Our teens had the opportunity to attend Montreat this year for the very first time. Thanks to our chaperones Eric, Tim B., Mark Carleson, Mariah Martin, and Susan DeWyngaert, our four youth in attendance had an unforgettable and formative experience. A highlight was their sharing about their time and how they were changed by the trip with the congregation upon return.

Confirmation: This fall, two of our 7th graders, participated in a 7-session confirmation class written by Eric and lead by Eric, Mark Carleson, George Chorba and Susan DeWyngaert. Our youth were also given mentors (Denise Landers and Lisa Saba) to come alongside them as they explored their faith and what it means to become a member of the church. We confirmed Ava Chapman as our newest member.

Adult Education: This past year, our adult education offerings and engagement has exploded with growth thanks to the newly formed subcommittee for Adult Education consisting of Eric Robinson and Doug DeCelle. Highlights for adults education are as follows:

- We began regular class on the Book of Revelation. In this class the leader acts as facilitator and the attendees are encouraged to engage in a greater capacity with access to the same materials.
- We also launched a second Sunday morning offering of varying topics which has only served to increase engagement as opposed to diminishing it or splitting it between two classes. Teachers have included Doug DeCelle, Eric Robinson, Dent Davis, Susan DeWyngaert, Stephen McConnell and others.
- Elaine Barnett continued to teach her Wednesday Bible study via zoom until her passing this fall. The committee and church feel her absence greatly.
- We also launched a new initiative for parents on Sunday mornings. In our parent small group, parents are lead in a discussion on a variety of topics that connect our faith to family life and the journey of parenthood. A variety of facilitators have brought a wealth of different perspectives and knowledge.
- 2025 also saw the launch of a new newsletter specially for Adult education with a wide variety of resources for continuing education.

Intergenerational: Our intergenerational ministry remains one of the most dynamic parts of church life and one of our favorite parts of committee work. This year included all of the standard favorites like the Palm Sunday Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Carving, Rise Against Hunger event, and Advent Workshop. This year we had the addition of a church wide outing to Cedarkirk. This year also saw additions to each of the workshops to continue to help them feel fresh, engaging and fun.

As we look back on 2025, the growth was undeniable. In 2026, we hope to build on the exciting momentum and look forward to what is possible as we continue to build and grow. It was a honor to serve in 2025 as your co-moderators.





Congregational Nominating Committee

Victoria Guenther, Moderator

To maintain our representative form of government, the Congregational Nominating Committee thoughtfully proposes a slate of Christ-centered candidates for consideration by the congregation to fill leadership positions at First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota.

The Nominating Committee considers and proposes a slate of nominees to fulfill the offices of elder (whose charge is one of leadership, discernment, and spiritual development of the church), and deacon (whose role is that of compassion, witness, service, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ). The Nominating Committee members are charged with seeking individuals who are ready to answer the call to serve.

The committee met initially with the pastor in March to review the guidance, position descriptions and the process of call/email/meeting with potential nominees. The committee subsequently met weekly via Zoom to identify and nominate elders, deacons, and at-large members of the Nominating Committee to lead First Presbyterian Church. Information on the position descriptions was shared with potential nominees. A biography of each candidate was secured.

A congregational meeting to fill existing vacant positions ensuring continuity of service was held Aug. 3, 2025. September 7, 2025, the Nominating Committee presented a slate of six members for elder in the class of 2028, one elder candidate for the class of 2026, four members to fill the deacon class for 2028, and six at-large members to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2026. The congregation approved all nominees.

The 2025 Nominating Committee members were Victoria Guenther, Moderator, and at-large members Annette Landes, Adam Martin, and Wendy Miller. Kay Dunn was the deacon representative. Subsequently the Session voted to return the Nominating Committee format to two moderators from Session, one deacon representative, and six at-large members. Thanks are extended to each member of this spare but dynamic (2025) committee for their intensely dedicated work, and for their contributions to the life and leadership of our church.





Membership and Fellowship Committee

Sue Nurczyk and Janet Olshewsky, co-moderators

The mission of the Membership and Fellowship Committee is to be intentional about attracting and welcoming new members while engaging the congregation and community in activities that promote Christian fellowship within the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

During 2025, three Inquirers' classes were held. In addition, others joined through individualized guidance and meetings with Pastor Tim, bringing the total number of new active members to 25 and two affiliate members. A pamphlet was created to introduce worship guests and newcomers to the fellowship and mission of First Presbyterian Church. The pamphlet was made available in pew racks and at the entrances to worship spaces.

The committee read and discussed *Fifty-Two Sundays* and initiated an "Ambassadors" program, in which volunteers welcome worship guests, provide name tags and directions to facilities, and introduce guests to other members and the pastor. A new project was also launched to map where church members live, with the goal of developing neighborhood clusters to foster fellowship, spiritual growth, and mutual aid. Members were asked to mark their residences on large maps of Sarasota County, South County, and Manatee County. Full implementation of the cluster project is planned for 2026.

For fellowship, the committee provided refreshments every Sunday between worship services to encourage connection and conversation. The committee also assisted in organizing congregational meals for the four combined services held each year, including the chili cook-off fundraiser.

Committee Members: Elders Susan Nurczyk and Janet Olshewsky; Joanne Simons, Sandi Soper, Marcia Schaper, Ron Miller, Lahneen Glenn, and Kim Whitford. Staff Liaison: Rachel Martin





Mission and Justice Annual Report

David Householder and Rick Foltz, co-moderators

The Mission and Justice Committee offers tangible opportunities for our congregation to work with local and global mission partners to feed the hungry, help the poor, and advocate for those who have no voice, furthering peace and justice through awareness and action in the name of Jesus Christ.

First Presbyterian Church has been involved in Mission and Justice in many ways during 2025. We have four of our own programs and provide financial and or volunteer support to many partners and other agencies. Financial support for all our work comes from our church budget, special gifts and grants.

FPC PROGRAMS

Invest in Children creates opportunities for our members to interact with students at Brentwood Elementary. They provide tutoring and other support requested by the teachers. We also provide school supplies to students and teachers as well as Christmas presents and grocery gift cards during the holidays

All Faith Food Bank Distribution operates a drive through food bank every Thursday that serves over 200 households each week. Food is provided by All Faiths Food Bank and donations from members. There are around 20 volunteers who sort, package, register recipients and give out food each week.

Presbyterian Disaster Relief host site provides a place for volunteers to stay on our campus while working on long term relief projects from the 2024 hurricane disasters. This program has not been as busy as anticipated but there will be groups here the first and last weeks of February and more in the months to come. Initial funding came from grants from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and our budget and ongoing costs are met with fees paid by groups who stay here. Work assignments are coordinated by the Sarasota County long term recovery team.

Cuba Partnership is a program that partners us with Juan G Hall Presbyterian Church in Cuba. In addition to sharing our faith and supporting each other in prayer and thoughts we have been providing some financial and food support to the members of this church during the bad economic times they are experiencing. This partnership includes three other USA churches who help get food supplies to Juan G. Hall. We have a separate fund to help pay phone costs for staff as this is the only way we can communicate as they have no other internet access.

MISSION PARTNERS

We partner with other agencies and groups to help meet the needs and seek fair treatment of our neighbors in the world.

Beth-El Farm Ministries, Mision Peniel, and Immokalee Fair Housing all support migrant farm workers in southwest Florida. Some of their services include food, clothing, spiritual support, legal services, and housing support. FPC volunteers at Beth-el on the last Wednesday of every month.

Resurrection House operates a day program for folks who are homeless, providing food, laundry, showers, legal, and spiritual assistance in Sarasota. Volunteers are needed.

Family Promise helps families who have lost or are in danger of losing their homes find and keep housing by offering financial help, counseling and short term housing assistance

Caritas provides meals to individuals and families who come to their facility daily seeking help.

Thornwell provides a home for children in need of a home and supports families to find ways to stay together.

Florida Presbyterian Disaster Relief helps with long term recovery following disasters and storms in our area.

Plant with Purpose is an international effort to restore trees to areas where there are none, to restore lives in the villages in these areas and to spread God's love.

FPC has worked with other agencies this year to advocate and assist refugees and neighbors recovering from hurricanes damage in 2024.

The Mission and Justice committee is always seeking new members to lead this work and identify better ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world. Contact Rick Foltz or Randy Huffman who will be the co-chairs in 2026 if you would like to join in the work.









Outreach Committee

Denver Stutler and Shelley Watson Co-Moderators

The Outreach Committee is a new committee established by the session to organize outreach within the Sarasota community. The mission of our committee is to find ways to let the greater community of Sarasota know about what First Presbyterian Church has to offer and to offer ways for them to seek community and experience the love of God in our church.

Our work in 2025:

We have continued the work on the new website for the church that is better equipped to share everything our church has to offer with the public. The new website is in its final development phase and should be completed in 2026.

This year we tried a mailer to increase attendance at the Easter service, while we did see an increase by about 50 attendees the cost was significant and so we decided pursuing social media is a more cost effective strategy at engagement outside the church community.

In December, the session decided to fold the Outreach committee responsibilities into the membership and fellowship committee.

Committee members:
Denver Stutler and Shelley Watson, co-moderators, Jen Stutler and Rev. Tim Boggess



Personnel Committee

Beth Byron-Reasoner, Moderator

The mission of the personnel committee is to support, guide, and encourage all church staff, address staff concerns, and recognize the contributions and dedication of their service to God and the congregation.

Under the leadership of our Head of Staff and Pastor, Tim Boggess, the staff of First Presbyterian Church Sarasota continues to thrive. We are grateful for their faithful and dedicated service and for all the ways they support the ministries of the church.

Rev. Tim is a charismatic and thoughtful leader. The congregation and visitors to our church feel welcomed and seen in the environment he has fostered. In 2025 FPC added 27 new and affiliate members to our membership roll and baptized four children and two adults into the embrace of our congregation. Additionally, Tim was instrumental in visioning church's new website as a visually friendly and easy-to-navigate virtual "front door" to our church to be available in 2026.

Rachel Martin and Lisa Garcia continue to be the backbone of the church administration, and both celebrated 20-year anniversaries at FPC in 2025. After the devastation of the 2024 hurricane season, Rachel oversaw the successful repair and restoration of the storm-damaged roofs on our campus. And Lisa's tireless work to transition the church to a cloud-based server and cloud-based financial/database have secured vital church assets for the future.

Steven Phillips' musical leadership is unparalleled, and we are grateful for his music ministry at FPC. His talent spans writing, arranging, and performing. Worship at both the New Song and Traditional services is elevated because he shares these talents with us. 2025 marked the 10th year of A Celtic Christmas – a holiday community delight that Steven has labored over and loved all these years.

In August, Eric Robertson celebrated his one-year anniversary as Director of Christian Education. Under his leadership, the adult education curriculum has expanded significantly, and more members are participating in each new session. His Moment for Young Disciples is a highlight of the New Song service for our youngest members and for the first time in several years, he shepherded a group of high school youth to Montreat.

Jimi Camastro, our fearless Tech Manager, works diligently to meet the audio-visual needs for both in-person and online services. He continues to explore and initiate projects to enhance these capabilities. He also shares his musical talents, when needed, as a guitarist in the New Song band.

Darwin Goldsmith works with staff, the preschool and committee members to make sure our campus facilities are safe and welcoming. His talents ensure our church campus always looks its best.

Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse, continues to be a beacon of comfort and healthful insights for our congregants. Under her leadership the Health and Wholeness Ministry Program and our Congregational Care Team offer support and care to members in need.

Finally, a heart-felt thanks to long-time committee members Jean Raskin and Kay Steinman. Their experience and dedication to our staff is most appreciated. Ed Clissold and Leigh Stone Jones joined the committee this year and their enthusiasm has brought new perspectives and energy to the group.

Worship and Music Committee

Lisa Saba and Jaime Bressan Co-Moderators

The Worship and Music Committee works with staff in planning and supporting worship that enables the congregation to glorify God through worship.

In 2025 the Worship and Music Committee worked diligently to offer creative and spirit filled worship experiences. Our worship services continued to present inspirational music and songs of faith as we immersed ourselves in God's Word and celebrated at the table.

This year, each of our committee members continued their specific roles in order to enhance the mission of the Worship and Music Committee. While Lisa Saba and Jaime Bressan served as co-moderators, Susan McDonald continued to serve as our secretary and James Jordan continued his work coordinating our ushers and greeters, as well as serving in communion set-up and break down each month and mightily assisting with the decorating for Advent and the Celtic Christmas concert. Jinny Miller continued her work as coordinator of the liturgists for all services. She worked energetically to incorporate new faces to our core of liturgists, especially focusing on recruiting more youth and children to lead worship in this important area. And Victor Jannett joined our committee as the liaison with our chancel choir, assisting with coordination of replacements when needed for communion services and in 2026, he will be monitoring feedback from our members regarding the online worship experience and reporting ideas to the committee suggesting ways to enhance this valuable ministry.

Our congregation continues to be blessed with the gifts and talents of the Chancel Choir, NewSong Band, Handbell Choir, and talented guest musicians.

The Liturgical Arts sub-committee, headed by Carol Papa, continues to be an invaluable component in the planning and implementation of special services throughout the calendar year. Their innovative and energetic ideas have enriched our worship experiences for Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Pentecost, World Communion Sunday, All Saints Sunday and other special worship events. Additionally, a new worship service was added in 2025. On June 1 under the direction and thoughtful planning of Steven Phillips and Rev. Tim Boggess, the Liturgical Arts committee offered Faith & Diversity Sunday with a resounding positive response by our members. We hope to continue and build upon the success of this moving and inclusive service in 2026.

We are excited to share that Stan Romero has joined the Worship & Music Committee as a liaison for the Arts Advocates. This vital group, alongside Rachel Martin, offers support and guidance to the many outside arts organizations that utilize our campus for special events. The advocates function as docents, providing guidance for the use of our facilities as well as offering outreach to those attending and participating in the various events.

In addition to our worship services and outside events, our church hosted two sold-out performances of the 10th annual Celtic Christmas on December 12 and 13. In total, over 800 attendees enjoyed this joyful concert featuring the Lubben Brothers, our own Chancel Choir, the Via Nova Chorale, Piper Kevin Wiegand, the Celtic dance team from the Kavanagh Porter Academy and guest musicians, Mark DeRose and Glenn Priest. A special thanks to the First Presbyterian members who served on the Celtic Christmas advisory committee – Kim Schmeits, managing director of Via Nova, James Jordan, Colleen Forristall, Rachel Martin, Ed Holbrook, and Sandi Soper - for the organizational expertise. Their boundless energy, alongside the enormous talents of our Director of Music, Steven Phillips and representatives from Via Nova Chorale, assured that Celtic Christmas was a resounding success. Also, thank you to the many church volunteers who assisted at the two concerts. We couldn't have done it without you!

Lastly, a tremendous "thank you" goes to the entire Worship and Music Committee, the Liturgical Arts committee, the Arts Advocates, church staff, Chancel Choir, NewSong Band, Tech Team, Liturgists, Ushers/Greeters, and Guest Musicians who faithfully served during this past year. Each of your contributions has been invaluable to the success of the ministry of FPC.

Board of Deacons

Marcia Schaper and Pam Mathes, Co-Moderator

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the deacons are a connected community of servants, called to minister to those in need, to the sick, and to any who need special care, both within and beyond the community of faith.

Board of Deacon Members

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Susan Beach	Cindy Millar	Jason Chen
Jill Cardinal	Thomas Olshewsky	Kay Dunn
Pam Mathes	Florence Paul	Andrea Householder
Marcia Schaper	Katherine Sabin	Carol Huffman

The deacons met on the third Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm by Zoom. Andrea Householder served as the secretary and Cindy Millar maintained the spreadsheet of the LAMBS and the contact that was made by their deacon shepherd. Kay Dunn represented the deacons on the church Nominating Committee. At the Membership Committee's orientation sessions for prospective new members, Pam Mathes explained the duties and responsibilities of being a deacon. Carol Huffman and Florence Paul arranged for monthly flowers in the sanctuary. Thom Olshewsky and others coordinated distribution of the flowers. Susan McDonald (Class of 2024) graciously continued the card ministry.

The deacons were assisted In their ministry by Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse. Cheryl participated in the Zoom meetings and regularly provided the deacons with updated information and suggestions regarding the LAMBS. Cindy Millar identified a source and provided prayer shawls for distribution as requested. The deacons supported Tim Boggess and Cheryl Track with specific needs identified by the Care Team. Rachel Martin provided valuable assistance in coordination of activities.

Responsibilities of the deacons included visiting and maintaining ongoing contact with their LAMs (limited access members who are unable to attend church regularly) offering communion to LAMs if requested, occasionally delivering flowers to LAMs and others, telephoning, sending cards and providing transportation. The year began with 25 LAMs receiving various levels of support. Deacons also assisted with eight memorial services and receptions. "We Care" cards, for those in the hospital, sick at home or families with newborns were delivered by the deacons. The We Care cards were beautifully designed by Connie Brussee, Mariah Martin and Sue Pantling and signed by members of the congregation.

On Sunday, December 14, a "Mingle and Jingle" social event was held in the Courtyard by Fellowship Hall. A festive table was set with treats. It was an opportunity to thank the outgoing Deacon class of 2025 and continuing deacons for their caring deacon work. The class of 2028 was welcomed to the team. (Jill Cardinal, Wende Carleson, Barbara Chase and June Romero). A folder with a directory of the deacons, contact information, bereavement responsibilities, a guide for communion and a listing of deacon duties was given to each deacon.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Jinny Miller, Flossie Paul
Leadership Team

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to:

Nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study,

support the mission of the church worldwide,

work for justice and peace and

build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witness to the promise of God's Kingdom.

This year PW continues under our new reorganization. We continue to be led by the PW purpose, with the emphasis on:
…To work for justice and peace.

In February a small group attended the PW Annual Gathering at Pine Shores Presbyterian. The theme was God's pioneers past and present. Rev. Terri Jo Crego reminisced in the worship service how Elaine Barnett, had been a mentor to her when she began her ministry and that she considered her to be a present pioneer.

PW continues to have our monthly Bible study via Zoom. This year our members are leading the lessons from the PW Horizons Bible Study "Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ."

Jinny Miller, our representative on the Mission and Justice committee, organized our moments for discipleship for the Birthday Offering and the Thank Offering during the worship services.

In October, Jinny Miller participated in the mission fair. She presented the work of PW with the Birthday and Thank Offering plus our mission work with Hope Seeds. PW support a seed packing event on February 5, 2026.





Active Membership 12-31-25	438
Active Membership Gains (25)	
New Active Members:	
Profession & Reaffirmation	(13)
Transfer of Membership	(11)
Profession & Baptism	(1)
Active Membership Losses (19)	
Deaths	(14)
Transfer of Membership	(1)
Member Request Removal	(4)
Removed from Active Roll	(0)
Active Membership 12-31-24	444
Member Funerals	5
Non-Member Funerals	5
Member Weddings	2
Non-Member Weddings	1
Births	1
Average Total Weekly Worship Attendance	310

Baptisms (6)

Cliff Cardi
Ava Chapman
Henri Cohello
Cecile McPheeters
Rachel Rudisill
Brynn Slansky

New Active Members (25)

* membership restored in 2025 (4)

Christy Blue
Cliff Cardi
Ava Chapman
Vanessa Cohello
Cathy Cole
Richard Cole
Arianna Dulaney
Susan Dunn
Gary Glenn
Lahneen Glenn
*Karen Gremli
Carol Hallstead
Victor Jannett
*Jami Kellogg
John Kutz
Becky Loomis
Ken Miller
Sue Miller
Greg Mutz
*Rob Prince
Joe Rudisill
Liz Rudisill
Blake Slansky
Elise Kidd Slansky
*Paul Urbanick
Natalie Vandivier

Affiliate Members (2)

Jean Fulton
Gregory Mutz

In Memoriam - Members (14)

Billie Burquest
Elaine Barnett
Jane Bertolett
Margaret Cass
Ellen Forbes
Dottie Goodale
Olivia LaMotte
Alan Lawrence
Mark Martin
Steven Moore
Diane Price
Charlie Stottlemyer
Connie Waymer
Bob Wrobel

In Memoriam - Affiliates and Friends

Barbara Bretoi
Verna Dederer
Taylor Hill
Thomas Martin
Marilyn Rea
Robert Widman

Presbyterian Women

Annual Financial Report, December 31, 2025

Flossie Paul, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND BALANCE		$3,798.09
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS		
Donations, Pledges		
Birthday Offering	1,348.00	
Thank Offering	1,205.00	
In Memoriam Gift	150.00	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		6,501.09
GENERAL FUNDS DISBURSEMENTS		
World Mission		
Birthday Offering 2025	1,498.00	
Thank Offering 2025	1,205.00	
	($2,703.00)	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND MISSION GIVING		
MISCELLANEOUS AND OPERATING EXPENSES		
Retreat Reimbursement	25.00	
Mission Fair supplies	39.95	
Gifts to office staff	300.00	
Bank service chg	70.25	
	($435.20)	
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS DISBURSED		(3,138.20)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE		$3,362.89

Balance Sheet December 2025

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
CHECKING		
101115 - BayFirst - Operating	$ 131,914.65	
101116 - BayFirst - Good Samaritan	17,948.70	149,863.35
PETTY CASH		
105135 - Petty Cash (Office)	75.00	
Total CURRENT ASSETS		149,938.35
INVESTMENTS		
107115 - Fidelity Investments	108,208.81	
107134 - Morgan Stanley - CD 07/31/28	102,290.63	
107138 - First Citizens Bank - CD 06/26/2026	100,688.37	
107139 - Horizon Bank - CD 07/28/28	100,049.56	
107140 - Peoples Bank - CD 07/23/26	102,632.03	
107141 - US Treasury Bill Stripped-11/15/30	248,943.00	
107142 - US Treasury Bill - 03/31/2026	99,671.00	
107143 - US Treasury Bill Strippe-11/15/2028	180,448.00	
107144 - US Treasury Bill - 07/31/2026	98,323.00	
107146 - Morgan Stanley - CD 12/11/28	100,160.03	
107147 - Bank of America - CD 12/13/27	100,220.74	1,341,635.17
PREPAID ASSETS		
130116 - Prepaid Insurance	24,684.31	
130171 - Prepaid - Security	2,805.60	27,489.91
INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
120100 - Interest Receivable		836.41
FIXED ASSETS		
CHURCH		
151055 - Land/Buildings	4,113,248.60	
151056 - New Library - 2012	17,818.00	
151057 - Imagine the Future-Sanctuary	2,330,355.85	
151058 - Imagine the Future-Fellowship Hall	238,326.19	
151059 - Imagine the Future-Bldg&Grnd Imprv	654,462.13	
151060 - Furn/Fixtures	1,801,190.80	
151065 - Parking Lot	2,696,561.54	
151066 - Bell Tower	841,204.16	
154090 - Computer/Software/Office Equip	63,314.95	12,756,482.22
PAYNE LOT PROPERTIES		
152069 - Payne Lot Prop.& 2036 Oak	374,544.64	
152075 - Furn/Fixtures	14,000.00	388,544.64
Total FIXED ASSETS		13,145,026.86
Total ASSETS		14,664,926.70

Balance Sheet December 2025 cont.

LIABILITIES		
201205 - Accounts Payable	18,310.56	
202201 - Prepaid Pledges	254,696.72	
202600 - Prepaid Preschool Tuition	55,052.00	
202807 - Deferred Facility Use	260.00	328,319.28
FUND BALANCE		
20Z02Z - Retained Earnings - FPC	458,714.90	
Excess Cash Received	72,050.53	
Total FUND BALANCE and Excess Cash Received		530,765.43
Restricted Funds		
Total TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	660,815.13	
Total PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	13,145,026.86	13,805,841.99
Total LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCE, & Restricted Funds		$ 14,664,926.70

Summary of Revenues & Expenses P&L January -December 2025	MTD Actual (2025)	MTD Budget (2025)	YTD Actual (2024)	YTD Actual (2025)	YTD Budget (2025)	Annual Budget (2026)
REVENUES						
GENERAL FUND						
GENERAL OFFERINGS	$ 132,432.40	$ 100,762.89	$ 932,431.88	$ 898,978.31	$ 964,360.00	$ 1,015,377.96
NON-PLEDGE OFFERINGS	18,106.92	19,928.93	77,347.32	99,605.80	68,200.00	71,410.44
FACILITY USE	20,950.00	4,552.48	67,641.00	109,207.66	55,335.00	60,000.00
ALL OTHER RECEIPTS	3,334.09	4,083.37	106,612.50	202,838.85	94,700.00	108,769.92
Total GENERAL FUND	**174,823.41**	**129,327.67**	**1,184,032.70**	**1,310,630.62**	**1,182,595.00**	**1,255,558.32**
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS						
CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY	-	-	1,495.00	1,960.00	2,100.00	2,500.00
SENIOR HIGH MINISTRIES	-	-	-	10,951.34	-	28,000.00
SCHOLARSHIPS:S.H. & COLL.	-	-	3,753.00	5,421.00	-	7,500.00
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	5.00	-	12.00	5.00	-	-
RENTAL INCOME & EXPENSE REIMBU	-	-	3,276.89	5,188.11	3,081.00	3,000.00
INCOME FROM DESIGNATED/RESTRIC	2,606.00	-	6,838.80	10,744.29	20,588.40	12,000.00
Total DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	**2,611.00**	**-**	**15,375.69**	**34,269.74**	**25,769.40**	**53,000.00**
Total REVENUES	**177,434.41**	**129,327.67**	**1,199,408.39**	**1,344,900.36**	**1,208,364.40**	**1,308,558.32**
EXPENSES						
MISSION & JUSTICE	14,692.02	11,638.16	43,971.78	48,103.42	48,100.00	50,586.00
PER CAPITA & UNIFIED	3,074.75	3,074.75	12,468.10	12,299.00	12,299.00	12,800.00
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	1,160.00	555.58	4,918.39	8,869.87	6,100.00	6,850.00
SENIOR HIGH TRIPS	-	-	-	10,951.34	-	17,500.00
YOUTH EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP	240.87	537.00	675.77	2,980.12	6,200.00	6,150.00
COLLEGE PROGRAM/SCHOLARSHIPS	-	41.63	3,753.00	5,421.00	500.00	7,500.00
FAMILY/INTERGENERATIONAL	163.99	702.10	7,393.98	7,748.97	9,200.00	9,200.00
WORSHIP SERVICES	230.96	1,128.98	4,372.06	5,129.77	5,100.00	5,750.00
MUSIC SERVICES	9,019.75	6,744.61	38,592.77	43,816.62	42,750.00	45,250.00
FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY	1,823.26	1,429.42	3,940.05	5,186.14	5,000.00	5,000.00
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	5,062.71	3,921.86	49,726.79	57,188.42	66,135.03	61,250.00
PROPERTY & GROUNDS	24,880.83	20,344.72	266,864.76	337,286.42	327,883.00	349,682.00
FINANCE	5,062.93	4,776.20	61,822.95	58,108.44	62,295.00	63,116.51
DEACONS	169.19	150.00	220.48	492.28	1,800.00	400.00
ADULT EDUCATION	625.52	166.74	738.64	1,718.82	2,000.00	2,000.00
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	-	-	232.98	227.94	300.00	400.00
STEWARDSHIP	45.72	54.71	1,070.70	441.52	800.00	400.00
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM	35.25	166.63	493.51	1,272.83	2,000.00	3,000.00
OUTREACH	-	416.63	-	2,873.36	15,000.00	1,854.00
PERSONNEL						
HEAD OF STAFF	17,779.12	18,328.21	217,273.15	228,862.97	229,576.81	242,733.73
DIRECTOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	7,027.91	7,171.49	36,290.59	89,972.16	91,441.26	96,162.24
MUSIC	9,909.87	10,464.08	121,756.44	128,346.31	132,186.40	139,472.68
ADMINISTRATION	13,040.59	12,768.22	154,966.90	165,099.65	163,074.24	171,973.20
PROPERTY	2,948.12	2,848.41	35,605.25	37,827.06	37,029.45	38,890.72
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE	419.46	1,181.00	8,124.38	7,543.82	15,290.85	11,803.10
PERSONNEL GENERAL EXPENSES	2,528.85	3,548.66	4,974.95	5,565.84	8,887.90	10,111.21
Total EXPENSES	**119,941.67**	**112,159.79**	**1,080,248.37**	**1,273,334.09**	**1,290,948.94**	**1,359,835.39**
Net Total	**57,492.74**	**17,167.88**	**119,160.02**	**71,566.27**	**(82,584.54)**	**(51,277.07)**
Total OTHER REVENUES	2,234.25	-	14,982.25	15,064.70	-	-
Total OTHER EXPENDITURES	3,882.48	-	12,971.85	14,580.44	-	-
Net Operating Total	**$ 55,844.51**	**$ 17,167.88**	**$ 121,170.42**	**$ 72,050.53**	**$ (82,584.54)**	**$ (51,277.07)**
PRE-SCHOOL						
Total REVENUES	$ 49,757.72	$ 51,825.40	$ 498,247.37	$ 560,342.41	$ 565,850.00	$ 617,782.42
Total EXPENSES	24,324.28	55,600.94	498,247.37	560,342.41	571,543.13	625,528.76
Net Total	**$ 25,433.44**	**$ (3,775.54)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ (5,693.13)**	**$ (7,746.34)**

Summary of Restricted Accounts
January - December 2025

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		
DESIGNATED FUNDS:MISC.	Linnie Dalbeck -ADA and Security	
Celtic Christmas/Concert Series	Linnie Dalbeck -Stephen Ministry	
Choir Social Fund	Memorial Garden Desig.Fd.	
Community Foundation Giving Challen	Outreach Committee	
Contemporary Worship Service	Salsbury -Designated Office Equip	
Cowden - Smith Library Purchaes	Stephen Ministry	
Faith Focus/Pastoral Development	Student Vocal Stipend	
FFW/PDS John Cairns Memorial	Youth Trips	
Friends of Music Ministry		
Health Ministry		
Total DESIGNATED FUNDS:MISC.		152,125.93
DESIGNATED BENEVOLENCES		
Brentwood Blessing Trees		
Good Samaritan		
Transportation		
Total DESIGNATED BENEVOLENCES		24,360.52
DESIGNATED MISSIONS		
Cuba - Communications	Interfaith Partners	
Cuba Partnership	Invest in Children	
FPC All Faiths	Thoughtful Giving	
FPC Disaster Assistance		
Total DESIGNATED MISSIONS		44,034.24
MEMORIALS		
Memorial Fund General		
Charles Stottlemyer Memorial		
Diane Price Memorial		
Total MEMORIALS		12,257.41
PRE-SCHOOL		
Vicki Fry Scholarship Fund		
Preschool Retained Earnings		
Total PRE-SCHOOL		308,534.12

Balance January 1, 2025 - Endowment Allocation and Other Investments		$ 209,927.70
Receipts		250,684.40
Disbursements		
College Scholarships	5,421.00	
Choral College Scholarships	8,995.00	
All Faiths Food Bank - Campaign Against Summer Hunger	4,000.00	
CEPAD Nicarauga - School Food Program	1,000.00	
Cuba - Supermarket 23 food for children	1,164.23	
Brentwood - Gift Cards for Families during year	1,000.00	
Youth Summer Trips	2,262.50	
Knox Roofing	270,243.90	
Red1 - Partial WI-FI coverage	1,474.56	
General Fund	45,548.00	
Total DISBURSEMENTS		341,109.19
Total Endowment Allocation and Other Investments December 31, 2025		$ 119,502.91

The endowment allocation and other investments short term (ST)/long term (LT) is in the following financial institution: Fidelity Investments

Endowment Allocation Balances 12/31/25		
Mission & Ministry	$ 3,002.73	
Helen Anderson - Hungry Children	1,271.95	
Permanent Property & Building	-	
Capital Campaign Property & Building	-	
Coulter/HoeperII Music Scholarship	-	
Snyder Music Scholarship	15,467.17	
Cowden/Hoeper I College Scholarship	1,113.24	
Janette Barr - Scholarship	2,288.94	
Presbyterian Women	13,228.34	
Cathryn Herron Scholarship	16,785.10	
General	-	
		53,157.47
Other Investment Balances 12/31/25		
Emergency Property Repairs	61,259.22	
Pastoral Benevolence Fund	3,938.67	
New Library - Room 204	-	
J. Barr Trust	1,147.55	
Total OTHER INVESTMENTS ST/LT		66,345.44
Total Endowment Allocation and Other Investments ST/LT		$ 119,502.91

THE FOUNDATION FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SARASOTA, INC.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

First Presbyterian Church first established endowment funds in 1992 to allow members and friends of the church an opportunity to provide long-term support of the church and its mission. In 2013, the Session authorized the formation of the Foundation for First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, Inc. as a separate 501(c)(3) corporation and transferred the existing endowment funds to the Foundation.

The Foundation is managed by a board of seven directors who are members of First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota. Four directors are appointed by the Session, and the remaining three are elected by the appointing directors.

The directors serving in 2025 were: Betsy Marshall (President), Richard Clapp (Secretary), Rich Paul (Treasurer), Ric Saba (Director), and Michael Brown (Director). The Session appointed Steven Largo (Director) and the Foundation board appointed Diane Johnson (Director) to fill two vacancies and bring the total to the required number of seven members of the church.

In 2025, the Foundation primarily focused on keeping the membership informed about opportunities to give to the Foundation by brochures, mailings, speaking opportunities, and articles in church publications. In the coming years, the Foundation plans to steadily and more actively increase its profile in the giving to the church. In March, 2025, the Foundation hosted a luncheon to thank and encourage donors to the Foundation.

During 2025, the record-keeping and accounting functions of the Foundation were performed by Treasurer Rich Paul together with the private accounting firm, Miles and Thirion, for continuity of service. The Foundation is very grateful to and relies on the assistance of the church's office staff, especially Lisa Garcia.

The Foundation continues to make an annual distribution of 5% to meet the threshold for distributions from private foundations. Although the Foundation began operations as a public charity, the Foundation was advised by its accountant that its tax exempt classification was recently changed to a private foundation. Planning is under way to resume public charity status.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation is pleased to report that during the first quarter of 2025, following the close of the 2024 calendar year, distributions from its funds were made to the Session to further the ministries of the church as follows:

From the Scholarship Endowment Fund: $7,698.45
From the Property Endowment Fund: $12,336.09
From the Ministry and Benevolence Endowment Fund: $11,994.64
From the General Endowment Fund: $39,315.91
From the Temporary Fund sweep account: $195.06

The following is a summary of the financial transactions of the Foundation in 2025:

Opening balance on January 1, 2025: $1,438,888.91
Dividend and interest income: $58,469.77
Change in value: $7,954.54
Donations received: $119,327.18
Distributions made to the Session: $71,540.15
Accounting fees: $0
Tax payments: $1,838.00
Miscellaneous expense: $0
Ending balance December 31, 2025: $1,551,262.25
Gross change in value during 2025: $112,373.34

As of December 31, 2025, the assets of the Foundation are held in a single account at Charles Schwab and are invested in a selected group of funds approved by the directors. The account activity is monitored by the Treasurer and overseen by the directors.

First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota
Mission, Vision and Core Values

Our Mission

We believe we are called to faithfully serve
the Lord Jesus Christ, giving glory to God.

Our Vision

We desire to be a leading, faithful, witnessing, diverse
and growing community of God's people.

Our Core Values

Leading

We have an ongoing tradition of leadership in the community.
We are committed to meeting the ever-changing
spiritual and physical needs of our community.

Faithful

Our life together centers on vibrant worship and praise
as we glorify God.
We are a dynamic community of faith –
reformed and always reforming.
We strive to be faithful managers of the gifts
that God has provided for us.

Witnessing

Through compassionate service and working for justice,
we share the hope we have in Jesus Christ
seeking to become spiritual partners with our neighbors.

Diverse

As a community of Jesus Christ, we unconditionally welcome
all people, in the manner of our Lord and Savior.

Growing

We seek spiritual growth for children and adults
through prayer, the teaching and study of Scripture,
and the sharing of our faith's journey.