Stewardship 2027

Planting Seeds

"For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20

The FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEST CHESTER, PA

Growing Together, Growing in Christ

As we kick off our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, we find ourselves giving thanks for all that God has done in the life of our church, and dreaming about all that God is yet do. Our stewardship theme this year is "Planting Seeds."

With God's help, we are planting seeds of faith: small things that grow from the tiniest of seeds into the greatest of trees. A seed of faith was planted in this place 193 years ago, and through your faithfulness and your response to God's tending, it has taken root and grown to change people's lives for the sake of God's Kingdom.

Now is the time to plant again. We invite you to join us as we imagine all that is possible, for nothing is impossible with God.

Will you plant a seed with us this year?

With Hope,

Rev. Andrew Esqueda
Senior Pastor

We Are Stewards

From precious fresh water for our friends in Ghana and the growing faith of our children to the care of our neighbors and stewardship of our financial resources, all that we have is the Lord's.

Planting New Seeds Through Connection Groups

Following Jesus was never meant to be a solo project. From the very beginning, Christians have understood the life of faith to be a shared life, lived in friendship, in conversation, and through prayer with and for other people.

Connection Groups are smaller circles of community that will provide new opportunities to know others and be known by them as we pursue the journey of faith.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work.
… A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."
— Ecclesiastes 4:9, 12

We are planting new seeds and letting God tend to them them so that we can…

- Share life together
- Grow in faith
- Be the church beyond Sunday
- Grow the Kingdom of God

Connection groups will help us become a church whose people know each other, pray for each other, and walk together through the seasons of life that ordinary discipleship requires.

Planting Seeds Through Strategic Planning

Where Will We Grow Next?

Our strategic planning committee is working faithfully to cultivate a strategic plan that will help us imagine where God is calling us next. Through the work of the session, congregational listening sessions, and prayer, we are dreaming, without limitation, about all that God can and will do. The seeds of faith planted deep in the hearts and minds of our committee and our congregation are beginning to sprout, and we know that God will grow them into something beautiful.

FAITH FORMATION AND CHURCH LIFE

BUILDING AND TECHNOLOGY

MISSION AND EVANEGLISM

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

STAFFING AND ORGANIZATION

OUR GOAL

$1,250,000

Nov. 15 — Reaching our Stewardship Goal

Nov. 8 — Tracking our Progresss at the State of the Church

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 — Stories of Seed Planting From our Members

Sept. 27 — Stewardship Kick-off

Your Generosity is taking root in our...

MINISTRIES

Children and Families, youth, college students, young adults, adult education, care ministries, and our new connection groups are all supported by your generosity, ensuring that all people of First Pres have a place to grow in faith and grow together.

MISSION

From our Wednesday lunches to our local and global mission partners, through your generosity we are able to strengthen and grow our impact on our neighbors and the world.

WORSHIP

Our beautiful traditional and contemporary worship offer people an opportunity to worship in community and find the peace of God through music, scripture, and preaching. Your support also allows First Pres to provide worship online for those who are unable to come in-person whether they are home bound, traveling, in the hospital, or no longer living close.

STAFF

Our ministries, mission, and worship do not happen without the important partnership of members and our staff. Our staff cares deeply about our church and you, and your financial commitment to First Pres ensures that we are properly staffed and that our staff is fairly paid.

SPACE

Our church has been a place of worship for almost 200 years and we want to see it last for another 200 years. Our building supports all of our ministries, our mission, our worship, and our ability to support our community from the Bucket school and Wednesday lunches to Mistral, our basement restaurant, and offering our space to various community groups.

Planting Seeds in 2027 and Beyond.

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