



The Legacy Endowment Fund

AT FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WEST CHESTER

ENSURING A CONTINUUM OF FAITHFUL CARE

Like many people, you want to know that the church you care about today will continue to thrive in the future. With a little planning, you can help make that a reality.

We continue to benefit from the joyful gifts of earlier church members who chose to continue their support beyond their lifetimes. Planned or legacy gifts are pledges members make to the church in their wills, life insurance policies, and retirement or savings accounts. Members and friends thus may share their blessings from God to develop and strengthen the ministries of First Pres.

Planned giving may also provide you with significant tax benefits, no matter the size of your estate. There are a variety of ways to support our church both now and in the future.

A GIFT TO YOUR CONGREGATION

The Legacy Endowment Fund is a managed investment fund designated for special use purposes and protected by withdrawal policies that limit annual withdrawal and usage.

By contributing to the Legacy Endowment Fund, you guarantee the continued stability of First Pres, its physical presence in West Chester, the support of its staff and the work we do through Christ. In addition, your contribution can be allocated to support specific projects, including:

- Mission
- Facilities
- Youth
- Music
- Worship

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

We make giving to the Legacy Endowment Fund easy! And in addition to helping your church and the missions it supports, you can potentially benefit from a variety of tax deductions (consult your investment professional for details). Contributing to the Legacy Endowment Fund helps ensure we maintain the legacy and work of First Pres for years to come.

Methods of planned and outright giving include:

- Bequests
- Beneficiary designations
- Gifts of stock
- IRA-qualified charitable distributions
- Gifts of appreciated property
- Car, boat or RV donations
- Automated monthly contributions
- Cash contributions

ABOUT THE FUND

Over the past few decades First Presbyterian has created several managed funds for the long-term benefit of the church. Several of these received gifts and pledges but were not focused on sustained giving.

In 2021, with the support of Session and staff, a team of First Pres members came together to build a Legacy Endowment Fund with the purpose of helping to create a robust and thriving reserve of assets to help further the mission of First Pres, support its programs and ensure the ongoing upkeep of church facilities.

The goal of the Legacy Endowment Fund is to help sustain the church and its ministries by the receipt, investment and allocation of funds from bequests and other large gifts made to the church. These gifts can be undesignated – that is, available for any use the church sees fit – or designated for a specific area of our ministry.

The Legacy Endowment Fund's assets are managed by the Session Investment Committee and operates with restricted withdrawal and specific use policies.

FIND OUT MORE

With your contribution to First Presbyterian's Legacy Endowment Fund, you support the ongoing work of our congregation and help ensure that the church remains a beacon of Christ's love at the corner of Darlington and Miner streets, throughout West Chester, the nation and the world.

For more information, visit the Legacy Endowment web page at www.firstpreswc.com/LegacyGiving

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