

# Building on Our Strong Foundation

What your support builds



Westminster Presbyterian Church  
A Season of Stewardship 2026

## ***Every Piece Matters: Building on Our Strong Foundation***

Westminster Presbyterian Church is funded entirely by the generosity of our members and friends. Every dollar that supports our worship, staff, mission, music, and facilities comes from the tithes and offerings of our congregation. Together, **our gifts add up** to a vibrant ministry of worship, mission, education, and hospitality—building on the strong foundation laid by generations before us.

As people of faith, we give in response to God’s generous grace. The apostle Paul encourages the church, “Since you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge, total commitment, and the love we inspired in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7). We cannot separate our giving from our discipleship. Sharing generously is one way we live out our faith by returning to God a portion of the gifts which God has given to us.

Late last spring, the Session shared with the congregation that pledges and anticipated donations for 2025 were not likely to meet our expected expenses for the year. While this was not a crisis, it was an opportunity for transparency and shared responsibility. At the May 4, 2025 Town Hall meeting, the Session and Finance Ministry outlined our financial position and committed to keeping the congregation informed.

Your response, Westminster family, was both overwhelmingly generous and encouraging. Through increased and additional pledges, movement of gifts to the General Fund, and several significant one-time gifts, our financial position improved beyond expectations. Because of your faithfulness—and the gifts of your time, talent, and treasure—we are able to continue God’s work here and in the wider community. **Thank you!** Westminster now enters its 161st year of ministry on a strong foundation, ready to serve Christ in this community today and into the future.



*As we look ahead, we do so trusting in God’s abundance. Scripture reminds us, “God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work”*

*2 Corinthians 9:8 (CEB)*

## **The Foundation That Makes Ministry Possible**

Our proposed budget for 2026 is \$467,000. Every single pledge and gift, large or small, is essential and helps us to meet this goal. Our life circumstances are all different and shape how we give. Some are able to give more while others share faithfully from what they have. **Together, these gifts sustain our ministry and mission.**

This year, as we continue to face rising costs for staff health insurance, facility maintenance, and insurance premiums, we ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge that will help us continue building on our strong foundation. If you have not pledged in the past but know what you anticipate giving, please consider turning in a pledge card to help us estimate our income. If you are able to increase your pledge, every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. If you were pledging to the Capital Campaign (THANK YOU!) consider, if you are able, to continue making that contribution to the General Fund. We also hope that you'll send in your Per Capita payment—\$35 per member—that supports the work of the denomination.

When we combine our resources as a community, **we participate in God's ongoing work**—supporting ministry today and investing in the future of Christ's church in this place.

### **An Invitation to Reflect**

As you review the included snapshot and financial information, we invite you to reflect prayerfully on your own giving for 2026:

- Where am I in this season of life?
- How might my pledge reflect gratitude for God's gifts?
- Is God inviting me to take a next step in generosity?

Everyone will give differently, but we are all invited to give generously. When we pool our resources, we participate in God's work together—trusting in God's goodness and provision as we seek to follow God's call for our church and God's guidance in our ministry. Trusting in these promises, we give together.

Westminster's storied history is built on the foundation of our faithful friends who have come before us. Brick by brick, for over 160 years, we have put our trust in God and in each other. On the following page you will see we have a majority of members who do not turn in a pledge card. Each pledge, no matter the size, helps lay a strong foundation for the ministry and mission of our church. Small, faithful steps—taken together—can make a significant difference.

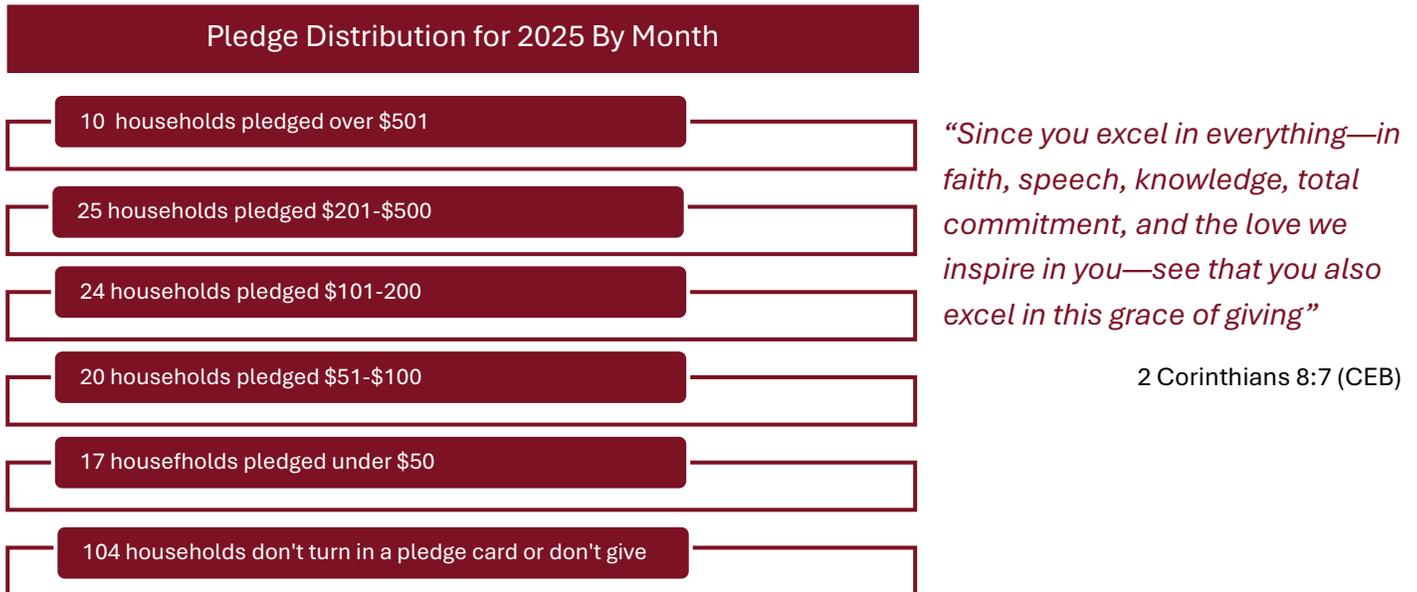
Take that faithful step with us.

- If you haven't given before, a small first step might be a pledge of \$10 a week.
- For those who give regularly but don't pledge, perhaps filling out a pledge card with your intention to give is your first step.
- If you currently give at one of the levels in the snapshot below, your next step might be to increase your giving.

## ***Building on Our Strong Foundation: A Snapshot of Shared Giving***

For 160 years, Westminster Presbyterian Church has been building on a strong foundation of faith, generosity, and shared commitment. Today, that foundation continues to be strengthened through the faithful giving of many people, in many different ways.

This snapshot shows how pledges from across the congregation came together to support the life and work of the church last year.



### ***What This Snapshot Represents***

This chart reflects a wide range of life circumstances, seasons, and capacities for giving. Faithful giving asks us all to prayerfully consider how we can use our resources in service and praise to God’s goodness. The chart above shows that while they may give in some way, more than half of our member households don’t turn in a pledge card. Imagine the impact if those members pledge just \$10 a week. That would be over \$50,000 more towards God’s ministry in our midst. All of these gifts matter. Together, they form a strong foundation that supports worship, pastoral care, mission, education, hospitality, and the daily life of our congregation.

**Commitment Sunday is February 15.** We hope you will plan to worship with us and bring the enclosed pledge card and the “Time and Talents” insert with you as we recommit ourselves to God’s ministry. If you are unable to attend worship that day, please return them to the church office by the end of February to help the church leadership plan for the year.

Thank you all for your continued generosity, your trust, and your partnership in ministry!

*In God’s abundant love and generosity,*

*Westminster’s Stewardship Ministry*

## **Building on Our Strong Foundation: How Your Pledge Helps Us Build**

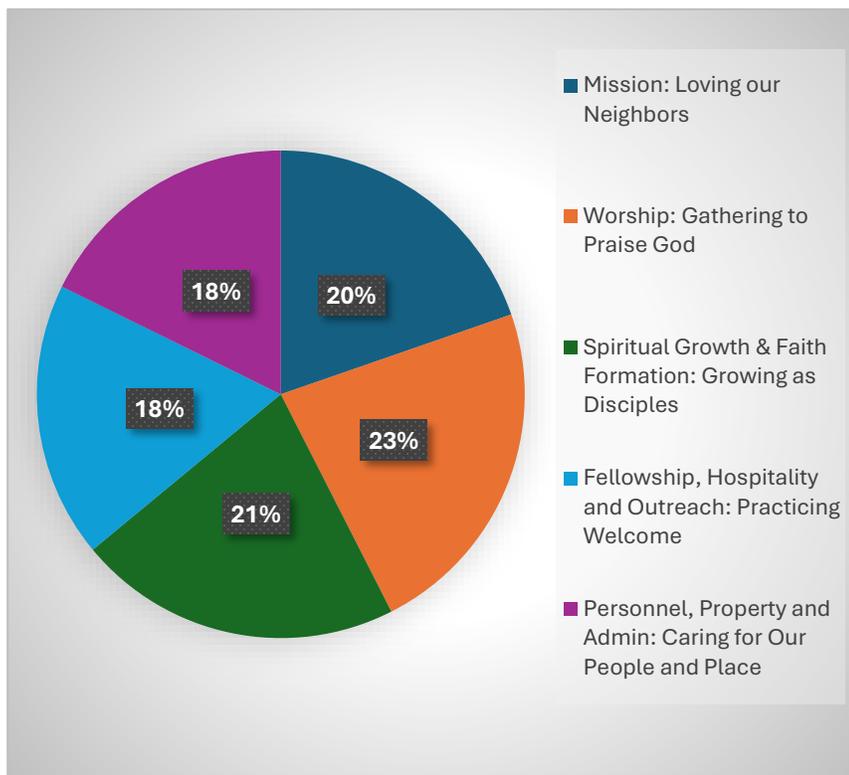
### **Building Ministry, Not Just a Budget**

Everything we do at Westminster Presbyterian Church reflects our love for God and our gratitude for the abundant blessings God has given us. Much like your household budget, the church budget assigns dollars to specific categories. However, we know that our ministry is not lived out in neat lines or columns. It is woven together through worship, service, learning, hospitality, and care.

This Narrative Budget shows how your pledge helps build and sustain the ministries that define who we are, grounded in a strong foundation of faith laid over 160 years.

### **How Our Ministry Is Shared**

Rather than focusing only on operational categories like personnel or property, we look at our budget through the lens of ministry impact. Every dollar supports multiple ministries at once, because everything we do is interconnected.



### **A Strong Foundation for the Future**

Some areas of the budget—such as personnel and property—naturally represent a larger share of expenses. These are not separate from ministry; they make ministry possible. Our staff and building support worship, mission, education, pastoral care, and hospitality every day of the week. So this chart tries to imagine this balance, emphasizing that all ministries are crucial to our collective mission.

**“As God’s household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.”**

Ephesians 2:20 (CEB)

## **What Your Pledge Helps to Build**

Here are some ways that your gifts translate into ministry impact.

### **Mission: Loving Our Neighbors**

Your generosity helps support:

- Local mission partners and community organizations
- Hunger relief through the Westminster Community Pantry
- Shared meals through Food of Faith
- Global mission co-workers serving around the world

**10% of all General Fund pledges are dedicated to mission**, reflecting our commitment to serving beyond our walls.

#### ➤ **Mission Partnerships Budget \$35,000**

### **Worship: Gathering to Praise God**

Your ongoing gifts help Westminster provide:

- Weekly worship services and special seasonal series and services
- Music ministries, choirs, and instrument care
- Communion and other supplies for worship

Worship is the heart of our life together, and every service reflects the shared gifts of staff, volunteers, and congregational giving.

#### ➤ **Worship Ministry Budget \$ 4,800**

### **Spiritual Growth & Faith Formation: Growing as Disciples**

Your support to the General Fund helps us share God's Word through:

- Sunday School, youth ministry, and VBS
- Adult Bible study, book groups, and retreats
- Curriculum and resources for all ages
- Intergenerational events

Faith formation at Westminster is lifelong, relational, and rooted in Scripture.

*Together, we continue  
building on the good  
things that God is already  
doing in our midst.*

#### ➤ **Spiritual Growth and Faith Formation Ministry Budget \$ 17,000**

### **Fellowship, Hospitality & Outreach: Practicing Welcome**

In 2025, our Fellowship and Outreach work was reorganized into two complementary ministries—the **Fellowship Ministry** and an **Outreach & Hospitality Ministry**—reflecting the different ways we practice welcome both within the church and beyond it.

Your pledge supports:

- Fellowship gatherings and church-wide meals that deepen relationships
- Community events and neighborhood outreach that connect us with our neighbors
- Hospitality before and after worship that helps create a warm and welcoming environment

These ministries work hand in hand to strengthen our life together and to share Christ's welcome with the wider community.

#### ➤ **Fellowship Ministry Budget \$ 3,300**

#### ➤ **Outreach and Hospitality Budget \$ 2,500**

## Personnel, Property, and Administration: Caring for Our People & Place

### *The Foundation That Makes Ministry Possible*

This area represents the largest portion of our budget—not because it stands apart from ministry, but because it **supports every aspect of our ministry together**. Caring for our people and our place is the foundation that allows worship, mission, learning, hospitality, and outreach to happen week after week.

Your pledge helps:

- Support a dedicated and gifted staff whose work touches every aspect of congregational life—from worship and faith formation to pastoral care, mission, administration, and hospitality
- Maintain a safe, welcoming, and accessible building that serves as a home for worship, community gatherings, education, and outreach throughout the week
- Cover essential costs such as utilities, insurance, technology, and maintenance that keep our ministries functioning reliably and responsibly
- Sustain the often-unseen, behind-the-scenes work that ensures the church remains organized, responsive, and prepared to meet both everyday needs and moments of crisis

While these expenses can look large on paper, they reflect our commitment to being a church that is present, prepared, and attentive—to one another, to our neighbors, and to the work God calls us to do. **Without this shared investment, the rest of our ministry would not be possible.**

- **Personnel Budget \$ 300,418**
- **Property Budget \$ 58,441**
- **Office, Technology, and other Church Expenses \$ 45,600**

### **Building on Our Strong Foundation—Together**

Because of your generosity, Westminster enters each new year grounded in faith, strengthened by shared commitment, and prepared for what God is calling us to do next. Thank you for building on this strong foundation with your prayers, your presence, your service, and your financial support.



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