

Budget Policy: Tithe

In gratitude to God for all the blessings we have received and as a model of good stewardship, the First Presbyterian Church pledges to give at least ten percent of its income away to ministries that do not directly benefit our congregation. These moneys should be balanced between local, regional, and international ministries.

The Budgeting Process

Step 1

Each church committee prepares their committee budget request in August of each year. Input for the budget should be obtained from committee members and the congregation.

Step 2

Each church committee submits their budget request to the Stewardship Committee.

Step 3

The Stewardship Committee conducts the *Annual Pledge Drive*.

Step 4

The Stewardship Committee prepares a “draft” budget taking into consideration the committee requests, results of the pledge drive and available income sources.

Step 5

The Stewardship Committee presents “draft” budget to the Session for approval at the November meeting.

Step 6

New projects that need funding after the budget is approved will be taken from the Contingency Fund. New projects should be approved by the appropriate church committee which will then present the project to the Session. The Session shall determine the value and worthiness of the project, subject to funds being available as determined by the Stewardship Committee, and then vote on the new project at the next regular Session meeting or special called meeting.