



That is the heart of our 2027 stewardship campaign: **Everyone Builds.**

For more than 150 years, generations of people have shared their faith, their gifts, and their lives through First Presbyterian Church of Normal. Because of their commitment and yours, First Pres continues walking alongside people in every season of life, helping them follow Jesus, find belonging, and grow in faith.

Each of us encounters this church in a different season. Some are finding a new beginning. Some are raising families. Some are carrying questions, grief, or unexpected challenges. **Wherever you find yourself today, you have a place here and a part in what God is creating through First Pres.**

The enclosed booklet shares more about the ministry and resources needed for 2027. Our proposed pledge goal is \$796,000. Because pledges provide most of the funding for our ministries and mission, they allow us to plan faithfully for the year ahead.

I invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027. Our shared goal is approximately 11% more than last year's pledges. If you are able, an increase in your commitment will help meet rising costs and sustain our shared ministry. We recognize that each household is in a different season of life, and we trust each person to discern what is right for them. Whether you increase your pledge, maintain your current commitment, or make a first-time pledge, **your participation matters.** Every person has a place and a part in what God is building through First Pres.

Please return your pledge card in worship, to the church office, or online by **Sunday, November 8.** Throughout the campaign, our Everyone Builds wall will serve as a visible reminder that God's work takes shape when people build alongside one another.

Thank you for all the ways you support First Pres through your generosity, prayers, presence, care, and service. I am grateful to stand alongside you as we follow Jesus and continue building, together, what God has entrusted to us.

Prayerfully,

Rev. Matt Wilcox, Senior Pastor