



Picture It

Stewardship 2026

Can you Picture It? Have you ever had a vision for something, and you could just Picture It in your mind? The perfect family photo. The breathtaking beauty of a mountain or lake you were traveling to see with your own eyes. Your dream house. Your future. We all have dreams and visions that spring up from our hearts. Hopes that we pray become realities. And not only for us. We have dreams and visions for the people we love as well. The same is true for our church.

For more than 150 years, committed and faithful people of this community have had a vision for what First Presbyterian Church of Normal could be and how God could use this congregation. Those dreams have included beautiful music, meaningful friendships, intentional efforts towards justice, affectionate focus around young people, and all of those hopes fostered out of and through a profound faith in and pursuit of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. As a community of faith, we have always had a hope and a vision for how God would use our church. That remains true for 2026.

The apostle John is well-known for his words recorded in the book of Revelation. At the conclusion of his vision, John shares an image for God's people to marvel at. In Revelation 21, John proclaims that he has seen a new heaven and a new earth. It was a place where God's presence filled every space, where every fear is stilled, where every tear is wiped away, and where death was no more. The Lord of all creation was making everything new. John urged the people to Picture It.

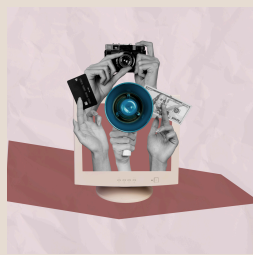
Here at First Pres, we have a vision for 2026, one where every person experiences the peace and inspiration of moving worship. One where every child and teenager learns that they are loved by God, that they have a story to share with this world, and that they are the church right now. It is a vision where the hungry are fed, where those without shelter are provided safety and security, and where every voice that has ever been silenced is heard. It is the dream of a family of faith that shows up for one another, laughs with each other, serves together, and where each person grows in the love and faithfulness in Jesus Christ. It is a vision with pews, dodgeballs, and handbells. Baptisms, potlucks, and a noisy nursery. It is a dream that includes tears and celebration, vulnerable questions and new revelations. Can you Picture It?

Throughout this document, you will find pictures of many kinds. Each and every image represents the presence of our God and the invested affection of our church family. Within every primary emphasis of ministry here – Worship, Mission & Outreach, Family Ministries, Adult Discipleship, Congregational Care, and Operations – you will also see a number. That figure represents what it will take for us to bring to reality the dreams and visions we believe God is calling us to in 2026. Together, we can make this dream a reality. Can you Picture It?

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WORSHIP & MUSIC

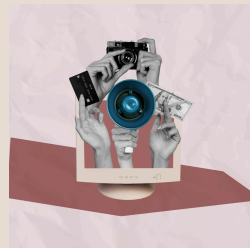
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KIDS & STUDENTS

\$131,295



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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

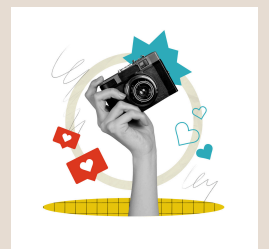
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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

\$81,300



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OPERATIONS

\$215,634



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MISSIONS & OUTREACH

\$133,413





2026 Budget \$848,160

