FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHARLESTON

Celebration! and commitment

2027 Stewardship and Generosity Pledge Season

CELEBRATION!

Moment for Mission: Outreach

Your stewardship directly supports essential local and global ministries, food distribution, and community support programs.

Mission grants – 17 organizations ($75,000)

Hope Village – providing global economic opportunity

“Make an Impact” grants – addressing urgent needs

Hope Center – Foster Care transitioning

Concert Series – music as a gift to our community and support for mission partners

Presby Preschool – early childhood education





GATHERED IN FELLOWSHIP

Reflecting on Faithfulness

Where have you seen God at work in our First Presby family this past year?

Shared Hope

What ministry or community project brings you the greatest joy?

LOOKING AHEAD

Key Ministry Priorities for the Upcoming Year

Mission Outreach

Making a difference in our community.

Worship & Education

Vibrant adult and children's education, choir music, and spiritual growth opportunities.

Building & Care

Preserving our historic sanctuary and maintaining accessible facilities.

Building and Care: What's new on our church campus



Church’s Exterior Phase II

- Phase I was completed in 2024
- 2026 all rosettes and brackets were inspected and secured as necessary
- Damaged brackets were replaced and/or repaired
- Damaged joints were resealed
- Extensive water damage was uncovered in the southeast cornice, above the “playground door.” Trisco will return in spring of 2027 to complete repairs.
- Water damage was discovered in NW sanctuary staircase. It has been repaired but is under close observation.

Church’s Interior

- The sanctuary pews were beautifully reinforced, restored, and reinstalled by Koeck’s; a 4-year project.
- New carpet was installed in the sanctuary. New pew cushions are on order.
- The wood floor in front of the chancel was exposed, sanded, and refinished
- Worn Dining Room HVAC equipment has been replaced
- New technology HVAC systems have been installed in the Ruffner Room, Susie Early Room, the choir room, and rooms A201 and A203 in the Activities Building

What to Expect in 2027?

- Routine Church maintenance items such as painting, lighting replacement, roof and flashing repair, plaster repair, grounds upkeep, communication systems repair, cooling tower water conditioning, etc.
- Dome window restoration and new window coverings
- Completion of Phase III on the church's exterior, including repair of SE cornice
- Conversion to new technology HVAC systems: Bud Francis Rec Room and Rooms A-103, A-104, and A-106
- Sanctuary temperature and humidity control – multi-year project
- Repair and resurfacing of the church parking lots
- Roofing repairs

What Are the Costs?

- **2026 - $954,530 from our operating budget and endowment funds to fund property expenses**
- **2027 - $737,000 to $1,327,000 (depending on timing of roof repairs) for property projects**

- **Funding from our endowments:**
  - **2026 - $697,689 for “one-time” property costs PLUS annual Trustee budget support of $483,396 for a total of $1,181,085. This represents a total withdrawal from our endowment funds’ assets of 9.79%.**
  - **2027 - as we are dependent on trustee assets to fully fund property costs, a large withdrawal from our endowment funds will be necessary again next year.**

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION FOR COMMITMENT

"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."

1 Corinthians 4:1–2 (NRSV)

Cheerful Generosity

Giving rooted in heartfelt joy rather than obligation (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Faithful Trust

Acknowledging that all gifts originate from God's abundant grace.

NEXT STEPS

Submitting Your 2027 Commitment

01

Prayer & Discernment

Consider how God calls your household to share time, talent, and financial resources.

02

Complete Pledge Card

Fill out the card on your table or submit online via our secure church portal.

03

Dedication

Leave completed cards on the table today or place in the offering plate on Commitment Sunday, November 8th.



Thank You for Your Generosity

“To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”