

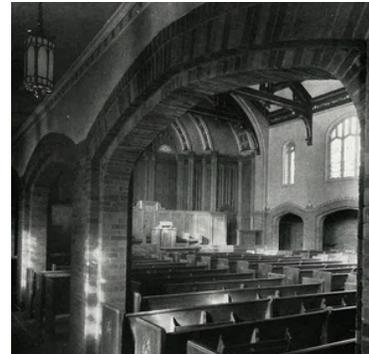
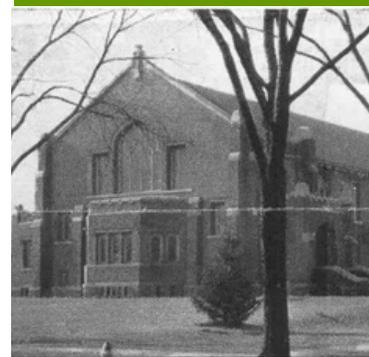
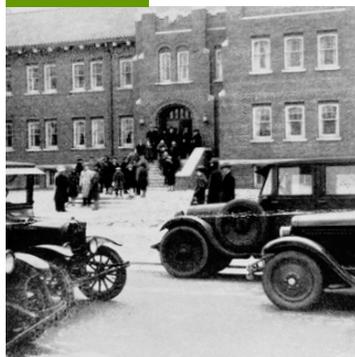


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ANNUAL REPORT

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Highlights of Our Year

JULY 1, 2024–JUNE 30, 2025

Come as you are. Feel the love of Christ.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The number of children attending Sunday morning worship has nearly quadrupled since returning from Covid. Summer Bible Camp continues to introduce area children to Jesus.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sundays worshipping with the First Pres Choir, Brass Ensemble, Alleluia Singers Children's Choir, and Flute Choir, plus special Christmas and Lenten concerts with guest musicians.

ADULT & PROGRAMMING

Parent Oasis, Adult Ed, Lenten programs, Bible Studies, and small groups offer learning; while fellowship includes Fall Fest, a Barn Dance, receptions, Progressive Dinner, and lots of potlucks!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Movie Nights, Small Groups, Bible Studies, Game Nights, and Sunday Evening Youth Group for middle school and high school students to help build their relationship with Jesus.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Maintained our church building, and added new carpet, more consistent heating and cooling, new concrete stairs, external security cameras, and a video doorbell.

TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Improved video livestreaming and fortified cybersecurity protecting our data and online information.





Gratitude, Growth, and Generosity

A Letter from Pastor Donna

Dear Members and Friends of First Pres,

Can an annual report be a spiritual exercise? I think so! On one hand, we publish this report for the sake of institutional accountability and transparency. It is important for you to know how we have carefully stewarded your gifts. At the same time, this is a moment to pause and take stock of the amazing things God has done in our midst.

Looking backward should not be a boring requirement, it should be fuel for gratitude and inspiration for the future. When we pause to reflect on all that God has done, we are overcome with gratitude. The joy of knowing God's amazing, saving grace in Jesus Christ propels our worship and motivates us to invite new people to worship with us. The endless richness of God's Word feeds our souls and calls us to study it more deeply together. The ties forged among brothers and sisters in Christ in both quiet prayer and noisy fellowship help us to feel at home in our church family, and sustain us in the storms of life.

Simply put, looking at a year in review builds our trust in God's provision and helps us to feel confident about the future. In these pages, I see not just dollar figures and program accomplishments, but the fruit of your gratitude, growth, and generosity. I see answered prayer, and I feel an exciting sense of unfinished business. There is so much more for us to do in service of the Lord!

Thank you for being part of this community of faith. Thank you for your support and prayers. And thanks be to God for his abundant blessings.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Pastor Donna Marsh

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“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13:15-16

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Income & Expenses

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025			2025-2026
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget
REVENUES				
Pledged	\$ 454,404	\$ 456,354	\$ (1,950)	\$ 484,703
General—Unpledged	358,642	378,864	(20,222)	379,415
Plate Offering, Other	18,940	8,000	10,940	10,000
Income, Facility Use/Misc.	9,198	0	9,198	0
Investment Income	12,033	8,000	4,033	10,000
Total Income	853,217	851,218	1,999	884,118
EXPENSES				
Staff Care	453,983	538,048	84,065	543,048
Discipleship	12,344	19,475	7,131	19,475
Member Care	0	100	100	100
Stephen Ministries	40	250	210	250
Fellowship	1,044	3,250	2,206	5,750
Worship	9,526	13,950	4,424	13,950
Session	0	200	200	200
Missions	78,058	78,995	937	78,995
Administrative	33,814	39,900	6,086	34,300
Promotion	2,477	2,500	23	5,000
Building & Grounds	182,322	154,550	(27,772)	183,050
Total Expenses	\$ 773,608	\$ 851,218	\$ 77,6108	\$ 884,118
Excess (deficit)	\$ 79,609	\$ -	\$ 79,609	\$ -



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In Memoriam

JULY 1, 2024–JUNE 30, 2025

Maribeth Dunkley (regular attender) 1932–2024

Gay Heppes (former member) 1938–2024

Ella Heron (regular attender) 1924–2024

Ken Moffatt (former member) 1942–2024

Sheryl Moffatt (former member) 1943–2024

Gail Tittle (former member) 1936–2025

Patricia Tymchyshyn (former member) 1935–2024

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Balance Sheet

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash		
Operating	\$ 129,812	\$ 47,600
Designated/ Restricted	525,893	572,516
Fixed Assets	2,446,925	2,446,925
Other Assets	842	4,747
Total Assets	\$ 3,103,472	\$ 3,071,788
LIABILITIES AND FUND PRINCIPAL		
Current Liabilities	\$ 3,837	\$ 7,320
Designated Funds	265,466	270,711
Restricted Funds	260,427	301,805
Fund Principal	2,573,742	2,491,952
Total Liabilities & Fund Principal	\$ 3,103,472	\$ 3,071,788

Designated Funds

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

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Youth Ministry	\$ 21,215
Worship	2,237
Missions	25,006
Building/Grounds	24,440
Benevolence	20,598
Administration	3,530
Women's Bible Study	3,272
Adult Events	6,615
Kovic Scholarship	10,017
Children's Ministry	40,266
Capital Fund	60,820
Memorial Fund	47,450
Scholarship Fund	77,934
Endowment Fund	151,105
Manse Fund	31,388
	\$ 525,893



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Terms of Call

PASTOR DONNA MARSH, 2025-2026

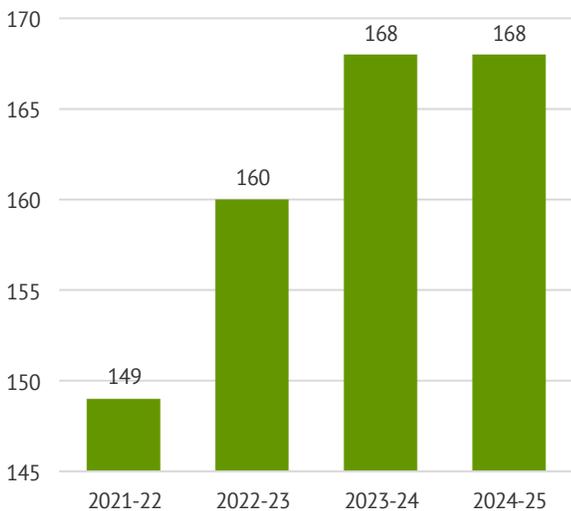
Cash salary and housing allowance	\$ 72,700
Non-cash housing (manse)	21,810
Total Cash and Non-cash Compensation	94,510
Social Security contribution (7.65%)	7,240
Family Medical Insurance	31,880
Group Life and Disability Insurance	1,418
Pension contribution	7,850
Total Benefits	48,388
Reimbursed out-of-pocket medical allowance	2,500
Reimbursed study and book/resource allowance	2,500
Reimbursed auto and other work-related expenses	4,000
Total Reimbursed Expenses	9,000
Total Compensation, Benefits and Expenses	\$ 151,898

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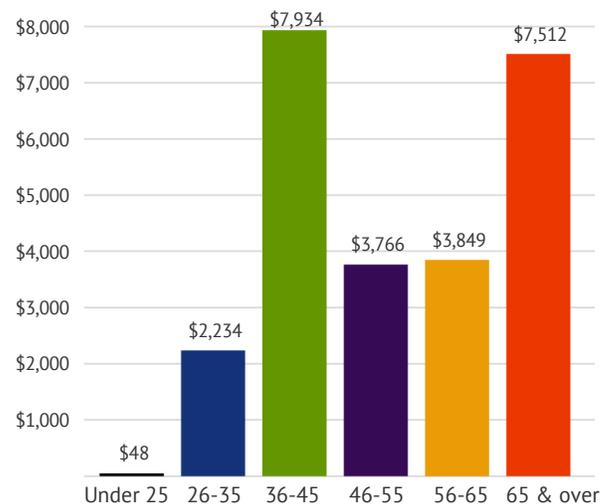
Gifts & Tithes

YOU MAKE OUR MINISTRY POSSIBLE!

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS WHO GAVE TO FIRST PRES



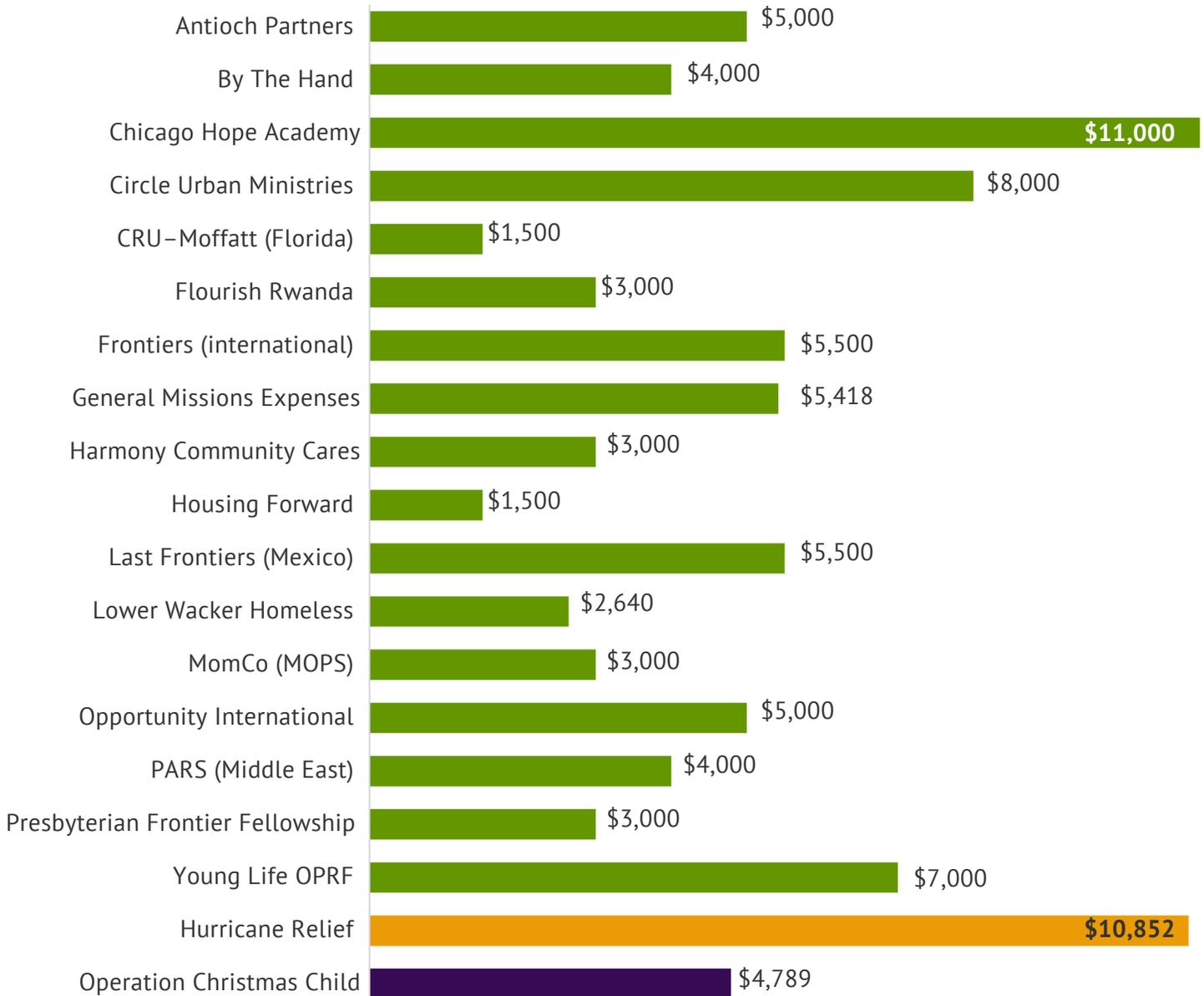
AVERAGE GIVING BY AGE



Missions Funded

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Be the change you want to see. First Pres is a congregation that serves beyond the walls of the church. In addition to ongoing support of mission partners, First Pres provides countless in-kind giving to organizations all year long through coat drives, food drives, cookies for the homeless, Christmas gifts for new moms and children, and home goods for refugees.



 Budgeted Mission Support

Leadership & Staff

Elder Board

Class of 2025

Jeremy Fine
Francis Kwakwa (2nd term)
Tim McAdam
Kristen Schumacher

Class of 2026

Lin Hancock
Ruth Johnson (2nd term)
Bill Kooser (2nd term)
Rich Nitzsche
Manny Yu

Class of 2027

Peter Chen
Jess Hwang
Larry Williams (2nd term)

INCOMING Class of 2028

Jeremy Fine (2nd term)
Tim McAdam (2nd term)
Jason Perez

Deacon Board

Class of 2025

Don Huber
Carly Jones
Mark Jurewicz
Jennifer McAdam*
Cheryl Rotundo*

Class of 2026

Maryellen Betke (2nd term)
Julie Heger
Sandy McAdam
Cindy Reynolds (2nd term)

Class of 2027

Bill Breinig
Joe Cesarini
Jackie Kareb (2nd term)
Jean Kirk (2nd term)

INCOMING Class of 2028

Don Huber (2nd term)
Mark Jurewicz (2nd term)
Jennifer McAdam (2nd term)
Cheryl Rotundo (2nd term)

* partial term

Church Officers

President: Rob McAdam, Jr
Vice President: John Erickson
Secretary & Treasurer: Kim Wojack

Nominating Committee

Elder: Tim McAdam (Chair) **Deacons:** Don Huber, Jennifer McAdam
At-Large: Karen Brammer, Jon Ebersole, Edith Gomero, Terry Studer

Church Staff

Jack Bell* (through July 2025)
Director of Youth Ministries

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Facilities Manager
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Julia Potter*
Communications Manager
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Terri Benno*
CPA
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Jane Holstein*
Director of Music Ministries

Josh Ring*
Associate for Music Ministry

Sarah Breinig (started August 2025)
Interim Director of Youth Ministries
sarah.breinig@firstpresrf.org

Konrad Mahler*
Weekend Facilities

Kimberly Tenhor*
Technology Manager
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Bethanie Clopton (through June 6)
Office Coordinator

Donna Marsh
Pastor
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Sharon Moran
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