



Total Anticipated Ministry Needs for 2017 - \$483,881



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PEACHTREE CITY**

We are now in our **first** year of the *First. Faithful. Forever. Campaign*. Thanks to everyone's faithful generosity, the campaign is off to a successful start. We are projected to end 2016 with a balanced budget, thanks in large part to a new mortgage and lower monthly payment. We will be able to make our first \$100,000 payment towards the mortgage this year. We are also planning our first major capital repairs in 2017, which will begin the process of updating our 23-year-old HVAC system in the original part of the building.

In 2017, we are planning to continue our strong mission support, strengthen our growing children & youth ministry programs, and enrich our worship services through our talented choirs and musicians. God is at work in amazing ways at First Presbyterian. God's blessings have been abundant in 2016. Help us to respond with joy and gratitude as we look forward to 2017.



*joyous
worship*

*loving
outreach*

*authentic
relationships*

Worship is the heart of all we do at First Presbyterian. Each week we gather to worship God, to share our joys and concerns, to confess and be reminded of God's grace, to hear God's Word made real for our lives, to affirm our faith, to feast together at the Lord's table, and to be sent out into the world to be God's hands and feet. Our worship is enriched and enlivened each week because of our talented music staff and the many volunteers that sing in our choir, play handbells, sing in our ensembles, play instruments, and share their gifts with our congregation. Each week, members volunteer their time to run our AV and LiveStream system, to serve as ushers and greeters, to read scripture and serve as acolytes, and to volunteer in the nursery and Children's Church. The 2017 budget includes funds to support our music ministry- tuning the pianos, maintenance on the organ and handbells, sheet music for the choir and handbells, and special musicians for Advent and Easter. The 2017 budget also includes honorariums for guest preachers during Morgan's sabbatical, as well as support for creative efforts in music and liturgical art to enrich our worship services.

\$197,935 • 41%

Worship enables us to be sent out into the world to serve our neighbors. We serve because we know Jesus taught us the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our annual budget allows us to support mission partners both locally and around the world. We pack weekly lunches in the summer for the Smart Kid. Smart Lunch. Program and deliver the lunches along with a book for each child. We adopt families at Christmas and take care of gifts and clothing items for the children and grocery gift cards for the entire family. We meet monthly at Midwest Food Bank to sort donations. We collect food for Fayette Samaritans. We support mission co-workers Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather in South Sudan as well as others through the PC(USA) Global Mission Partnership. We helped to setup a refugee family with furniture and needed supplies for their new apartment in Clarkston and collected coats and blankets for their first winter in the USA. We support Boy Scout Troop 211. Several Cub Scouts and Girl Scout Troops meet in the building. An AA group meets at the church 5 times a week. Several other community groups use the building on a weekly basis. Our church supports our thriving First Presbyterian Kindergarten and Preschool, which has 200 students and has been a mission of our church for almost 50 years.

\$170,482 • 35%

While worship is the heart of all that we do at First Presbyterian, it is our relationships with God and one another that help to keep that heart beating. Each week, we gather around the table for food and fellowship as part of our Wednesday night dinner program. We gather for potlucks after worship monthly in the summer. We have 4 Presbyterian Women Circles and a monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast. We have a team of Deacons and Stephen Ministers that help tend to pastoral care needs along with our Martha Ministers who bring meals to members during illness, death, and birth.

We have a growing Children and Youth Ministry program, which includes a nursery on Sunday mornings and 2 Children's Church classes. Monthly, we have Club 345 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers, which include dinner and a program. There are children's programs on Wednesday nights as part of our midweek dinner and fellowship time. We also host a Fall Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, Summer Fun Days, Sundaes Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks, and several Parents Night Out throughout the year.

\$115,464 • 24%

**“First, give thanks to the Lord because God is good, because God's faithful love endures forever.”
1 Chronicles 16:34**