



GRACE COVENANT

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Dear Friends of Grace Covenant,

Our theme for 2027 is **Led by the Spirit, Growing in Grace.**

Like the early church, we trust that God's Spirit continues to guide us—sometimes in familiar ways and sometimes into new possibilities. When we think about growth, we often think about getting bigger. But growth in faith is about becoming more deeply rooted: rooted in God's love, grounded in community, and living our faith in the ordinary moments of our daily lives.

As we look toward 2027, we give thanks for the ministries and people who have shaped Grace Covenant. We celebrate where we have been, remain attentive to the needs of the present, and look toward the future with hope.

Together, we are creating a community where people can encounter God's grace, grow in faith, discover their gifts, care for one another, and share Christ's love with the world.

Our stewardship is part of that ministry. When we give, we are not simply funding a budget—we are investing in the ministry God has entrusted to us. Our gifts make worship possible, nurture faith across generations, support our care for one another, and extend our welcome and witness into the wider community.

As we consider our giving for 2027, may we ask not simply, *"What can I afford to give?"* but also, *"What is God calling me to share?"* We trust that the Spirit who has guided Grace Covenant through the years is still leading us. And by God's grace, there is still more growing to do.

Thank you for being part of that growth.

Thank you for sharing your gifts.

And thank you for helping Grace Covenant live into where the Spirit is leading us next.

With gratitude and hope,

Rev. Karen Wright, the 2027 Generosity Team,
and Session of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church



Led by the Spirit Growing in Grace

Acts 2:1-21

2027 Generosity Campaign

October 4, Week 1

"The Spirit Gathers Us"

October 11, Week 2

"The Spirit Transforms Us"

October 18, Week 3

"The Spirit Grows Us"

October 25, Week 4

Commitment Sunday

"The Spirit Sends Us"

Submit pledge online here

gcpc.org/2027pledge

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2027 Narrative Budget

Theme: *Led by the Spirit, Growing in Grace*

At Grace Covenant, our budget is more than a collection of numbers—it is a reflection of our values, our ministry, and our hopes for the future. It tells the story of how we seek to follow God’s call and participate in what the Spirit is doing in and through our congregation.

Our budget is about investing in the people, ministries, spaces, and relationships that make Grace Covenant a vibrant community of faith. While categories such as personnel, facilities, and programming naturally overlap, together they tell the story of a congregation seeking to be faithful to God’s call.



Led by the Spirit: *Worship and Music*

Worship is at the heart of our life together. Each week, we gather to encounter God, hear the good news, pray, sing, and be reminded that we belong to something larger than ourselves.

Our investment in worship and music supports both in-person and online worship, preaching, music leadership, the care of our sanctuary, and the staff and volunteers who make worship possible.

Music continues to be an important expression of our faith and identity. Our choirs, ensembles, and musicians enrich our worship and invite people of all ages to share their gifts. Through word, sacrament, music, prayer, and fellowship, we open ourselves to the movement of the Spirit and prepare to follow where God leads.

Growing in Grace: *Faith Formation and Community*

Following Jesus is a lifelong journey. We grow in grace through learning, questioning, serving, praying, and living in community with one another.

Our commitment to faith formation supports ministries for every stage of life—from children and families to youth and adults. Through programs such as children’s ministry, SMASH, youth ministry, Bible study, and adult learning opportunities, we seek to create spaces where people can explore faith and discover how God is at work in their lives. Growing in grace also happens through relationships. In times of celebration and challenge, we care for one another, share one another’s burdens, and remind each other that no one walks the journey of faith alone.

Growing in Grace: *Mission, Outreach, and Hospitality*

The Spirit does not lead us inward alone. We are called to carry God’s love beyond our walls and into the world.

Grace Covenant continues its commitment to mission and outreach through partnerships and ministries that address the needs of our neighbors and create opportunities to put faith into action. Through service, advocacy, generosity, and relationship-building, we seek to participate in God’s work of justice, compassion, and reconciliation.

We also practice hospitality by sharing our building and resources with the wider community. Throughout the week, our spaces are filled with the voices and activities of neighbors, community groups, ministries, and organizations. Our building is more than a place where the church gathers—it is a resource for the community and a visible expression of our commitment to welcome.

A Living Commitment

The 2027 Narrative Budget is ultimately a statement of faith.

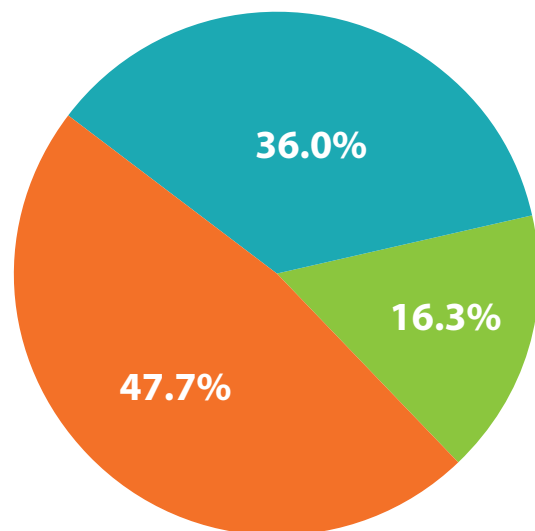
It reflects our belief that God continues to call Grace Covenant forward.



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church 2027 Narrative Budget



GATHER:
Worship
& Music
\$419,760



EQUIP:
Faith
Formation
\$316,800

SEND:
Mission
& Outreach
\$143,440



What is Stewardship

Stewardship is our faithful response to God's abundant gifts. It is more than giving money—it is offering our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for God's grace. Just as a tree flourishes when rooted by streams of water, our church thrives when each of us invests in its life and mission. Through stewardship we recognize that all we have belongs to God, and we are called to nurture, grow, and share these gifts for the sake of Christ's work in the world.

Why We Give

Giving is an act of trust—a way of placing our lives into God's hands and aligning our hearts with His.

Through our giving, we:

- Strengthen ministries that feed the hungry and comfort the grieving
- Support worship that inspires and uplifts
- Sustain programs that teach, nurture, and equip disciples of all ages

Stewardship isn't just about money—it's about how we respond to God's abundant love with gratitude. It's how we live out our faith every day by caring for one another, our church, and the world.

Stewardship Prayer

*O Lord, all that we have received is from Your hands.
You call us to be stewards of Your abundance,
the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.*

*Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.
Work through us, bringing Your grace to those we serve.*

*May our faithful stewardship be an extension of your Spirit working in our lives.
We pray this with grateful hearts, in Christ's name.*

Amen.



A message from Pastor Karen

Where do you see growth happening at Grace Covenant right now?

Where do you see energy, excitement, and a sense that the Spirit is moving among us?

These are important questions as we enter our stewardship season with the theme *"Led by the Spirit, Growing in Grace."* The story of the early church in Acts reminds us that growth is not simply about becoming bigger. It is about becoming more deeply rooted in God, more connected to one another, and more open to where the Spirit is leading us.

And I see signs of that kind of growth all around GCPC. I see it when we gather for worship with different generations, different voices, and different gifts. I see it in our children and youth, in our music ministries, in the people who quietly care for one another, and in the many ways this congregation reaches beyond our walls to serve our neighbors. I see it in the ministries and organizations that share our building. I see it whenever someone says, *"I have an idea,"* and another person responds, *"How can I help?"* Where there is life, energy, curiosity, compassion, and joy, perhaps we should pay attention. Perhaps those are places where the Spirit is already at work.

Stewardship is about more than money, although our financial pledges are an essential part of our ministry. Your giving keeps the lights on. It helps care for our building so that it can continue to be a place of welcome, worship, learning, service, and community. They support our wonderful staff and the ministries they lead. But stewardship is bigger than a budget. We give our money, our time, our talents, our creativity, our prayers, and our presence. All of these are ways we participate in the life and mission of the church. All of them are acts of discipleship.

When we give, we recognize something fundamental about our faith: all that we have is gift. Our lives, our abilities, our resources, our relationships, and even this community we call Grace Covenant are gifts from God. So we give not simply because the church needs something from us. We give in gratitude for what God has already done—and continues to do—in our lives and among us as the Body of Christ.

Perhaps the Spirit is inviting you to share a gift you have never shared before. Perhaps it is call to make more room in your life for worship, service, prayer, or community. Perhaps it is asking you to support the ministry of GCPC financially in a new way.

We do not know exactly where the Spirit will lead us. But we can pay attention. We can be willing. We can give what we have been given. And together, we can trust that God is still growing something beautiful here.

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Grace and peace, Pastor Karen



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