FIRST
PUTTING THE CHURCH 1ST IN YOUR LIFE

Because the World Needs a Generous Church
Because the World Needs a Strong Church
Because the World Needs a Thankful Church

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BURLINGAME
A WORD FROM GRAHAM

Dear BurlPres Family,

Let me begin with a question. What’s the best investment you have made lately? Perhaps if you are retired, you are seeing gains in your 401k. Perhaps if you have kids you are seeing dividends in the investments you are making into their lives through sports, through school, through faith development. Maybe you are an artist, and you have been investing a lot of time in a painting, or a piece of music, or a garden. But let me repeat the question, “What’s the best investment you have made lately?”

One of the best investments we can make with our money, with our time, with our energy, with our creativity is – “The Church”. Actually, there are texts in the Bible where Jesus promises a 100 times return on the investments we make into the things of God. One hundred times return? That is better than any blue chip stock, bond fund, long term dividend out there! And it isn’t just a promise about money, it’s a promise about whatever time we give to God through the church.

This year, my challenge to BurlPres is very simple. It is to put BurlPres first. Put BurlPres first in your giving, in your time, in your focus, in your energy. This is a BIG ASK, I know. But think about it this way. If our church made giving to BurlPres first in giving, we would have a budget that could change the world. Let God work on your heart this year. Only God can compel you to do this. But I can promise you this. If you give to the church first, God will unfold returns in our church, our community, our city and our world that you won’t be able to believe! One hundred fold!!!
PLANNED REVENUE

Pledges & Offerings 57%
Are the foundation of our annual budget. We rely heavily on the anticipated revenues from pledges in planning each year’s budget.

Programs 26%
Provide revenues from a variety of fees, such as preschool tuition and events.

Buildings & Grounds 10%
Provides revenues from apartment and other rentals.

Endowment 7%
Contributes 5% of its total value annually to our operating budget.

PLANNED EXPENSES

Programs 46%
Include all of our programs from NextGen to Greatest Gen, worship, mission, and adult education, as well as program leader salaries.

Personnel 35%
Includes pastoral and office staff.

Property & Admin 19%
Includes all maintenance, repair, and insurance expenses of our main campus, manse, and apartment building.

2019 CHURCH BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Operating Budget: $2,790,000
Pledge Revenue: $1,265,000

2020 Pledge Revenue Goal: $1,400,000

An increase in pledge revenue for 2020 will allow us to:
Expand and improve programs
Build stronger worship experiences
Reach out further in mission - locally and globally
Make needed pastor and staff compensation increases to address rising costs of living
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In the fall sermon series “First: Putting the Church First in Your Life” we will explore what it means to put God first, and God’s promise that God will multiply our giving 100 fold.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10