

First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn

Narrative Budget 2012

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'Stewardship is an ethic that embodies responsible planning and management of resources. The term is linked with the concept of sustainability. The word is used to refer to a responsibility to take care of something belonging to others.... To be a steward, and or act as a steward [to something], is known as stewardship.'

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stewardship>



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Narrative Budget- 2012**

Prepared by Session, October 2012

Session has prepared a 2012 Narrative Budget, to complement the operational budget, which highlights how First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn utilizes its time, talents, and treasures to care for God's creation through authentic worship, education in the faith, service to others, and spiritual care through connecting with others.

Following the Westminster Catechism, we as a church believe that the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, to worship God, and to enjoy Him forever. Our church lives this out through four spheres of servant-hood illustrated below. This narrative budget is designed to show how we support our church's greatest assets— our members and the communities we serve— through our commitment to glorify God, as primarily lived out through the four spheres.



Together, we also share a commitment to an ethic of fiscal stewardship to sustain our church body now and into the future. The summarized figures provided herein reflect a fraction of what it costs to do the work God has called us to do. If we needed to pay earthly currency to compensate everyone for the number of volunteer hours given to the many opportunities to worship, glorify and enjoy God, the operating budget could reach three to five times what is documented.

The total projected budget for 2012 is approximately \$1,284,000. *The percentage allocations reflected below take into account personnel, facilities, mortgage, supply costs, direct mission giving, etc., and represent the use of Operating Budget funding. This number could be updated as Session is still finalizing a line item budget which is expected to be complete in December.*

Corporate Worship

Worship together, in community, enhanced by authentic preaching, arts, and music.

Worship is the heart of our life together as a congregation. Our worship services are a primary point of entry into this congregation for the Dupage County community. Worshipping together in community enhanced by authentic preaching and music.

We value the talents of our congregants as we gather to worship our Lord and Savior. We strive to provide an excellent experience through our worship ministries in both a contemporary and traditional setting.

In addition to attending Sunday morning services, preparation and execution of the Sunday morning worship services involves the gift of time from ushers, those who prepare communion, the Worship Arts committee, Liturgists, leaders and individuals involved in the Praise team, Praise Choir, Traditional Choir, Instrumentals (Bell, Brass, Orchestra, Woodwinds), Fish Band, Children's Choir, the Audio Visual Team, and more.

In partnership with our Pastors and Directors, we also share in worship together at various special services throughout the year. This includes the Celebration of the Arts Sunday, Fall Back Worship, World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Thanksgiving Worship, Advent, Holy Week, All Church Worship, Saturday Night a Live and Family Camp.

Corporate Worship accounts for 30% of the annual operating budget

Education

Worship through education to deepen understanding of God's Word and to invite others to know and love Christ.

Christian life on earth is a journey that begins at birth. The journey continues until that time we return home to our Lord and our faith is perfected. First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn provides to all of God's children opportunities to be introduced to Gospel of Jesus Christ if they don't know Him, opening hearts to a personal relationship with Christ and knowing Him better, and bringing people of all ages to a maturity of Christian faith that is demonstrated in their actions.

Examples of these opportunities are found through Sunday Adult Education, Church School, Sunday School, Women's Circles, Men's and Women's Bible studies, Faith Builders, SPARK, TNT, VBS, Sermon series, LIVE, Confirmation Class. Most of these offerings provide a Christian outreach beyond those who consider First Presbyterian Church their church home.

The gifts of time and talent invested in this area of worship are significant. Our church is able to provide such a breadth of God centered educational offerings as a result of the generous gifts of time and talent from our congregation.

Faith Journey accounts for 26% of the annual operating budget

Serving

Worship through service, being the embodiment of Jesus to serve those locally and globally with spiritual, physical, and material needs.

Mission work of First Presbyterian Church reaches across the pew and around the world. The focus is on local and national as well as international organizations. There are hundreds of people involved within a variety of means of engagement. One of our strengths is establishing and maintaining long-term relationships with our partner missionaries and organizations. Newsletters from our partners are shared across a broad range of congregants, so that they may keep up with doings, and also, perhaps more importantly, keep missionaries in prayer.

Our church family is involved in the various local missions through a combination of gifts of time, talent and treasure and prayer support. This is an area where we have the opportunity to be Christ-like examples in helping those in spiritual or physical need. Some supported missions include – Hosting PADS, Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, Feed My Staving Children, Bridge Communities, Partners in Mission (Uganda), Juna Amagara Ministries (Uganda), Kids Alive (Dominican Republic), Harvesting in Spanish (El Salvador), UPRECO Seminary (Congo), and BASIC (Ghana).

Serving Others accounts for 18% of the annual operating budget. Additional financial support equivalent to 8% of the annual Operating budget is given through the church directly to Missions.

Caring

Worship through care of congregation and community, Christian fellowship opportunities, and evangelism.

As Christ's body in the world, we seek to come alongside others, whatever their circumstances, with respect and love. Jesus calls us to love one another as He loves us. It is our hope that by extending ourselves in caring relationships that we can join with God in transforming lives and bringing light in the darkness.

Examples of ways the members of First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn care for each other and our community through relationships and Christian fellowship include: Seniors Lunch Bunch, Men's Retreat, Women's Retreat, Annual Church Meeting, Summer BBQ Series, 4th at First, Westminster PreSchool, Living Crèche, Extended Communion, Pie in the Parlor, Spiritual Directors, Grief Support – and many others

Care accounts for 26% of the annual operating budget

Summary

How our expenses support what we value:

Corporate Worship – 30%

Christian Education – 26%

Servant-hood – 18%

Christian Care – 26%

A complete 2012 line item budget will also be made available.