



Why First Presbyterian Church Needs a Facilities Endowment Fund

First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head Island has a rich history of faithfulness and service to God, to our members, and to our community. Our congregation continues to be distinguished by its excellence in worship and music, its commitment to faith formation, and its passion for mission and outreach. We rejoice that we have a team of pastors, music leaders, and support staff who work together to the glory of God.

As we look to the future together, congregation members and friends are optimistic and excited. To help us build on the wonderful legacy of our church and God's work here, Session recognizes that our church facilities play a *crucial* role in fulfilling our Mission of "Changing Lives...Making Disciples" so that we should:

- Responsibly maintain what we already have on our beautiful campus
- Prudently renovate what is not serving our ministries and Mission well
- Move forward with carefully crafted plans to create new ministries as needed

The Need

Session has created a **new Facilities Endowment Fund** to help us do the above, ensuring that the facilities we have and need will be cared for and preserved into the future, as we continue to minister in Christ's name.

This Fund is especially needed for two critical reasons: First, facilities maintenance is the **second largest** line item in our church's annual budget. For 2025, it is \$316,000. Second, we also have yearly **additional maintenance costs** for much-needed repairs and improvements that are not included in our annual budget. Each year, those costs are about \$200,000.

The Facilities Endowment Fund will eventually pay for **both annual budgeted and additional maintenance costs**. This fund will allow the church to redirect **all of that money** to other and new ministries—expanding worship and music opportunities; adding ministries and programming for children, youth and adults; establishing new local and global outreach ministries and partnerships; and more.

The Goal

Our *initial* three-year goal is to raise **\$3,000,000** for the Facilities Endowment Fund. Supporters can provide a one-time gift, make a three-year pledge, and/or include the Facilities Endowment Fund in their estate plans.

The Facilities Endowment Fund will require more than this amount to pay for *both* annual budgeted and additional maintenance costs. Income from the fund will pay for additional (above-budget) maintenance costs first. As this income grows, it will be applied to annual budgeted maintenance costs as well. When the total endowment is raised, the Fund will cover the costs of **all facility annual costs and maintenance**, enabling annual tithes and pledges to be redirected to other and new ministries and programs of First Presbyterian Church.

Join Us!

With prayerful consideration and joyful, generous giving, it is time to write the next chapter in the life and mission of First Presbyterian Church. The vision for this Fund fits perfectly not only with our Mission but also with the Values we regularly affirm: Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study, Sacrificial Service, and Caring Connections. We invite you to join us as we work to build up the body of Christ here and to faithfully follow our Lord who leads us into a future filled with promise and possibility.