



GROUND & GROWING

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Stewardship Campaign

East Liberty Presbyterian Church

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else. (1 Thessalonians 3:12)

As we look toward 2026, we are launching our annual stewardship campaign, **Grounded & Growing**. It's an invitation to deepen our roots in gratitude and take one step forward in generosity.

**PLEDGE
GOAL**

**226 pledges for 2026
totaling \$700,000**

Our pledge goal is bold, yet attainable. For 2025, we received 177 pledges totaling \$567,878, but with an additional \$130,000 in non-pledged gifts, our current overall giving is on track to be nearly \$800,000. That generosity shows our \$700,000 goal is within reach.

To reach our goal, we're asking each giver to consider moving up one level of giving (*see chart below*). For some, that might mean pledging for the first time. For others, it may mean a 10–20% increase in your annual pledge. A few of you might be feeling the nudge of the Spirit to tithe and **take the bold step** of pledging 10% of your annual income. Whatever the amount, your pledge makes all the difference as we prepare our ministry budget for 2026.

No matter the size, every pledge is a statement of faith in what God can continue to do through us.



RANGE OF PLEDGES RECEIVED FOR 2025

Above \$25,000	0
\$20,001 to \$25,000	2
\$15,001 to \$20,000	1
\$10,001 to \$15,000	4
\$5,001 to \$10,000	27
\$3,001 to \$5,000	24
\$1,001 to \$3,000	60
\$1 to \$1,000	59

GROUND & GROWING IN PRAYER

Stewardship begins in gratitude. We encourage each household to pray this simple prayer as you make your pledge:

*Generous God,
ground us in your grace and grow us in your love.
Anchor our everyday decisions in gratitude,
and make our lives a gift for others.
Guide our pledge, strengthen our church,
and send us to serve as followers of Jesus.
Amen.*



WHY YOUR PLEDGE MATTERS

Worship & Music

Your pledge supports vibrant Sunday worship, our weekly Taizé service, special services, concerts, and the teams (staff and volunteers) who make it all possible.

Spiritual Formation and Connection

Your pledge strengthens opportunities for spiritual growth and community connection, building relational community through studies, small groups, retreats, and creative faith practices that help us grow together in God's love.

Congregational Care

ELPC's pastors, deacons, and care teams accompany people through grief, transition, joy, and healing. Your pledge helps us expand and deepen compassionate, timely care.

Children, Youth & Young Adults

From Sunday School to youth gatherings, study groups, and intergenerational events, we are forming disciples of Jesus rooted in grace and growing in compassion.

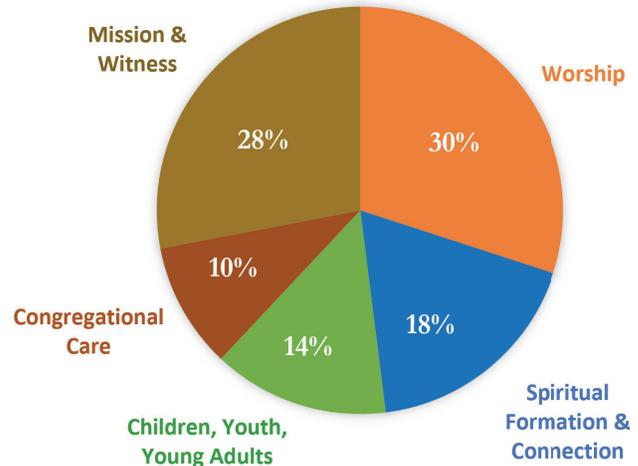
Mission & Witness

Love is put into action through food, housing, immigrant, creation, and racial justice. Through effective public messaging, advocacy, and communications, we are broadening our inclusive witness.

Building & Property

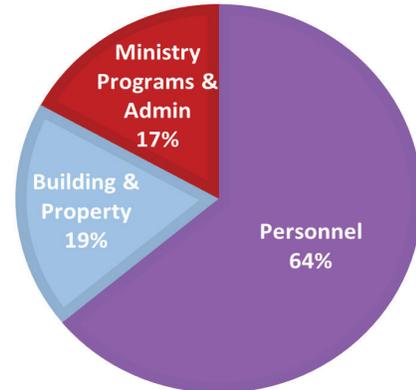
Our historic building provides a sanctuary for worship, a hub for community gatherings, and a safe space for partner organizations. Your pledge helps us steward it well.

WHERE YOUR PLEDGES ARE SPENT *



* Personnel and building costs are included within each ministry area above

HERE IS THE BUDGET VIEW FROM A STRICT PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES COST PERSPECTIVE:



Frequently Asked Questions

What about the endowment?

Our endowment has been a blessing through many seasons. Over the years, we have over-relied on it (e.g., its current value is around \$28 million from over \$38 million over 20 years ago). For generations, faithful givers built the foundation that allows ELPC to thrive today. Now it is our turn to build for the future. We are inviting every household to grow in generosity, so that our ministry rests not on past gifts alone, but on the living commitment of our congregation today.

Our ministry budget is supported by the following sources:

	2024	2025
Endowment Fund	68%	64%
Congregational Giving	28%	34%
Other Sources	4%	2%

Is participation important?

Yes. Your pledges allow ELPC to plan responsibly and deepen our impact. No matter the size, every pledge strengthens our common life. Broad participation is a sign of shared ownership and fuels long-term sustainability.

What if my situation changes?

We understand circumstances can shift. Because a pledge is a spiritual commitment and not legally binding, you can adjust your pledge at any time by contacting the church office.

How do I pledge?

- 1) Online: www.ELPC.church/pledge
- 2) In Worship: place your pledge card in the offering
- 3) By Mail: return pledge card to the church office

When are pledges dedicated?

Pledges will be dedicated during Sunday worship on Nov 23. You may make or update your pledge before or after that date.