



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grit & Grace



commitment 2021

Prayer for Commitment:

Lord, you have answered our prayer for boldness – giving us the determination, the “grit”, to carry on with our mission! Last year we asked you for that strength, having no idea of the obstacles that 2020 would bring. Despite a year of challenge and frustration, we have seen your grace at work, helping us to continue our mission of loving you, loving each other, and loving our neighbors near and far. Do not let us grow weary. Do not let us give up. We know that through our faith in you, our lives and the lives of others will improve. We thank you for your continued blessings upon us, and ask that we commit those blessings to your good work in the coming year. Amen.

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All gifts are important...

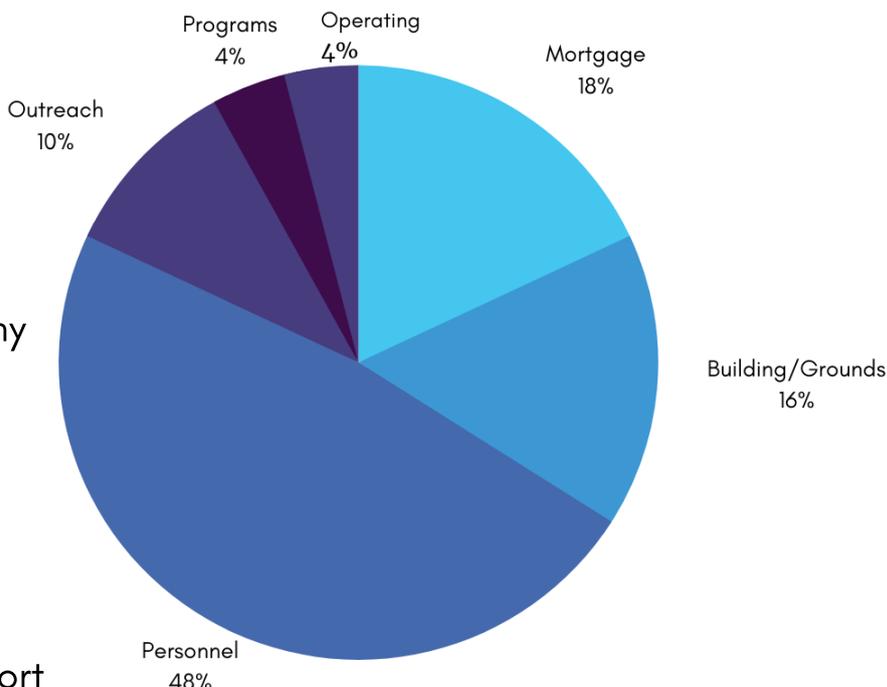
and are always welcome, but annual pledges are the lifeblood of our ministries in any given year.

The budget for 2021 is \$1,750,000, and member pledges represent 81% of the necessary funding to support this budget.

The budget contemplates maintaining our current staff, programs, and facility. It also considers much needed maintenance and building repairs, and returning to a practice of giving 10%, a tithe, to our mission partners.

The Israelites and followers of Jesus gave a "tithe," or "one-tenth," to God's work from the "first fruits" of the harvest. While tithing can be a challenge to consider, the spiritual benefits of first giving generously to God are profound. A simple path toward a tithe is to increase your giving every year by 1% of your annual income until reaching 10%. What does such giving look like for you?

Despite the challenges of the current year, we are blessed that the members of St. Luke's have maintained giving levels, enabling us to continue our mission. We thank you for your commitment in sharing God's gifts to you! With determination in the face of obstacles, and hope for when we are all together again, we ask that you maintain, and in fact increase your commitment, as you are able .



“And LET US NOT GROW WEARY OF
DOING GOOD, *for in due season* WE WILL
REAP, IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.”

GALATIANS 6:9