

# A Legacy that Matters



**Vienna Presbyterian Church**

**Legacy Program**

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Almost 150 years ago a small and dedicated group of Christians answered the call to establish Vienna Presbyterian Church (VPC) in Vienna, Virginia. This group left a legacy that has served people in our community and our world for decades.

We invite you to become part of the generation that is building a twenty-first century legacy at VPC today. Consider making a legacy gift to the VPC Endowment by contributing now or making a provision for the church through your estate. Your gift will be invested for perpetuity and a portion of the return used each year for Kingdom purposes.



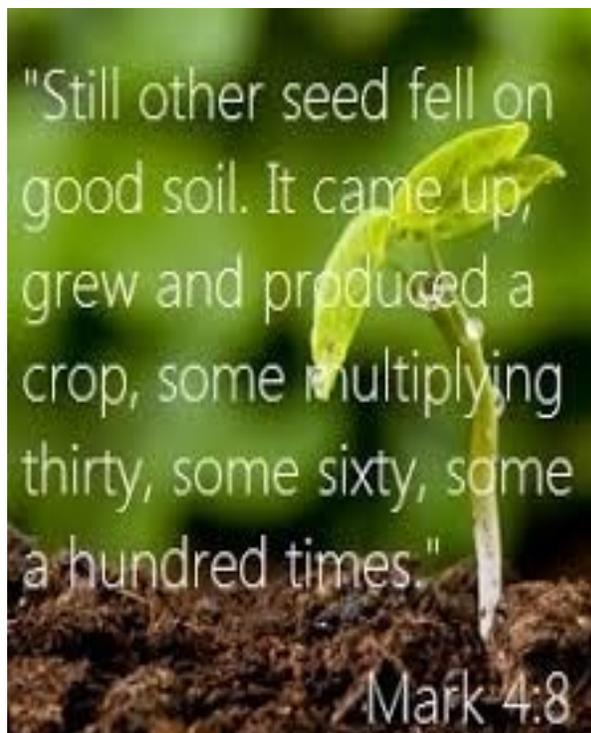
## ENDOWMENT

### LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

A gift to VPC through a bequest or other planned gifts to the VPC Endowment helps establish a legacy of faith for succeeding generations to use for the advancement of His Kingdom.

An endowment provides a means for the church to extend its ministry beyond the resources that are possible through annual and capital giving. By having an endowment to be used for ministry activities not funded by the current budget, we can expand the impact of our church and engage in activities not otherwise possible.

Establishing an endowment is a clear statement that we are preparing for the twenty-first century mission of the church. We are anticipating new ministries, both at home and abroad, based on God's leadership. In the process, we are being good stewards of the assets God has gifted us with, in addition to being good stewards of current income.



## **DESIGN YOUR LEGACY**

The best gift is one that is given in gratitude to God as a personal expression of faith in the goodness of God's grace, and as an ultimate statement of the values you cherish.

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

*Matthew 6:21*

### **Ways to Make a Legacy Gift to the VPC Endowment**

A gift of any size is significant. The best gift is one that is appropriate for your particular circumstances. A Legacy Gift can be structured to benefit the donor or VPC during the donor's lifetime, or to benefit VPC at the death of the donor. Some examples are listed below:

#### **During Your Lifetime**

- Gifts of cash
- Gifts of Marketable Securities and Real Estate: Property that has appreciated allows a tax deduction for the current market value without incurring tax on the capital gain.
- 401K Retirement Benefit Plans and IRAs: Benefit plans and IRAs donated to VPC may provide important tax savings to donors.
- Gifts of Life Insurance: An existing or new policy may be donated.

#### **Bequests through Wills or Living Trusts**

- Outright Bequests
- Contingent Bequests

#### **Deferred Gifts Made Through Your Lifetime**

- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust

*Arranging for wills and trusts requires knowledge of the tax code and other law. The Generosity Committee can provide further information about these various options but recommends that you also consult legal and financial counsel in connection with planned giving.*



## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TAKES SEVERAL FORMS**

Annual gifts support the operational budget of the church.

Special donations fund capital initiatives.

Endowments provide for enduring Christian stewardship beyond one's life.

**The VPC Endowment has several categories, each with a specific purpose that supports the mission of VPC.**

### **General Endowment Fund**

Earnings augment the VPC Unified Ministries and Missions Budget or other special projects as approved by the Elders of the church.

### **Program, Mission and Benevolence Fund**

Earnings support special programs, missions and benevolence support, above annually budgeted amounts.

### **Facilities Endowment Fund**

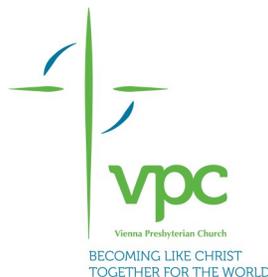
Earnings support the maintenance and improvement of VPC's physical facilities above annually budgeted facilities expenses.

### **Children and Youth Ministry Fund**

Earnings are used to support special, outside the budget needs for our Youth and Children's Ministry programs.

### **Worship and Music Ministry Fund**

Earnings support expenses generally related to worship and/or music that are above annually budgeted expenses.



One of my absolute favorite places on earth is our 1874 chapel. I love its simple architecture, its wooden pews, its musty smells and its intimate setting. What a tremendous legacy our spiritual forebears left us. Our strong history has been made possible by God's sustaining presence and by people who paved the way for us today. We do not take those blessings or gifts for granted. We remember the stories, the service, the gifts, and the faith entrusted to VPC over the years.

It is our hope that Vienna Presbyterian Church will continue to be a sanctuary for God's people for generations to come. In order to ensure this church carries on the legacy of God's work, we carefully steward the gifts we are given. The gifts people leave the church after they have died are compelling testimonies to their faith and their belief in Christ's work in and through VPC.

If we love our church while we're alive, why wouldn't we continue to invest in the Lord's work after we're gone? Our final act of living can be a gift that leaves a lasting legacy.

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- Pete James, Pastor

## BECOMING LIKE CHRIST TOGETHER FOR THE WORLD

VPC Generosity programs help our congregants learn more about Legacy Gifts and their role in sustaining VPC's mission. For more information contact Nina Graves, Director of Generosity, at [nina.graves@viennapres.org](mailto:nina.graves@viennapres.org) or visit [viennapres.org/legacy](https://viennapres.org/legacy).

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