

Easy, Safe, and Convenient - - Take Advantage of Online Giving

Online giving is a safe and easy way to support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church – Waunakee. This new system enables you to support the church by making a one time contribution or establishing a recurring gift. Just click on the “**Donate Here**” link to initiate your gift.

Benefits of Giving Online

There are several benefits to online giving for you and for the church.

- **First Fruits** – In Proverbs 3:9 we are taught to honor the Lord with the “First Fruits” of our labor. By setting up a recurring contribution that is scheduled to come on the day you specify you can ensure that your First Fruits are given back to God.
- **Simplicity** – You will not need to remember if you gave this month or to send in your offering checks when you are out of town.
- **Security** - Online giving is more secure than giving with a check in that an electronic gift can't be lost or stolen. The company we use to manage our online giving is being used by many churches, and has the highest level of security and confidentiality measures in place and they are PCI (Payment Card Industry) Level 1 Compliant, which is the highest level possible.
- **No Distractions** – Instead of needing to worry about writing a contribution check or looking for your offering during the service, you can be fully engaged with the worship service, knowing that you have already given back to the Lord for His work.
- **Helping FPC** – Online giving promotes more consistent giving, saves on administrative overhead and processing, and is more secure.

Online Giving – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is it safe to give online?

Yes. In many ways giving online is safer than writing a check in that an electronic gift cannot be lost or stolen. Vanco Services, the company we use to manage our online giving, is used by many churches, has the highest level of security and confidentiality measures in place and they are PCI (Payment Card Industry) Level 1 Compliant, which is the highest level possible.

Q: What types of bank accounts can I give from?

You can give online from either your checking or savings account.

Q: Can I use my credit or debit card for a donation?

Yes. You can give via credit or debit card (Visa, Mastercard, and Discover).

Q: Are there any fees involved with giving online?

No, there are not any fees to the giver (i.e. you). Please do note, however, that First Presbyterian Church (FPC) will incur a fee for gifts made on credit cards, thus FPC will receive more of your gift if you set up your online gift from your checking or savings account.

Q: Can I make a one-time contribution?

Yes. The system allows you the option of either making a one-time contribution or setting up a recurring contribution that is scheduled to come out of your bank account or be charged to your credit or debit card on the dates specified by you during the month.

Q: If I want to set up a recurring gifts, what are my options for frequency of gift?

For recurring gifts, you have the option of giving weekly, twice a month, or once a month.

Q: Can I change my personal information or the amount or the frequency of my gift once I have set it up?

Yes. To make changes to recurring gifts given via credit/debit card or via electronic deduction from your checking or savings account you could either send an email to Sue Gade (sgade@myfpc.org) stating the information to be changed or you could fill out an Authorization Form with the new information. The Electronic Giving Authorization Form is available on the home page of our website. The Authorization Form would need to be returned to Sue Gade for processing. Please call Sue in the church office at 849-4625 if you need any assistance with this.

Q: Will I still receive regular contribution statements from the church?

Yes. The church will continue to send contribution statements to you for tax purposes.

Q: How will I know that I set up my gift correctly?

Immediately after entering your contribution, you will see a printable gift confirmation.

Q: Can I designate my gift to a particular fund?

Yes. You can specify your gift to go toward the General operating fund, the building fund, per capita, or you may specify a different fund (such as VBS, mission, youth, etc.).

Q: When will contributions be taken from my account?

Contributions will be taken from your specified bank account within 48 business hours of the date you requested. This time frame allows time for the contribution to process through your bank and the church's bank. If your contribution falls on a weekend or a holiday, the transaction will be initiated on the next banking day. Credit card donations are usually processed within 24 hours.