



Growing in Gratitude
Idlewild Presbyterian Church

*“Where your
treasure is,
there your heart
will be also.”*

– Matthew 6:21



Beloved,

This year we have seen God's faithfulness again and again through vibrant worship, life-changing service, and the quiet, steady work of the Spirit in our midst. For all these gifts, we give thanks.

As we look toward 2026, we do so with trust that God will continue to use Idlewild to bless our city and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ. To sustain and strengthen this shared ministry, each of us has a part to play.

Right now, only about a third of our members make a financial commitment. Imagine the impact if more of us stepped forward! Your commitment, whatever the size, makes a real difference in what we can plan and accomplish together.

This generosity season invites us to *Grow in Gratitude*: to let thankfulness overflow into faithful giving. We hope you will join us in making your 2026 commitment today, so that together we may continue the work God has entrusted to us.

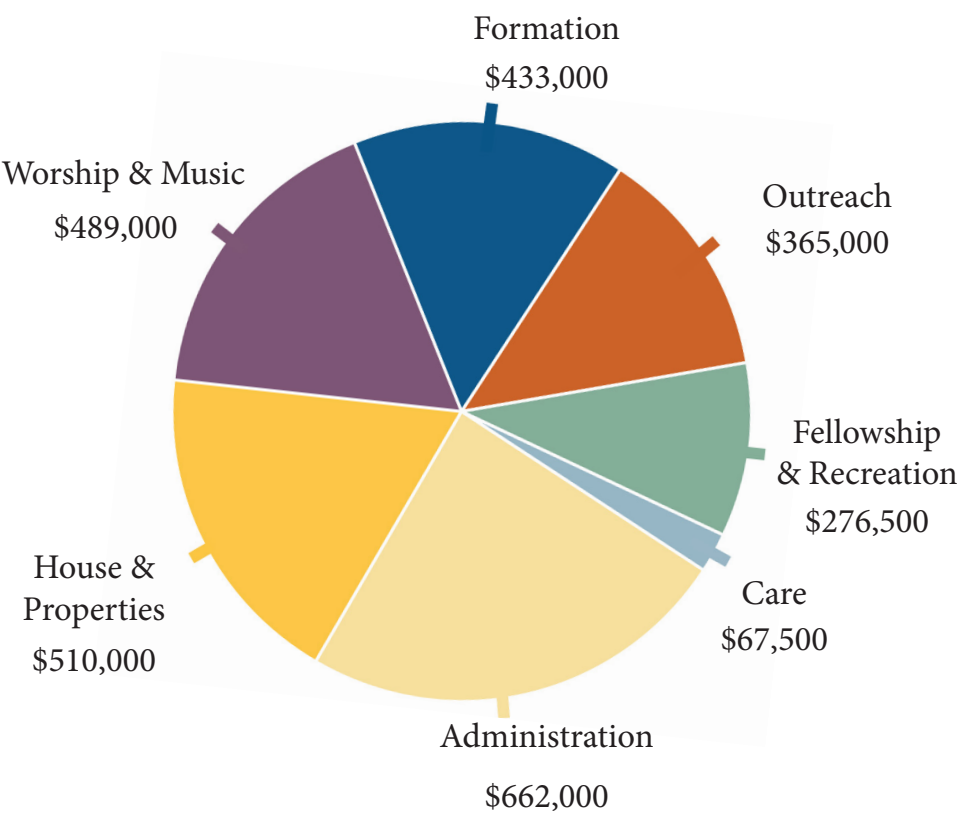
In Great Hope,

The Reverend David J. Powers

THE BUDGET

Idlewild’s budget is a theological document. Just as your household budget communicates your values, how the church allocates its financial resources says a great deal about how we understand and follow the Triune God.

To simplify presentation, we have distilled hundreds of line items down to the six ministry areas that make up our Church’s structure. Since we understand our personnel as vital to our ministries, each category includes a proportional percentage of the investment that we make in staff for the ministries of the church (pastoral, administrative, custodial, kitchen, maintenance, and programmatic).



Total Investment
\$2,803,000



GENEROSITY BY THE NUMBERS

Breakdown of Total Commitments:

	2023	2024	2025
Commitments	301	320	323
% of Households who Commit	32%	34%	38%
Average Commitment	\$6,617	\$6,783	\$6,928
Total Amount Committed	\$1,991,839	\$2,163,108	\$2,203,361

Breakdown of Commitments:

Age	Households who Commit	Total Households
20 - 29	5	149
30 - 39	24	118
40 - 49	41	99
50 - 59	47	102
60 - 69	70	126
70 - 79	71	120
80 - 89	53	89
90 +	7	20

Takeaways:

- Our top 10 commitments make up 19% of total commitments.
- Our average commitment (\$6,928) continues to increase each year.
- The most significant opportunity for growth is with our members between 30 to 59 years of age, where only 35% of active households make commitments.

Generosity Committee: Jody Brown | Ted Cashion | Keith Cole
Carol Fields | Ellis Haddad (vice-chair) | Russell Ingram
Epps Jones | Karen Matthews | Pete Sanders (chair)

Legacy Giving Sub-Committee: Wendy Ansbro | Ed Beasley
Jody Brown | Keith Cole (co-chair) | Kristin Croone
Ellis Haddad | Elizabeth Rouse (co-chair)



GROWING *in* GRATITUDE

Our hope is that you find a few quiet moments to pray over how God is calling you to generosity in the year ahead.

In what ways does God wish for you to commit yourself to the work of Christ's church? What gifts does God intend for you to share with your faith community?

After prayer, we ask that you make your commitment using the commitment card below, online at idlewildchurch.org/commit, or by emailing Amanda Kohr at akohr@idlewildchurch.org.

On the second Sunday of Advent, we will share a list of all those who have faithfully committed to financially support the ministry of Idlewild Presbyterian Church in the year ahead!



Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I commit to give \$ _____ ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ annually
for a total of \$ _____ in 2026.

☐ I would like assistance setting up a recurring gift in Realm.

☐ I would like information about becoming a member of the
Cornerstone Society by documenting my intention to leave a planned gift.

Signature _____

Date _____