

First Presbyterian Church Evanston

Core Values

The values were drawn from an informal poll of First Pres officers, members, attendees, and staff, as well as a two-day visioning process led by Ministry Architects consultants at the annual Leadership Retreat held January 11-12, 2019.

CHRISTLIKE LOVE

- selfless love for God and neighbor
- willingness to serve others rather than to be served
- forgiving others because we have been forgiven
- approaching life with humility

SPIRIT FILLED

- in tune with the Holy Spirit and open to its direction
- seeking to hear and be obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit
- awareness that God communes with us through the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURAL

- accepting the Bible as God's Word
- preaching and teaching that is rooted in the Bible
- applying Biblical precepts to our daily existence
- turning to the Bible for guidance and wisdom
- recognizing the importance of Biblical literacy

COMPASSIONATE

- empathy coupled with a desire to help
- merciful
- able to see the needs of others and respond to those needs
- sharing in another person's sorrows and suffering

JOYFUL

- the sense of gladness and hope that comes from knowing God loves us
- peace that exists regardless of circumstances
- full of delight for what God has done and will do in the world and in our lives