

Squarespace vs Tithe.ly — The Comparison Sheet

A free decision sheet from ChurchCreation.com

The full feature face-off

	SQUARESPACE	TITHE.LY	WINNER
Design & templates	Best-in-class	Church-ready, generic	Squarespace
Ease of use (volunteer DIY)	Polished drag-drop	Purpose-built church blocks	Tie
Native church giving	None — must embed	Built in	Tithe.ly
Recurring giving & text-to-give	Via embedded tool only	Native (+ kiosk)	Tithe.ly
Branded church app	None	Native	Tithe.ly
Member management (ChMS)	None	Native	Tithe.ly
Sermon / media library	No structured archive	Native sermon player	Tithe.ly
Events calendar	General	Native church events	Tithe.ly
Email / communication	Basic (add-on)	Native in suite	Tithe.ly
Blogging	Excellent	Basic	Squarespace
SEO control	Granular (titles, meta, 301s)	Adequate	Squarespace
Mobile / responsive	Excellent	Good	Squarespace
Page speed	Strong CDN	Decent	Squarespace
Content / domain ownership	Portable, low lock-in	In Tithe.ly ecosystem	Squarespace
Free trial	14 days	30 days	Tithe.ly
Entry price (small church)	\$23/mo Core + giving fees	\$19/mo Sites	Tithe.ly

Verdict: Squarespace wins design, blogging, SEO, speed & ownership. Tithe.ly wins everything church-specific — giving, app, member tools, sermons, events — plus price & trial.

What It Costs & Who Should Pick What

2026 pricing — verify current rates at each provider

Pricing

Squarespace (per plan, annual)		Tithe.ly (mix & match)	
Basic	\$16/mo	Giving	\$0/mo
Core (church pick)	\$23/mo	Sites (website)	\$19/mo
Plus	\$39/mo	Church Management	\$72/mo
Advanced	\$99/mo	Church App	\$89/mo
Native giving	None — embed	All Access (everything)	\$119/mo

Giving fees are the same either way: 2.9% + \$0.30 (card) / 1% + \$0.30 (ACH). The lingering "\$149 Tithe.ly setup fee" is outdated — Sites is \$19/mo with a 30-day free trial.

Who should pick what

Pick Squarespace if...

- ☐ Design polish is your #1 priority
- ☐ You have a capable volunteer or designer
- ☐ You want a blog-heavy, SEO-strong general site
- ☐ You want full content & domain portability
- ☐ You're happy to embed a giving tool

Pick Tithe.ly if...

- ☐ You want giving + app + member tools in one system
- ☐ You already use (or want) Tithe.ly Giving
- ☐ You need native sermons, events & text-to-give
- ☐ You have no designer and want church-ready templates
- ☐ You want the lowest all-in-one price

💡 **Or do both.** Tithe.ly Giving is free and embeds into any website — so you can run Squarespace's design AND Tithe.ly's native-feeling giving together. The real choice is usually **design-first & modular** vs **all-in-one & unified**, not one tool over the other.