

**"forgetting what lies behind and straining
forward to what lies ahead, I..." -Philippians 3:12-14**



PRESS ON

Dear church family,

It is again time to do some deep soul searching and prayerfully consider just how much FPC means to each one of us and to our loved ones, our community, and the Kingdom of God.

Our church has been richly blessed. There is a vibrancy here that simply does not exist everywhere. We beam with pride on Youth Sunday and confirmation, we are reminded of God's love and filled with hope at each baptism. When someone is in need, folks come running with flowers, prayers, casseroles, and hugs. We are uplifted in worship, inspired to serve, and challenged to grow in faith. And the promises of that faith bring a deep-seated joy and peace that nothing can match. We have been given much... so we are being asked to give much, as well.

On behalf of this great church that we all love, every member is being asked to ***"press on toward the goal"*** of the upward call the Apostle Paul talks about in Philippians. We are being asked to ***pledge generously, graciously, and with much gratitude for the unspeakable gifts of God in all of our lives.***

There are many reasons that we need to "press on" with our giving: our church's mission to serve the burgeoning needs of many in our community and beyond, expanding programs, increased prices, a full staff, desire for growth, church maintenance requirements, and the passing of faithful, generous members. Last year, many of you stepped up and increased your pledge, and some pledged who had not previously. For all of this, we are grateful. *But now, we ask all of you to press on...* to keep the higher level of support coming.

What you decide to pledge is ultimately between you and God, but we respectfully ask for your strong support this stewardship season and all during the coming year. Our beloved church both needs and deserves this kind of support from all of us.

Pledges can be made online, by calling Church Administrator Jackie Joiner, or by submitting the enclosed Pledge Card. You can also scan the QR Code below or the one on the physical pledge cards to take you online via your smartphone where you can make your pledge there. You may make your pledge as soon as you are ready, but we hope to hear from you by Stewardship Dedication Sunday, which is September 14th.

Thanks so much for your prayerful consideration of this request and your ongoing support of First Presbyterian Church.

The Stewardship Committee

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