

Faith Presbyterian Church
2025 Fall Stewardship

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
-1 Peter 4:10*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's all God's. It's all good. It's all going back. That is the essence of stewardship, this reality that we are stewards, or trustees, with regard to everything we possess. *What am I to do with that which I now possess for a time?* This is surely one of the most important questions we ever ask ourselves.

Stewardship doesn't involve only our treasure (i.e., our material wealth and money); it involves our time and talents as well, every aspect of our lives. I love that here at Faith, we emphasize that our responsibility as trustees extends far beyond the money we come to possess for a time. I also love that in this congregation, I am surrounded by so many people who continue to be so faithful in seeking the Lord's will along these lines. I'm inspired by the generosity I witness in this church!

This coming Sunday, October 5, is Stewardship Commitment Sunday. This is an opportunity for each of us to prayerfully consider how we will answer this question: *What portion of the resources which the Lord has given to me will I pledge to the ministry of Christ through this congregation in the coming year?* Again, this involves our treasure, but also our time and talents.

Please take some time this week to prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to give of your time, talent and treasure in the coming year. This year we are asking you to fill out *two* pledge cards, one regarding your treasure and one regarding your time and talents. You'll find each included in this packet, and each is self-explanatory.

If you are giving as a household, please include others in this time of prayerful consideration, even your young children. If you have kids who receive some income, perhaps from a job or allowance, invite them to fill out their own financial pledge card for Sunday. We also encourage children and youth to pledge their time and talents in ministry this coming year. There are lots of ways for children to serve here at Faith. Stewardship is something we can, and must, teach! You can download extra pledge cards of both kinds from our website at faithpresby.org. See the "Stewardship" page under the "Giving" tab.

This Sunday, we invite you to bring both pledge cards and drop them in the offering basket at the appropriate time in the service. If you are out of town this Sunday, we encourage you to use the enclosed envelope to mail your pledge cards to the church, drop them off during office hours, or bring them on a subsequent Sunday. As a reminder, your financial pledge will be seen only by our Pledge Secretary. Ideally, we would like to receive all pledge cards by Sunday, November 9.

Don't forget that this Sunday, October 5, we will also hold our annual Ministry Fair on the patio between services. During the fair, we invite you to engage with the leaders of our various ministries and consider how you might be called to join in by offering your time and talents.

I thank God for each of you, and for this community. It continues to be a joy to serve as one of your pastors.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jeff Chapman