WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 31, 2021

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ to worship God and by the power of the Holy Spirit do God's work in the world.

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Holy and gracious God, you come to us with words of wisdom and of promise. Teach us to know the gifts you have given us and lead us to love what is nourishing for all life, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Pathways to Generosity

Stewardship Personal Testimony

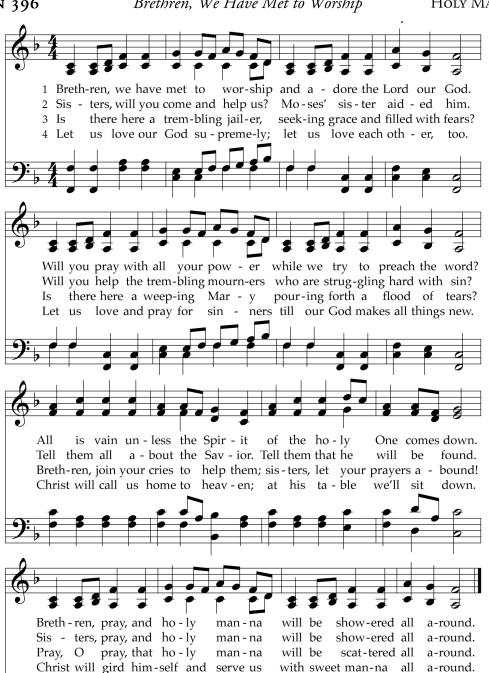
Sarah Avellar Faith Shartzer

Prelude Gavotte Grieg

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
All: who walk in the law of the Lord.
Leader: Happy are those who keep God's decrees,
All: who seek God with their whole heart.

^{*}To all who are able, please stand as we offer God thanks and praise. **Bold type face** indicates that the congregation participates in word or song.



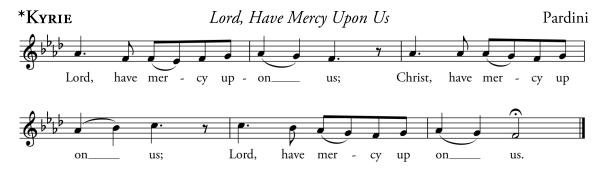
*Call to Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God, from whom our help comes.

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER



*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved, the Lord is loving, merciful, and just. Therefore, we are reconciled to God and to one another, that we might walk in peace and love.



SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Through your Word, O God, let your Holy Spirit open our insight, remove our ignorance, kindle our zeal, and bind us to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 119:1-8 (Responsive)

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the Lord.

People: Happy are those who keep his decrees,

who seek him with their whole heart,

who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

Leader: You have commanded your precepts

to be kept diligently.

People: O that my ways may be steadfast

in keeping your statutes!

Leader: Then I shall not be put to shame,

having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

People: I will praise you with an upright heart,

when I learn your righteous ordinances.

Leader: I will observe your statutes;

do not utterly forsake me.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 8:1-12

8 We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ² for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—
⁵ and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"An Eagerness to Give to the Church"

John E. Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age Wareham 1 The church of Christ in set ev - ery age, by be -2 A cross the world, a - cross the street, vic tims the the ser - vant church a - rise, 3 Then let car ing Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, the can cure mis - sion but 5 We have to serve in full no Spir claim change but led, must and its it test in jus for shel for tice cry ter and church that longs Christ's be part in to a ner fe our blood, teach how ver in and us to withbe - dience to our Lord: care for all. to her - i - tage and keep ris - ing from the dead. on bread to eat, and nev live be - fore they die. er sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty. mul - ti - tude. share our bread and feed the stary - ing spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word. out re - serve, and

*Affirmation of Faith: From A Brief Statement of Faith (Unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to WPC. May our offerings continue to help us be the light for our neighbors and our siblings in Christ all over the world. Offering envelopes can now be found inside the friendship register book.

We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:

- You may place your offering in the plates as you exit the sanctuary.
- Click the "Make Online Offering" button below the video window on the watch worship services page (www.mywpc.org/streaming/).
- Scan the QR code at the right to access the online offering form.
- Mail your offering to the church office.



OFFERTORY

How Shall I Sing That Majesty

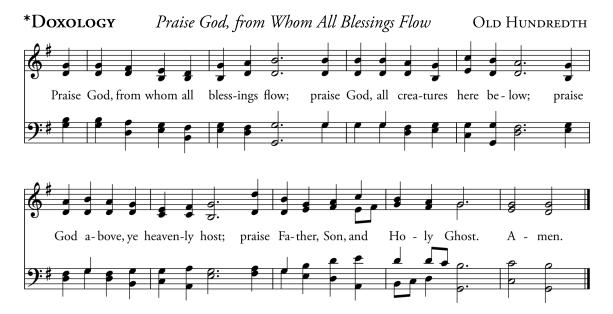
Kenneth Naylor

How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; But who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears; Whilst I thy footsteps trace, A sound of God comes to my ears, But they behold thy face. They sing because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me; For where heaven is but once begun, There alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold
With all my fire and light;
Yet, when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.



*Prayer of Dedication

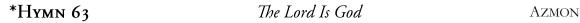
GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

*Invitation and Lord's Day Greeting

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- Click the "Sign Friendship Register" button below the video window on the watch worship services page (www.mywpc.org/streaming/).
- Scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.







*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response The Lord Bless You and Keep You John Rutter

Postlude

Funeral March of a Marionette

Gounod

The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ≪

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Skip Yohe and her parents, Hall & Elizabeth Achenbach by Holly Yohe and family.

> Those Serving in Worship Today ◆

PASTORS

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

Pam Hrncir, Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care

GREETERS

9:30am Doris Gilfillan 11:00am Ralph Simmons

Ushers

9:30am Pat Underwood, Anne Nicastro, Nick Nicastro, Rebecca Caprio

11:00am Ellen D'Orsogna, Gene D'Orsogna, Nancy Archibald, Rebecca Caprio

LITURGIST

Deborah Bussert

*Williamsburg Landing Ushers

Joane Bozek

*Windsor Meade Usher

Paul Hotinger

Music Ministry

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music

Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Chancel Choir

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Adrian Williams

Audio and Video Technician: Dick Sahlen and John Schoenberger

^{*}Satellite campuses

>> PRAYER CONCERNS, JOYS, & TOUCH NOTES ◆

To share a joy or concern, please visit www.mywpc.org, select GET CARE on the menu bar, then PRAYER REQUEST from the drop-down menu. Complete the form and click SEND REQUEST on the bottom of the form. Per your instructions, your request will shared with our pastors, prayer chain or will be included in the worship bulletin. If the internet is not available to you, please call the church office (757) 229-4235 with your request.

The Prayer Chain Coordinator is: JoAnn Youhas (handbellringer@cox.net).

If you are in need of a pastor after hours or on the weekend with an emergency request, please contact the Pastor-on-Call listed below for this week. To reach a Pastor during the week, please call the church office.

Sunday, October 24 – Saturday, October 30

John E. Morgan, (jmorgan@mywpc.org; 757-908-7088)

Please continue to pray for:

- Dick Curtin, member of our current new member class, John Richardson and Richard Friese, brother of WPC member Nancy Moul.
- Those who have recently lost loved ones, those recovering from various surgeries and our sick and shut-ins who are at home or facility bound.
- Those serving our country in the military services and their families.
- All those who continue to be affected by the COVID-19 in our local community, the United States and around the World.
- Students, parents, teachers, school staff and bus drivers as they enter a new school year.

➢ ANNOUNCEMENTS ←

- TODAY, Sunday, October 31 and Sunday, November 7 the Confirmation Class is holding a Food Srive as its service project. Canned and sturdily packaged non-perishable foods will be collected before and after the 9:30am Worship Service near the bulletin board or weather permitting, outside. Look for the RED shopping cart!
- NEW MEMBER WELCOME RECEPTION TODAY: We are excited to welcome our new members into our church family. Please join us for a reception in our courtyard after the 11am worship service. Let's express our gratitude for the ways God is at work in the life of WPC by a welcoming our new members.
- Scare up some fun as the Open Door Concert Series welcomes the Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra, this afternoon at 4:00pm. The orchestra will provide live music and sound effects to accompany two ghostly silent films projected overhead: Laurel & Hardy's Habeas Corpus and Buster Keaton's The Haunted House. Children are invited to attend in costume, with special festivities preceding the concert! Arrive early for outdoor festivities beginning at 3:00pm. More information at mywpc.org/concerts.
- This year's stewardship's theme is *Pathways to Generosity*. The Stewardship Team is asking that everyone be engaged in this journey as we seek to grow in our relationship with God. The focus is on prayer, biblical devotions read each day for twenty-eight days and asking, "God, where do You want me to be in my giving?" We will learn about being born in the image of a generous God, being grounded in gratitude, revealed through prayer and sealed by faith, in the devotional book "A Generous Life."

Through Sunday, November 7, you will receive on Sunday a week's worth of daily devotions in your email. There are also a limited number of hard copies available in the church welcome center. You are welcome to pickup a copy today. You may want to read the devotions as a family, as a couple or by yourself.

- USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP SERVICES. CAN YOU HELP? Please
 visit the tables in the Elevator Lobby area between services today through November 14 to signup to serve as an Usher or Greeter during November, December and January. Four ushers and
 one greeter are needed for each service. No previous experience is necessary. Contact
 Rebecca Caprio, Usher Coordinator, for more information (ushers@mywpc.org; (703) 732-1830).
- The WPC Endowment Committee has awarded \$16,500 in grants from the Charitable Account to 7 community organizations. Watch for the next addition of the Kirk Newsletter for all the details of how your Endowment Fund, a WPC legacy of giving, has helped those in need in our community.
- SAVE THE DATE! Monday November 8, 7:00 pm: What the heck is going on with our area's recycling program? Are you confused what plastics to recycle and why that has changed? Are you aware that James City County is moving to a separated glass recycling program that will benefit area and regional businesses while keeping glass out of the trash and into our waters? Join us on Zoom for a special guest who will give us the latest information. We will also have some Show and Tell. Stay tuned for details in the electronic banner and church bulletin.

You are invited to register for the next Roundtable Pulpit group with Pastor John Morgan.
The Roundtable will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm via ZOOM starting
November 9 and ending December 14. Sermon topics will be centered around the Revised
Common Lectionary. You do not need particular qualifications or be a biblical scholar to be a part of
the group. The group will be limited to 15 members.

This is a chance to learn about sermon formation and how sermons function in the community. You will assist in widening the preacher's perspective, promoting collaboration and a public forum of theology in the pulpit. Based on the weekly conversation, a sermon will be written and preached by Rev. Morgan the following Sunday. It is believed that from the Roundtable discussion, a richer, more meaningful and relevant witness to the power and presence of God in our lives and in our world will be possible. Audio of the sermons will be available on the WPC website (www.mywpc.org) or in print (contact the church office) after they have been preached and comments or reactions to them are always welcome.

Please email John (jmorgan@mywpc.org) to join. He will send a ZOOM invitation to those who register as the starting date nears.

- CONSIDER BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER! Be part of a practical and powerful ministry. To learn more join us on Sunday, November 7 after the 11am worship in the library.
- There is an upcoming opportunity for WPC members to help build a Habitat for Humanity house off of Richmond Road on Friday, November 12. If you are interested in being a part the WPC Habitat work crew, contact CW Stacks for information about how to sign up.
- The next meeting of the book club will be Monday, November 29, at 2:00pm (location TBD). We will discuss *The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine*, by Janice P. Nimura. For more information, or to receive the ZOOM link, please contact Ellen Peters (ellenbpeters@gmail.com).
- It's time again to fight world hunger through the WPC Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. You can join others to help package meals on Saturday, November 6 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at The Rise Against Hunger warehouse is located at: 5022 Byrd Industrial Drive, Richmond, VA US 23231, near the airport. To get involved, just follow these instructions: to register as a volunteer visit mywpc.org/rah and click the Register as a Volunteer button. We are limited to 40 volunteers. To make a donation and offset the cost of our event supplies visit mywpc.org/offering, and scroll down to the Special Appeals section to contribute now. This information is also on mywpc.org/rah. If you want to learn more about the Rise Against Hunger organization, or the upcoming event, please contact Gary Davis, or Jim Kirkpatrick, Donna Herring or Jerry Howell; their telephone numbers are in the online church directory.
- The Christian Education committee is thrilled to announce the church nursery is officially open! We are offering childcare for children birth through 3-years old on Sunday mornings from 9:15am-noon, and for children up through elementary age at other times throughout the month.

To request childcare for your event, make sure you check the "Childcare" box on the event registration form on the church website when scheduling your event.

• Do You Have a Bicycle to Donate to the Bicycle Co-Op of Williamsburg? The weather's getting chilly and we're beginning to move inside. Meanwhile, is that bicycle still sitting where it was in the spring? Have you gone another season without riding it? The Bicycle Co-Op of Williamsburg would welcome your donation!

The Bicycle Co-Operative of Williamsburg is a project of BikeWalk Williamsburg. Their vision is to provide access to bicycles for youth and adults in our community who otherwise cannot obtain functional bicycles. Their mission is to solicit, receive and refurbish donated bicycles and distribute them to individuals based on their ability to pay, to provide a facility for the repair of bicycles, to train youth in operating such a facility, and to educate the community about the benefits of safe bicycling. To donate a bicycle or for more information, contact Andy Ballentine (andyballentine@yahoo.com).

- There will no longer be a Deacon-on-Call. Each week there will be a Pastor-on-Call for emergencies after office hours, weekends, and holidays. Their contact information can be found in the bulletin and the weekly e-newsletter. During normal office hours, please call the church office to reach one of our pastors.
- Coffee Fellowship will be held in the Courtyard at 10:30am on Sundays when the weather allows. Come and greet friends you have not seen for awhile and make new friends.
- One of the 4 large round flannel backed tablecloths used for coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings is missing. The design is different colored leaves of brown, rust and green that are used during this time of the year. Tablecloths in the closet in Stevenson Hall were bought to be used exclusively for events held there. If you know where it is, PLEASE help it to find its way back to the closet there.

≫ OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS ≪

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00am New Member Class / LL049

9:30am Fellowship Bible Study Class / LL009

Alpha Bible Class / ZOOM

9:30am and 11am In-person Worship / Sanctuary

9:30am Live-Stream Worship; visit mywpc.org to access

10:30am Coffee Fellowship / Courtyard

11:00am Worship / Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740. or wmbgradio.com

11:00am Thoughtful Christian Bible Class / ZOOM 12:00pm New Member Reception / Courtyard 3:15pm Pre-Concert Children's Event / Courtyard

4:00pm Open Door Concert: Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00am DISCIPLE: Under The Tree of Life / LL010 and ZOOM

1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 220 7:00pm Christian Fellowship Committee / LL010

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10:00am DISCIPLE Bible Study / LL010 and ZOOM

1:00pm Staff Mtg / ZOOM

2:00pm Sanctuary Ringers / Bell Room

7:00pm AA Wmsbg. Tuesday Night Big Book Study / LL049

7:00pm Nominating Committee / Rm 222 or ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:00pm Genesis Ringers / Bell Room

6:00pm UKirk Campus Ministry / Courtyard and UKirk Rm

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir /Choir Room and Children's Choir Room

7:00pm The Squares Men's Bible Study / ZOOM

7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30pm Young Adult's Monthly Gathering Group / Gauthier Winery

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

11:00am Rise Against Hunger / RAH Richmond Warehouse

> NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP ◆

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 - 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

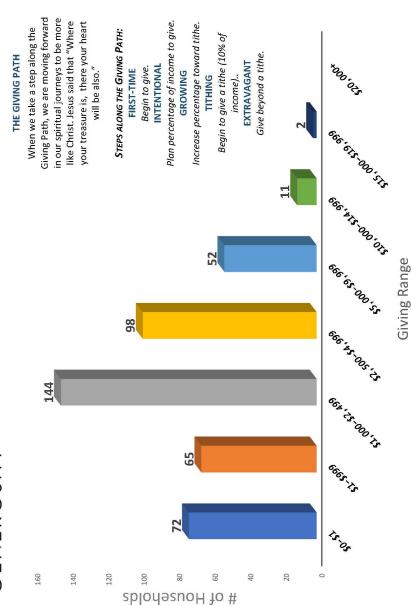
The sermon "Giving is Growing" will be based on Luke 7:36-50.

*9:30am service is live-streamed on mywpc.org and YouTube.

**11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740.



Williamsburg Presbyterian Church Giving





Williamsburg Presbyterian Church Giving Personal Plan for Generosity Growth

Below is a table calculating suggested percentage of monthly giving options based on Annual Income

Monthly Giving

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Annual	1%	2%	3%	4%	2%	%9	%/	%8	%6	10%	12%	15%
\$10,000	\$\$	\$17	\$25	\$33	\$42	\$50	\$58	29\$	\$75	\$83	\$100	\$125
\$20,000	\$17	\$33	\$50	\$67	\$83	\$100	\$117	\$133	\$150	\$167	\$200	\$250
\$30,000	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	\$375
\$40,000	\$33	\$67	\$100	\$133	\$167	\$200	\$233	\$267	\$300	\$333	\$400	\$500
\$50,000	\$42	\$83	\$125	\$167	\$208	\$250	\$292	\$333	\$375	\$417	\$500	\$625
\$60,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$750
\$70,000	\$58	\$117	\$175	\$233	\$292	\$350	\$408	\$467	\$525	\$583	\$700	\$875
\$80,000	\$67	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333	\$400	\$467	\$533	\$600	\$667	\$800	\$1,000
\$90,000	\$75	\$150	\$225	\$300	\$375	\$450	\$525	\$600	\$675	\$750	\$900	\$1,125
\$100,000	\$83	\$167	\$250	\$333	\$417	\$500	\$583	\$667	\$750	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,250
\$110,000	\$92	\$183	\$275	\$367	\$458	\$550	\$642	\$733	\$825	\$917	\$1,100	\$1,375
\$120,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,500
\$130,000	\$108	\$217	\$325	\$433	\$542	\$650	\$758	\$867	\$975	\$1,083	\$1,300	\$1,625
\$140,000	\$117	\$233	\$350	\$467	\$583	\$700	\$817	\$933	\$1,050	\$1,167	\$1,400	\$1,750
\$150,000	\$125	\$250	\$375	\$500	\$625	\$750	\$875	\$1,000	\$1,125	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$1,875
\$175,000	\$146	\$292	\$438	\$583	\$729	\$875	\$1,021	\$1,167	\$1,313	\$1,458	\$1,750	\$2,188
\$200,000	\$167	\$333	\$500	\$667	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,167	\$1,333	\$1,500	\$1,667	\$2,000	\$2,500

^{1.} Find out where your current level of giving is on the chart (the intersection of Annual Income row and Monthly Giving column).

^{2.} Move to the right to determine how many steps you are willing to take on your personal giving path.