



***“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”*** II Corinthians 9: 7-8

Let me share two simple thoughts, both equally true, that speak to the heart of stewardship.

***First, your church needs you.*** While this short statement may seem abundantly clear, I am not sure we say it often enough. The church, our church, is greatly dependent upon you. Your energy and your efforts, your time and your talents, your tithes and your offerings make the mission of First Presbyterian possible. Without your faithful commitment, we fall short of the calling that is ours together in Christ. With your faithful commitment, we fulfill our shared ministry in him.

***Second, you need your church.*** First Presbyterian provides a place for you to learn and to grow and to live God’s love. Here you experience worship that inspires, study that enriches, fellowship that encourages, and service that transforms.

As activities return to “more normal times” around here, we are grateful for increased in-person participation. Of course, we are also grateful for the online participation that is vital to our congregation. Most importantly, we are grateful for your faithful response to Christ’s work in this community and beyond!

Like this past year, our campaign will once again be making good use of our technology. To make your financial commitment for 2023, simply click on the link that you receive electronically, or go to our website’s homepage. Of course, if you prefer a hard copy, just call the church office (843-448-4496) and a form will be mailed to you.

Our plan is to establish a budget that significantly expands our mission, including the increased commitments we have made to Habitat For Humanity (neighborhood revitalization), Thornwell (foster care and family services), and Presbyterian College (student scholarships). Your giving is vital to the work we are called to do in the coming year! My hope is that each of us will prayerfully consider how we can respond with our financial gifts, and our time and talent, as well.

May God encourage each of us to be good stewards of our God-given resources. And may we be blessed for bearing much fruit through the gifts we now make.

Peace,

John C. Brearley