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“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

September 30th, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ.

Does giving make you feel cheerful? How you feel when you give is most likely dependent on why you are giving and to whom that gift is being given. The Stewardship Committee is grateful and hopeful that your giving to God through First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown will bring a feeling of cheerfulness to you.

We know God has blessed us with the gift of Christ. God has also blessed our mission and ministry with a congregation of benevolent and generous members.

This year, 2021, we had to depend on our faith and love of God to get us through some hard times. In 2022, we can strengthen our faith by attending worship services, in person or online. The activities that were put on hold in 2021 are in the planning stages to begin again, Worship in the Sanctuary with choirs and our children attending Sunday School are a priority. We seek to find ways for all to attend, programs like Bible Studies, small group gatherings, Vacation Bible School, and sharing our fellowship at meals sponsored by the different committees. We can share our talents with the congregation and community through participation in these activities, and service in the choirs, on committees and as a member of the Session or Board of Deacons.

The First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown has been in transition during 2021, between COVID and the shift of pastors many may wonder what is being done to move us forward. The elders and deacons have been able to cheerfully work together and find the way to be a community and have helped us all be a community – both in person once more and online. What we realize is that we have always been in transition since the 1700's when the church was founded.

During our time away from the church, the much needed renovations were able to be completed. We can feel comfortable knowing our church is safe, and the inside and outside are beautiful. But that does not mean there is nothing left to do at the church.

In 2022, we will continue welcoming those who come through our doors, growing our Sunday School, and feeding the hungry in body and spirit. Let the giving of ourselves bring cheer to our lives through the Love and Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your commitment to our church for 2022 will ensure the future is bright. Please return the enclosed commitment card to the church by October 24, 2021. Our 2022 Stewardship Commitments will be dedicated on Sunday October 31, 2021. Be a cheerful giver and bring joy to your world by making a commitment to The First Presbyterian Church.

The Peace of God Be With You,

Your Stewardship Committee

*Strengthening families; Sowing friendships;
Serving community; In the name of Jesus Christ.*



Please return right portion
by October 24, 2021

Keep this portion as a record
of your financial stewardship
commitment for the year 2022

My (our) financial stewardship commitment

\$ _____

- Monthly Weekly Other _____
 No Specific Pledge

*But each of us was given grace
according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph.4:7)*

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Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2022

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment:
\$ _____ Monthly Weekly Other _____ No specific pledge

I give online, no envelopes needed Please order envelopes for me

I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning

I (we) are interested in participating in:

- Sunday School Worship Leader Driver Offering Counter
 Choir/Bells Home Visits Greeter Usher/Collection

Annual Income	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate To Income						
	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
60,000	173.00	115.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00

Personal Commitment Planner

Weekly amounts proportionate to income are shown in the chart, or use the Commitment Planner to determine amount of gift based on percentage of income. **For personal use only, keep this portion for your records.**

Proportionate giving decision: _____%

Annual household income: \$ ^(A) _____
^(B) _____

Amount of annual gift:

$$\frac{\text{(A)}}{\text{(B)}} \% \times \$ \text{(B)} = \$ \text{(C)}$$

Amount of bi-weekly gift: \$ _____ /26 = \$ _____
^(C)

Amount of monthly gift: \$ _____ /12 = \$ _____
^(C)

Amount of quarterly gift: \$ _____ /4 = \$ _____
^(C)