



The First Presbyterian Church

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the ways that each of you contribute to the life and ministry here at First Presbyterian. Whether it is teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, finishing a building project, serving on session or visiting friends of the church the community is blessed because of you. We are also grateful for the money and resources you give and entrusting our church to be good stewards of it.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully 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. As it is written, "He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever. He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness". 2 Corinthians 9:6-10.

The story of God's unchanging love for us compels us to share it with someone. Being a disciple of Jesus means that we our lives are an extension of God's goodness. One of the ways that we show that is by giving back to God, what God has graciously given to us. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might joyfully share your planned giving for 2025.

You will find a "blessings list" that includes how each arm of our ministry here hopes to bless our community over the next year. We pray you might consider this as we plan towards our 2025 budget to support our continued ministry and a blessed place to share and feel the love for our lord Jesus Christ. To that end, we have included a dedication card in this envelope so that we can plan for our budget for 2025. We will dedicate our pledges in worship on November 24, 2024.

- Community Outreach Ministry including much needed pantry food shelf, community dinners, Free Market, partnering with Hackettstown Emergency Medical Services, strengthening relationships with Centenary University, and other projects as they arise.
- Growing and solid Christian Education Program including support and encouragement for our soon to be new members in the confirmation class.

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

- Continued support of the important ministry of Johnsonburg camp by providing more scholarships for students to attend their retreats or summer camps.
- Maintaining a vital and appreciated ministry of music with an eclectic mix of song choirs, bell choirs, soloists, and sacred song in music and words.
- Continuing to provide a warm and welcoming place of worship that contributes to our beautiful town landscape and serves as a revered place of worship for our church community.
- Continue to identify talent, resources and finances to grow and expand our mission of serving as disciples of Christ both locally with the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown and beyond as part of the Highlands Presbytery and the greater Presbyterian Church USA.

In hope,

The Stewardship Team:

Bill Cors

Chuck Potter

Ray Sookhoo

Ryan Van Orden

Al Ravo

Pastor Erin



Please return right portion
by November 24, 2024



Keep this portion as a record
of your financial stewardship
commitment for the year 2025

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 2025

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:

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|--|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver | <input type="checkbox"/> Offering Counter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/Bells | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

Amount of annual gift: _____
(B)

_____ % x \$ _____ = \$ _____
(A) (B) (C)

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

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

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