



Dear Friends and Fellow Members of Second Presbyterian Church:

As we approach the end of this calendar year and the beginning of a new one, and as our Stewardship Ministry Team works on a budget for 2022, now is an excellent opportunity for each of us to reflect on how we choose to use our time, treasure and talents to serve Jesus Christ and to build HIS kingdom here on earth.

Throughout its 200 year history, congregations of Second Presbyterian Church have created a lasting legacy of promoting social justice and of generously supporting numerous ministries which lifted up our brothers and sisters who found themselves in need of a helping hand and of learning about GOD's love.

Our current congregation is blessed to have so many friends and members who respond generously with their time, their treasure and their talents. As result, we are able to not only maintain, but actually improve, our magnificent church campus; to employ a very talented and dedicated staff; and to share the good news of GOD's love through numerous local, regional and international ministries.

Several years ago the Session committed to allocating ten percent of total income to support the ministries of our church. Annual Giving represents the vast majority of the church's total income so as our giving increases we are able to enhance funding of our traditional ministries and to even expand the number of ministries we support.



In 2022, we hope to increase our Service and Outreach budget to have an even greater impact.

As important as sharing our financial resources is in supporting Second Presbyterian Church, sharing our time and talents is also very important. We are called to share GOD's love whenever, wherever and with whomever we can. So, as we consider a financial response to our church, let us also examine how we currently spend our time serving GOD to determine if it accurately reflects our faith.

A pledge is our good-faith estimate of how we sense GOD is leading us to give and reflects our gratitude to GOD for his EVERLASTING LOVE, GRACE and MERCY. Our pledge is not a binding obligation because our circumstances could change, but pledging allows our Session to realistically plan for the coming year. And as always, our pledge is confidential.

May we see making a financial pledge to Second Presbyterian Church as a spiritual practice just like praying, reading the Bible, and worshipping publicly with others. Let us respond to GOD with generosity and thanksgiving!

Please bring the enclosed pledge card to worship on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, when we will have the opportunity to present our pledges in the presence of GOD, or if you choose, you may bring or mail your pledge card to the church office before the end of the year.

All Glory and Honor to Jesus Christ, our LORD and Savior,



Tim Wright

and Your Stewardship Ministry Team