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2021 stewardship



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Stewardship season has returned.

This is the season for prayerfully considering what the Lord would have us do in the upcoming fiscal year. The Scriptures address giving from many different perspectives, all of which are holy to the Lord. Whether it be a commitment of our time and giftedness along with our pledge of our financial resources, all are vital for the support of the many ministries here at First Presbyterian Church and beyond.

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 9:8



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Thank you for your generosity in the past and for what you will do in 2021.

God's providence is amazing in many ways. This has been evident throughout 2020 as we continue to navigate through difficult circumstances. In II Corinthians 9:8, we see a little more of what knowing God can look like in our daily lives. We can abound in every good work because he gives us contentment in all things due to his grace to us. Our stewardship is one result of the grace given to us.

What are these good works in which we are to abound? Simply, they are the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. World Missions has been, and will continue to be, a focus of our church. Our missionaries are facing the same obstacles we are in terms of life during a pandemic. We have recently begun to support two new missionary families, the Aulds and the Lyndes. Please pray for these families and all our missionaries as they continue to minister in various countries.

Local Missions continues to be a rapidly growing ministry for our church. Our city has many needs, and we are working alongside numerous organizations that assist with the homeless, abused, incarcerated, those struggling with the decision of taking a pregnancy to full-term, and many other issues facing individuals in the Midlands. Many of these efforts need more than financial resources; they need volunteers and prayer. Please visit our website, www.firstprescolumbia.org/localmissions, to learn more about how you can get involved in helping those in need in our community. More communication about volunteering and service opportunities with both local ministries and church ministries will be shared during the last quarter of 2020.

This past year has been full of both challenges and opportunities. We have vastly expanded our technology and digital offerings to meet the needs of the congregation. Our Audio-Visual Ministry has taken off with *Daily Devotions*, Sunday School recordings, and various Music Ministry videos. Our ministry staff is connecting with the congregation in ways they never have before using digital means. We yearn to be together again as we once were, and we are taking steps in that direction. However, these new opportunities will continue to be a blessing to many in this season and beyond.

As we plan for 2021, we need your prayers and support. All that we do at the church is carefully budgeted so that we may be good stewards of what the Lord has given us. Please consider filling out a pledge card and returning it on October 11, or filling a card out using the online form, so that we may properly plan and thus continue to be good stewards.

We are always grateful for the generous gifts of time and talent, but especially those given in the past six months. The church staff showed remarkable dedication and love for our congregation in a multitude of ways as they adapted to new policies and varying forms of technology. Volunteers from throughout the congregation delivered meals, picked up groceries, and wrote letters. Well over 100 people continue to pray together, via Zoom, each Wednesday night. The offering of these gifts is an active living out of our mission statement, "...to build vibrant lives, strong families, and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the well-being of our city, state, and the world."

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