



September 14, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month, we begin our celebration of the blessings that come from **stewardship**. The theme of this year's campaign comes from the Gospel of John, Chapter 15, "I am the vine, and you are the branches." It vividly illustrates how we are called to be an extension of God's love. Throughout the campaign, we will share the six attributes of Biblical Stewardship.

The first attribute is being **Intentional**. Being intentional about stewardship means having a plan and executing on that plan. The opposite of this trait is being haphazard. We should give, not out of obligation, but in recognition of God's blessings in a thoughtful, planful manner.

As Christians, we are called to trust in God and give abundantly. We encourage you to attain a full tithe, representing 10% of your income, to give thanks for all your blessings. Please see the table on the back of this letter for reference. This is especially important because there are no current plans for special fundraisers. Your generosity is essential to First Presbyterian Church's ability to offer robust worship, education, music, mission and fellowship experiences.

Your commitment to be a Biblical Steward is a witness of your faith, particularly during the unprecedented challenges of the past few years. Let us continue with a resolute spirit of faith and abundance into 2023.

Enclosed, please find the 2023 Giving Estimate Form for you to complete and return to the church by October 30th. We also invite you to take advantage of convenience of electronic giving. Electronic giving and the Giving Estimate Form can also be found under the "Give" section of the First Pres website at <https://firstpreslibertyville.org/giving/>

Thank you in advance for your financial stewardship and enabling the mission and ministry of First Pres to flourish as we *"Answer God's Call."*

In Christ,

Your Stewardship Committee

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