



Dear FCC Members and Friends,

'Tis the season! Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming soon, but we at First Christian Church Minneapolis are already in the midst of another joyful season: the Season of Stewardship, when we turn our attention to generosity and to taking care of God's people and creation.

We started this season on September 22, when the Narrative Budget team gave us a picture our ministry and budget priorities, as outlined in the 5R's Categories: Respect & Receive, Reflect & Resonate, Revere and Rejoice, Reach Out & Raise Awareness, Revel and Reinvent.

The Team's good news is that our budget allocations are very much in line with the things we value. Our treasure is where our heart is!

The season of stewardship is a season of continuing our commitment to what we value as a spiritual community, and also a clear challenge to find a way to be able to accomplish all we want to do in welcoming all, growing spiritually, worshiping joyfully, serving those in need, advocating for justice, and collaborating in ecumenical ministry and mission.

In the next few Sundays, our stewardship worship theme of caring for All Creatures, Great and Small will continue. October 13 will be Stewardship Invitation Sunday, and October 20 will be a day of celebration of the gifts we have given.

Enclosed with this letter are three items for your prayerful consideration as you decide what you can do to support First Christian's work in the world: a Pledge Card, a Giving Chart, and a Time and Talent Card. We hope you can bring your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Card to the worship service on October 13, or send them to the church by mail or email.

Thank you in advance for being a part of this special season of our church year, and most of all, for everything you do – great and small – to help protect, watch over, and care for God's bright and beautiful world.

In Joy and Hope,

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O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all,
the earth is full of your creatures + Psalm 104:24