



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF EDMOND

New life, through Jesus, for Edmond and the world

Dear friends,

As I write this letter I am filled with gratitude for your generosity and amazing support of Jesus' work through First Presbyterian Church of Edmond. Through what has been a very most difficult couple of years for American churches, First Pres has continued to pursue unabated, our vision of "New Life Through Jesus for Edmond and the world." We are seeing fruit everywhere and its exciting. We definitely have new life, and we are sharing it.

I am writing this stewardship letter from Nazareth, Israel. I am just a stone's throw from the place where the angel Gabriel told Mary that she would miraculously give birth to a son named Jesus. Gabriel said this child would be called the Son of the Most High and of His Kingdom, there would be no end.

That is our stewardship theme this year: For the Kingdom. We have chosen this theme for two reasons. First, we want our ministry to be much, much bigger than First Pres. We want it to be about something eternal, grand and world changing. That is what Jesus' Kingdom is. Secondly, we want to continue to call all of us to live differently, to not live like ordinary folks but extraordinary citizens of the Kingdom of our Lord and Christ. How we handle God's gifts in our life--both financial and otherwise--is a huge part of that.

Would you please take a look at the enclosed stewardship card and prayerfully consider what you can commit financially for 2023 to serve Christ's Kingdom. You're welcome to drop that card off in our offering boxes or send to the Finance Office of the church. We want to challenge everyone to consider increasing their commitment by 10% for next year. We are grateful for every dollar--more grateful than I can even put into words. We are seeing amazing opportunities and that is increasing our financial needs. First Pres, like all of you, is also dealing with inflation and we are hoping to not have to cut back at this very important time.

Thank you once again for your amazing generosity and support.

For the Kingdom!

Eric