



First Presbyterian Church

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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ who go to make disciples of others.”

November 10, 2017

**Gratitude
God's gifts to us of
Time – Talent - Treasure**

**“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”
2 Corinthians 9:11**

We have set Sunday, November 19th, as Pledge Sunday 2018.

Gratitude: Giving back to God for what He has lovingly done for us.

Time & Talent: Your commitment to participate in ministries within our church.

Treasure: Your pledge and giving of tithes and offerings to support God's plan for FPC.

The generous giving of your Time, Talent & Treasure helps us to continue moving forward with our 4 goals: Greater ministry to young families; Being more intentional in sharing our faith; Becoming more biblically literate; and Resourcing the under resourced.

In this stewardship season, we are reminded that our giving to the Lord's work demonstrates that we recognize God's sovereignty and that we put our desires second out of obedience to Him.

We hope you will consider the following in determining your pledge for 2018:

- Begin with prayer. If you are already tithing, consider if God is calling you to go joyfully beyond that level.
- If last year's giving is not a tithe, consider a budget plan to move to a tithe over time; perhaps an increase of just 2% of your income. Traveling the road of discipline and obedience in this area is a very important step to mature in our faith.
- Consider ways you do give of your time and talents through the ministries of our church. Perhaps there is an additional ministry(s) you would like to become a part of in 2018.

Your Pledge/Commitment card is included with this letter. On Sunday, Nov. 19th, we are encouraging you to turn in your Pledge/Commitment form to begin the celebration of the upcoming year. *As a way of showing our commitment to God, we will have a time during the service to bring your card forward and place it on the communion table.* Also, feel free to drop your cards in the pledge box at the entrance to the sanctuary, bring to the church office, place the card in the offering plate, or mail to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1185, Hanford, CA 93232.

Your pledges and commitments will continue to support your staff and the many ministries of the church. This will help us determine just what we can do to accomplish our mission. To meet our objectives, we have set a pledge drive goal of **\$285,000**, up from prior years due to increase of costs.

You can help First Presbyterian Church of Hanford prosper for God's glory by participating in what God is doing in our church, community & worldwide outreach. Christ has saved us, established us, strengthened us, and matured us. What better response can there be than to live thankful lives through our **Gratitude for God's gifts to us of Time, Talent, & Treasure!**

In Christ,
The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Hanford