

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

—1 Peter 2:9-10

God has called us together as his people here at First Presbyterian. We belong to God and bear a message of hope and healing to God’s world. Join me in committing to living a life of gratitude. The grace of God, ever present in our lives, produces in us a gratitude—a gratitude that wants to give.

Yours in Christ,

Jerry

In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy. Gratitude as a discipline involves a conscious choice. I can choose to be grateful even when my emotions and feelings are still steeped in hurt and resentment. It is amazing how many occasions present themselves in which I can chose gratitude instead of a complaint... The choice for gratitude rarely comes without some real effort. But each time I make it, the next choice is a little easier, a little freer, a little less self-conscious.

Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son:*

A Story of Homecoming



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S A N D I E G O

2022 COMMITMENTS

time. toil. treasure.

I want to live a life
of gratitude

COMMITMENT OF TIME

My/Our giving to God will include:

Time speaking to God in prayer each day:

_____ (time of day)

This is a new commitment

Time listening to God reading scripture each day:

_____ (time of day)

This is a new commitment

Time with my family in worship at home:

_____ (time of day)

_____ (day of week)

This is a new commitment

Time in worship each weekend with the People of God,
onsite or online:

_____ (service time)

This is a new commitment

_____ (other)

This is a new commitment

COMMITMENT OF TOIL

My/Our giving to others will include:

More closely examining what talents God has given me for others

Seeking ways to use those talents for the sake of others

In 2022, I will use my talents for others by:

This is a new commitment

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

My/Our giving to the church will include:

\$ _____ per week, or

\$ _____ per month, or

\$ _____ per quarter, or

\$ _____ per year, or

\$ _____ other

For an annual pledge of

\$ _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Donations may be made electronically on a monthly basis. To use Visa or MasterCard, include:

_____ (card #)

_____ (exp. date)

_____ (billing address)

_____ (CVC code—back of card)

_____ (included zip code)

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