



*Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!*  
Matthew 25:21

Dear NPC members and friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am almost four months in as your Senior Pastor, and my heart is overflowing with gratitude and love for all of you and the rich heritage of National Presbyterian Church. It is an honor to be among the long line of faithful pastors who served NPC to the glory of God.

For over two-hundred years, our NPC family has remained humbly committed to living the way of Jesus—his love, compassion, and sacrificial service with God's gifts of resources, talents, and time.

Generosity extends beyond financial giving; it encompasses every facet of our lives. It's about recognizing God's total ownership of everything we have. We are then called to manage these gifts wisely and compassionately. Whether it is our financial offerings, our time spent serving our local mission partners, being hospitable to friends and strangers, or being the best version of a Christ-Follower at work, our actions reflect our commitment to our mission: *Leading people to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ together in God's world.*

As we kick off our annual generosity campaign, on October 29, I have two prayer requests for you:

1. **Pray for 100% participation** from our beloved congregation. While we have different capacities and abilities, each of us can do something proportionate to how God has blessed us.
2. **Ask the Lord** how you might contribute to the congregation's vision and consider increasing your giving by 5% or however the Lord leads you.

Lately, I have been peppering my private prayers with this blessing:

*We pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:18-20*

What a powerful prayer! Remember, God is able to accomplish abundantly more than all we can ask or imagine. God will surprise us with his grace each step of the way.

Grateful for you, your continued generosity and faithfulness.

Grace and Peace,

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