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Strengthening families; Sowing friendships;
Serving community; In the name of Jesus Christ.



Dear Friends in Christ,

It's *amazing!* We often use that word to describe things that surprise, startle, astonish, or delight us. "Amazing" might also describe a life-changing event.

Sir Isaac Watts was only fifteen when he wrote his first hymn. Believing that our songs are a human offering of praise to God, he wanted Christians to sing about the amazing gift of God's love. He wrote over *six hundred hymns*. You may know this one:

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

The faith experiences of gifted writers like Isaac Watts provide inspiration for us to express our own faith. Worship, service, and stewardship are almost interchangeable terms for the means by which God's grace flows into our lives. Even more amazing? They are also the means by which God's grace flows through *our* lives and into the lives of *others!*

Since the 1700's, followers of Christ have gathered at First Presbyterian Church for worship, service, and stewardship, to share the "love so amazing" they discovered through their faith. In the 2000's, we also find worship, service, and stewardship good ways to express that "amazing love." We convey our faith in worship, at dinners and breakfasts, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, choir, Bible Studies, small group studies, and service on the Session and Board of Deacons.

In 2018, we hope to carry out plans to preserve the historic portion of our beautiful building on Main Street. We also plan to continue growing the Sunday School, welcoming strangers, feeding hungry people and sharing the *amazing love* of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. We need YOU to participate in this amazing faith journey with us.

Our 2018 Stewardship Commitments will be dedicated Sunday, November 5th.

Won't you be a part of it?

In God's Peace,

Your Stewardship Team

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