

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

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"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us... Hebrews 12:1(RSV)

September 29, 2025

Dear Fellow Members of the First (Scots) Church Family,

As a church family, the congregation of First (Scots) is blessed in so many ways: a beautiful historical church building in which to worship in concert with talented, caring and dedicated pastors and church personnel who work hard to carry out the mission and purpose of Christian leadership and guidance for us, and the members of our church family who are joined spirituality in serving God and following biblical teachings to help make our community, our city, our country and our world a better place. The New Testament scripture quoted above implores us as members of the First (Scots) Church family to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us." On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, we write to you to ask that you join with us in running the race by prayerfully considering what you and your family can contribute to our church for the upcoming 2026 year, so that the mission of First (Scots) can continue to thrive in the coming year and the years ahead for future generations.

Our church family has a legacy of dedicated giving and each generation of our congregation has stepped up to the financial opportunities and challenges that have confronted First (Scots) for the past 294 years. The opportunities and challenges for our church family continue to exist. Stewardship season is the time of year when we can make a financial commitment to the church to meet the opportunities and challenges of a church family who wants to honor God and promote His love, compassion and grace to the world.

October 2025 is Stewardship Month at First (Scots). As part of Stewardship Month, each church member will receive this letter and the enclosed Stewardship Commitment information that explains how our church manages God's gifts to us, the monetary responsibility that is associated with that management, a Stewardship Commitment Card and an Opportunity to Serve form that will allow you to let the church know where you would like to serve. Throughout the month of October, you will hear Stewardship Minute for Missions from fellow church members and receive other information about the wonderful works that are being carried out by our church family. On Sunday, October 26, 2025, we will have one service and there will be an opportunity for you and your family to walk to the front of the church and personally place your 2026 Commitment Card in one of the church offering plates. Following the service, we will continue the celebration in Molly Weir Hall for a Stewardship Commitment Sunday brunch. If you are unable to deliver the commitment card in person on October 26th, there are numerous other ways to return your commitment card, and they are listed on the back of the commitment card that is enclosed with this letter.

Thank you in advance for your support of our church's 2026 Stewardship effort. We are grateful for you, your time and talents, and your continuing generosity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

With best regards and appreciation,

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