



BLESSED

TO BE A BLESSING

You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy. (Isaiah 9:3a)

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Dear Members and Friends of The Presbyterian Church,

What does it mean to be “blessed”? Whether we are using it as a #hashtag after a celebration or joy or modeling the classic instruction to “count our blessings,” our lives are meant to reflect a gratitude and appreciation for the things we have received. Often, naming these as “blessings” helps us not take the things or experiences in our life for granted. In our biblical texts, the word in Greek is *makarios*, which some translations render as “happy.” But to be blessed is about more than just a positive emotional response. Blessing is a spiritual response to the goodness of God. It is an acknowledgement that the source of all good gifts is God, who invites us to respond in faith.

This month, we will reflect together about what it means not just to be blessed, but to **“be a blessing.”** One of the ways we do this together as a church community is through the offering of our time, talents, and treasures. Our Stewardship Committee invites you to learn more about the ways our leaders envision the coming year through our budget plans and consider how the Spirit might be calling you to share your blessings with our congregation and community this year. **Enclosed you will find a 2026 pledge card which we hope you will return during worship on Commitment Sunday, February 1.** You can also complete your pledge information online using Realm (www.e.realm.org) or return cards to the church office in person or via the mail.

Blessing is meant to call us into action. Our lives of faith are meant to be our response to the blessings we have received from God. In gratitude, we take part in spreading love, kindness, and grace with the world around us. Whether it’s through our words, deeds, or simply the way we carry ourselves, we become vessels of God’s generosity and create a ripple effect in God’s name. Thank you for the ways you have been and continue to be a blessing – to our congregation and to the world. Together, may we multiply the blessings we have received and seek to “Be a Blessing” as we share the good news with the world.

On behalf of the Finance and Stewardship Committee,

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