

STEWARDED



GOD'S GRACE



# GIVE GLORY! STEWARDING GOD'S GRACE



“What return shall I make for all the LORD’s benefits to me?” That’s the question we ask when we know we have been loved, saved and continuously blessed by God. How can I say thank you? How can I reply to your love with my love?

One of the great benefits of committing to a congregation of Christ’s people is the way our church helps us answer those questions. Christ Jesus has forgiven me, restored me, included me in his purposes of love for the world. How can I say thanks? The church replies, “Come lift your voice in worship with us! Come give and receive from fellow believers. Come discover practical ways you can be sent to show Christ’s love.” We are a community that renders thanks to God the Father for giving us Jesus Christ his Son and putting his Spirit within us.

Peter tells us how this works. “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” God shares his beautiful grace through his people. His glory gets made known through all the ways we offer back from what we have received. This can be setting up chairs or teaching Bible stories. Hospitality or

administering. Preaching or cleaning. Changing babies or singing. Giving money or spending time. Studying or painting. Or all of the above and many other ways as well. We give glory to our glorious God as we adorn him through the ways we offer back ourselves.

That’s our focus this fall. We want to celebrate the ways we are stewarding God’s grace through our church. You’ll be amazed to realize all the ways you are already doing this! On November 12, we want to rededicate ourselves as a reply to Christ’s beautiful grace. We’ll make our financial commitments, of course. They’re crucial! We’ll also offer back the places where we are serving and where we might like to serve more in the future.

As you look through this gorgeous catalog, rejoice in all the ways hundreds of us are already stewarding grace. There’s a kaleidoscope of ways we make a return to God. Consider how you are part of all of this. Give glory as we prepare to dedicate our total stewardship November 12.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gerrit Dawson'.

Gerrit Dawson  
Senior Pastor



# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*The following spiritual gifts\* are represented in this catalog. Most of the ministries included in the catalog offer at least one of these gifts useful in participating in the work of that ministry. Please use this list, and each gift's brief description, to learn more about your spiritual gifts.*

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Understands what makes an organization function, and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry. Contributes: Efficiency.

## **CRAFTSMANSHIP**

Creatively designs and/or constructs items to be used for ministry. Contributes: Skills.

## **CREATIVE COMMUNICATION**

Communicates God's truth through a variety of art forms. Contributes: Artistic Expression.

## **DISCERNMENT**

Distinguishes between truth and error. Discern the Spirit's differentiating between good and evil, right and wrong. Contributes: Clarity.

## **ENCOURAGEMENT**

Presents truth so as to strengthen, comfort or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith. Contributes: Affirmation.

## **EVANGELISM**

Effectively communicates the gospel to unbelievers so they respond in faith and move toward discipleship. Contributes: The Good News.

## **FAITH**

Acts on God's promises with confidence and unwavering belief in God's ability to fulfill his purposes. Contributes: Confidence.

## **GIVING**

Contributes money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality. Contributes: Resources.

## **HELPS**

Attaches spiritual value to the accomplishment of practical and necessary tasks that free up, support and meet the needs of others. Contributes: Support.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Cares for people by providing fellowship, food and shelter. Contributes: Acceptance.

## **INTERCESSION**

Consistently prays on behalf of and for others, seeing frequent and specific results. Contributes: Protection.

## **KNOWLEDGE**

Brings truth to the Body through a revelation or biblical insight. Contributes: Awareness.

## **LEADERSHIP**

Casts vision to motivate and influence people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God. Contributes: Direction.

## **MERCY**

Cheerfully and practically helps those who are suffering or are in need, having compassion that is moved to action. Contributes: Care.

## **SHEPHERDING**

Nurtures, cares for, and guides people toward ongoing spiritual maturity and becoming like Christ. Contributes: Nurture.

## **TEACHING**

Understands, clearly explains and applies the Word of God, causing greater Christlikeness in the lives of listeners. Contributes: Application.

## **WISDOM**

Effectively applies spiritual truth to meet a need in a specific situation. Contributes: Guidance.

*The above is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all spiritual gifts.  
\*Spiritual Gifts and descriptions from BruceBugbee.com.*



## TRAIN UP A CHILD

Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Ministry **JOYFUL NOISE AND JAM  
ENSEMBLES**

Description Joyful Noise and JAM are FPC's children's choirs for preK through 5th grade. We meet each Sunday evening from 5–6.30 pm during the academic school year. We strive to develop a heart for worship with a side of music education and a sprinkle of fun!

Needs Snacks: Provide snacks for Sunday evening rehearsals. Serve and clean up snacks during practice.

Classroom Helper: Set up and participate in rehearsal with the kids, especially if you play an instrument!

Performance Helper: Be with the kids the day of a performance. Help them prepare and get where they need to be onstage/offstage.

Prayer Requests That we can creatively present the gospel in a simple, engaging way for children. Pray for our leaders and for additional volunteers. For the kids to grow in their relationships with each other and with Christ.

Spiritual Gifts Creative Communication, Encouragement, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Shepherding, Teaching

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Ministry **KINGDOM KIDS**

Description In Kingdom Kids, we are **bold** about sharing the gospel so that our elementary-age children are encouraged and reminded of who they are in Christ and equipped for their personal walk with Jesus! Our Sunday school teachers are prepared and trained, along with their own gifts and talents, to lovingly teach and build relationships with the children.

Needs Sunday school teachers, assistants and substitutes work in teams. Teachers lead a classroom during the 10.10 am Sunday school hour. Lead teachers commit to teaching at least twice a month. Substitutes and helpers can work out a schedule that fits their needs with the Kingdom Kids Coordinator. FPC staff take care of classroom setup, materials and clean up.

Prayer Requests Pray that kids will seek first the kingdom of God, grow in their relationship with Christ, knowing who God is and how to share the joy of Christ with others. Pray that those serving in Kingdom Kids will be filled with the Holy Spirit's guidance and showered with blessings as they invest in the lives of children.

Spiritual Gifts Creative Communication, Faith, Shepherding, Teaching, Wisdom

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Ministry **SO LOVED**

Description So Loved offers Christ-honoring care to children 6 weeks to kindergarten during Sunday morning services. Our So Loved staff and volunteers are not just mere workers. They are ministers of the gospel to young children. When children and their families experience childcare at First Presbyterian, they walk away feeling and knowing they are “so loved.”

Needs Volunteers are asked to assist room mothers once or twice a month during one service. Parents utilizing the So Loved nurseries and childcare are asked to volunteer one hour per month.

Prayer Requests Provision of volunteers and for the children and their families to experience that in Christ they are “so loved.”

Spiritual Gifts Helps, Mercy, Teaching

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Ministry **YOUTH MINISTRIES (6-12TH GRADE)**

Description The vision of FPC Youth Ministries is to disciple students toward maturity in their relationship with Jesus Christ. First and foremost, we have a group of committed adults who develop long-term relationships with students in order to walk with them as they grow and as they learn to experience Christ.

Needs Host: Host youth group or other events (usually 20–30 kids at a time)

Meals: Provide meals for youth group and other events (usually serving 20–30 kids at a time, sometimes more)

Teaching: Lessons are provided. Teachers commit to at least once a month.

Chaperone a Trip: Drive a van, lead a small group and supervise

Middle School Helper: Come and have fun with the kids once or twice a month on Sundays, 5–7 pm.

Prayer Requests That our students would grow in their identity in Christ, have a sense of God’s call and find strong mentors and examples in the faith. That our staff and volunteers would find joy in their work and see fruit from their efforts. That God will raise volunteers and a student intern. That our parents would find peace in God’s sovereignty and would delight to spiritually lead their children.

Spiritual Gifts Discernment, Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Giving, Hospitality, Intercession, Teaching

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Ministry **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND  
OTHER CHILDHOOD EVENTS**

Description In Children's Ministry, we strive to reach the hearts of children and families for Christ, coming alongside one another with encouragement, love and care. We host events throughout the year, such as Vacation Bible School, where kids enjoy fun activities learning more about God's Word as they grow in their walk with the Lord.

Needs Be a Host! Open your home or place of business for various childhood events including parents' mixers and children's group activities. Groups typically range from 20–50 people. Do you like to host? Just have your home open and ready. Children's Ministry will provide the rest!

Provide snacks and meals for various children's events.

Be a chaperone.

Volunteer with VBS as a group leader, snack helper or decorator.

Be a party planner. Help plan social events for children and parents.

Help with event setup/cleanup.

Prayer Requests Pray for the availability of servant-hearted people who enjoy coming alongside children and families. Pray that serving will bring joy and long-lasting memories.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship, Encouragement, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Shepherding, Teaching

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