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*Giving at*



**Cottage Lake  
Presbyterian  
Church**

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### If you observed any Sunday or ministry day at Cottage Lake Presbyterian Church, what will you see and hear?

† Friends and family meeting up and sharing life together and encountering a community of faith as we worship and experience the love of God through Jesus our Lord and Savior.

† You'd also see kids and youth learning about Jesus and the Bible (and having lots of fun doing it). Sometimes those children race to see who can be first in line to receive Holy Communion.

† You'd hear wonderful music and experience encouraging words in worship and at fellowship. Our various retreats are a great time of relationship and renewal. All activities and groups are centered in real friendship and love.

We believe our priority is not just to come to church, but to **BE** the church, and so you will see us organize to go "into the neighborhood" to live out our faith and serve – Camp Unity Eastside (Homeless Encampment), the Annual Crop Walk, Cottage Lake Interfaith Partners (CLIP), CLIP Blood Drive, Friends of Youth, Housing Hope, Matthew House, our schools, and much more...

*We will never change the world by going to church. We will only change the world by being the church.*

Each of these acts of compassion and faith are made possible because Cottage Lake Presbyterian Church is a member and friends supported church. Without the tithes and offerings of our members, regular attenders, and friends it would be impossible to offer ministries and resources that help people find the love of Jesus and follow Him.

Imagine... what would happen if 100% of Cottage Lake Presbyterian regular attenders took the step to become a regular giver? These are just a few of the things that would be possible:

- Greater impact on our community
- More lives transformed by God's love
- Less reliance on special requests for offerings to fund mission (movement toward regular planning and budgeting of mission projects)
- A greater funding of special events that may be too expensive for individuals and families
- Improvement of our beautiful facilities

## What Does the Bible Say About Giving?

The Bible Says more about giving than Heaven, or even prayer. Here's a sample of what God says about giving:

### 1. Faithful giving draws me closer to God

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt. 6:21

### 2. Faithful giving is key to a full life

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 1 Tim. 6:18-19

### 3. Faithful giving blesses in return

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Mal. 3:10

### 4. Cheerful generosity is life changing

Remember this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,

*for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Cor. 9:6-8*

## *How Much Should I Give?*

*The Bible says that every believer should give 10% (Tithe) of the income or gain to their local church. Anything over 10% is called an offering and is a way to honor God through giving sacrificially. Even if 10% is not possible, experience the joy from giving something regularly. Then see how God provides for additional giving over time.*

### **Three Principles Embedded in Tithing**

#### **1. The Principle of Regularity**

*To tithe is to give regularly, preferably once a week (or monthly), week in and week out (month in and month out). This takes tithing out of the realm of our ever-changing moods.*

#### **2. The Principle of Proportionality.**

*To tithe is to give in proportion as you have received. It's not right to total up our expenses and divide it up to determine "what's my fair share." Rather, tithing is a percentage of income so that each person's giving is determined by the blessings we have received.*

#### **3. The Principle of Priority**

*To tithe is to set aside God's share first (Not out of what's left... "disposable income"). To do this reorganizes our lives and rearranges our priorities.*

## *Three Easy Ways to Give*

*Giving statements are mailed at the end of each quarter for your records, as well as an end of the year statement.*

#### **1. Give on Sunday**

*You can give on any Sunday during our worship service as an act of your worship of God. Giving envelopes are available upon request.*

#### **2. Give by mail**

*You can mail your gift to CLPC @ P.O. Box 950, Woodinville, WA 98072. You can also utilize your bank's bill pay service to have checks automatically cut and mailed to Cottage Lake Presbyterian Church.*

#### **3. Give online anytime of the week.**

*It's a safe and easy way to give. You can do this by going to [www.cottagelakepc.org](http://www.cottagelakepc.org) and clicking on the "Giving" drop down menu at the top right and this takes you to a page that has an easy online giving option.*

**For more information about the above giving options, please email our Finance Elder, Kirk Eldred at [Kirk.Eldred@gmail.com](mailto:Kirk.Eldred@gmail.com)**

# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

## COMMITMENT FOR PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2020 ~ DECEMBER 31, 2020

NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

*Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the God's mission through our congregation & church family.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PER WEEK or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PER MONTH or

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments regarding your commitment:*

Please check the appropriate box provided if you wish a box of giving envelopes for your giving:

\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

*Your commitment is a matter of faith. It is between you and God. Your commitment is held in trust and confidence. Further, your commitment is not a matter of spiritual law. The amount may increase or decrease due to changing circumstances. If your circumstances do change and you plan to increase or decrease your commitment, it would be helpful if you notified our*

*Finance Elder, Kirk Eldred*

*([kirk.eldred@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.eldred@gmail.com))*

## PROPORTIONAL GIVING GUIDE WEEKLY INCOME & WEEKLY GIVING CHART

If your  
weekly  
income is...



### EXAMPLES OF OFFERING AMOUNTS

(If you were to give at this  
percentage of your  
income/expense allowance...)

Weekly Income	12%	Tithe	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
\$500	\$60	\$50	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15
\$600	\$72	\$60	\$42	\$36	\$30	\$24	\$18
\$700	\$84	\$70	\$49	\$42	\$35	\$28	\$21
\$800	\$96	\$80	\$56	\$48	\$40	\$32	\$24
\$900	\$108	\$90	\$63	\$54	\$45	\$36	\$27
\$1000	\$120	\$100	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30
\$1200	\$144	\$120	\$84	\$72	\$60	\$48	\$36
\$1400	\$168	\$140	\$98	\$84	\$70	\$56	\$42
\$2000	\$240	\$200	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60

*As you prayerfully consider making an Estimate of Giving Pledge for our 2018 mission together, please know that such a commitment is not an issue of spiritual law. Such a commitment is between you & the Lord. At the same time, making a commitment helps your church leadership plan & carry out our ministry & service.*

*Also, a commitment & proportional giving honors God as a reminder that all we are and all we have is supplied by God's love & grace.*

*Our generosity is a symbol of God's work in our lives. Thank you for your participation and support.*

