A GUIDE TO DISCERNMENT

We hope that you use this <u>personal</u> guide to discernment as you consider your 2021 pledge to Eastminster. In any process of discernment, we begin with prayer.



Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that everything is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. Help us as we give and receive your love and grace, in our community, in this church, and in our hearts. Guide us as we support a place for worship, a place to be and to serve community, a place to teach children and young people about you and your great love, a place to welcome all into the family of faith at Eastminster, a place to prepare ourselves to fully and completely live a life in Christ, secure in the knowledge of your steadfast love. May we live our lives according to your call, and further your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

We invite you into prayerful discernment of how you are called to respond to God's generosity and to Christ's teaching to love God and neighbors:

What has stood out to you in the stewardship messages you've heard during worship?

What elements of Eastminster's mission and ministry touch your life most deeply?

What are your hopes for the future of the church and for the growth of your faith and your church family? How is God calling you to support Eastminster?

- ♣ To begin to give as a First-Time Giver?
- **♣** To plan what percentage of your income to give for a year as an Intentional Giver?
- **♣** To increase the percentage of income you give toward a tithe as a Growing Giver?
- **♣** To begin to give 10% of your income as a Tither?
- ♣ To give an offering beyond 10% of your income as an Extravagant Giver?

What motivates you to give? Will you covenant to pray about your gifts for 2021?

- ♣ Do you give as a percentage of your income?
- ♣ If not, what keeps you from doing so? If so, why might taking the next step toward a higher percentage be difficult for you?

Please bring your Commitment card to worship on or before Sunday, November 1 or mail it to:

Eastminster Presbyterian Church 2240 Woodruff Rd Simpsonville, SC 29681 USA

Alternatively, you can fill out your Commitment card electronically at www.eastminster.com/stewardship/ or through your OnRealm account using the option: Pledge Campaigns > Pledge Offerings, Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2021 after you log in.