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**You Lord  
keep my lamp burning;  
my God turns my darkness into light.  
Psalm 18.28**

# COMMITMENT SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 19**  
**ONE SERVICE 10:00**  
**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK 11:30**

2024 FAITH COMMITMENT CARDS will be offered & dedicated  
at our one combined worship service at 10:00 on November 19.

You are encouraged to hold onto your card until November 19  
so you may come forward with your entire Church Family.  
If you prefer, you may also mail your card to the  
church office or place it in the offering plate.

Following the service, please join us in the gym for our Thanksgiving  
Potluck Dinner with turkey, dressing, potatoes & gravy provided.  
If you are able, simply drop off a side dish or dessert  
before the service in the Garden Room.



***The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27.1***

*Dear Grace of Christ Family,*

*In our troubled world (and that trouble is growing) the natural response is fear. In our lives, when discouragement, betrayal, uncertain medical, financial, and relational problems overwhelm us, when the shadow of death falls on us, the typical response is fear. When past mistakes and failures whisper lies that we are: unworthy, unlovable, unwanted, the common response is fear. Fear robs us of hope, of light, of life, of love, of Truth. Fear is a menacing tool in the hands of our greatest enemy.*

*BUT ... for Christians ... there is a power far greater than our deepest fear. For Christians ... there is a light far brighter than our darkest fear. For Christians ... there is a place, a stronghold, that will keep us safe when attacked by our most relentless fear. For Christians, and for this troubled world we live in, there is One, only One power that conquers every fear ... it is The Lord (repeated twice in this passage). Because the Lord is with us, fear may win the moment, but with the Lord beside us, fear always, always, always, loses in the end.*

*Each year, in the Fall, we take four weeks to remind ourselves that: the Lord is with us, that He loves us, that He has given us everything we have and hold dear, and that He now invites us, individually and as a church, to live fear-free and to share all that we've been given. Here at Grace of Christ we will grow in generosity as we share Jesus with our families, our neighbors, our friends, our enemies, in this city and valley, and in far off places around the world. Jesus is the ONLY solution to fear ... Jesus is the light of the world, the salvation of the world, He is our stronghold ... He is THE POWER above all powers ... whom shall we fear?*

*Your 2024 Grace of Christ Stewardship Committee  
Jim & Marilyn Noel, Lou Bartelli, and Tom Oliva*

***“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1.4-5***



*“Youth Group has helped me open up and socialize. I struggle a lot with making new friends, but now everyone is my friend.”*

*“I’ve grown closer to God through Youth Group by experiencing new things, listening to others’ testimonies, and learning how to hear God’s voice and how to speak to others about Jesus. I’ve learned a lot from my mentor (Kara) as well - she’s the BEST!”*



*“Volunteering at Davis has been a wonderful mission opportunity for Grace of Christ. Working with the staff and students is tremendously rewarding and many individuals (including the volunteers) have been positively impacted. As one of the volunteers, I have personally met many outstanding staff members, parents, and students and hope my greeting of them in the morning has made their day just a little better. It certainly has made my day better!”*



*“Jesus loves me this I know...” ~ preschool student*

*“I like snack, legos, and playing with my friends!” ~ preschool student*

*“I can see and feel the difference it makes to students when we pray together and talk about how much God loves them. It’s also such a good feeling to know that your co-workers and all the people here are praying for this program.” ~ preschool teacher*

*“Kallie” grew up in the local area and even attended Ghormley camps growing up, but her family isn’t really the church-going type. This year, she got the opportunity to attend Ghormley’s Waterski Camp. Through hearing God’s Word and talking with her counselors, Kallie realized that she wanted to know God in a deeper way, and make a real commitment to Him. This led her to ask if she can be baptized. With her family’s blessing, the leaders of the Waterski Camp helped Kallie take this important step of faith and baptized her on the shores of Rimrock Lake! Praise God for His amazing work in the lives of youth and young adults at Camp Ghormley!*



# YOUR RESPONSE

**Giving is a vital part** of our life together and our spiritual health. God wants us to be intentional, regular, and generous givers, just as God is with us.

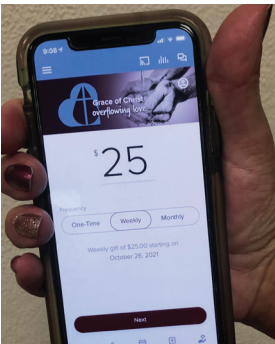
Wherever you are in your giving, would you commit to praying and asking: “What is the next step God wants me to take in managing all God has entrusted to me?”

**Our hope is that everyone in our Grace of Christ Family would:**

- 1. MAKE A FAITH COMMITMENT**  
Whether you are new to giving, or a long-time giver, take time to pray, asking the Lord how He wants you to give of your time, talents and treasures. Then, set a goal of regular, generous and sacrificial giving to the Lord. Please fill out the 2024 Faith Commitment of Giving Card below and bring it to worship on Commitment Sunday, November 19.
- 2. CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR CURRENT COMMITMENT**  
If you are already a regular giver, please prayerfully consider the Lord’s next step for your sacrificial giving.
- 3. CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR ONLINE/AUTOMATIC GIVING**  
This is a convenient and easy way to help balance-out our giving throughout the year - just go to [YakimaGrace.com](http://YakimaGrace.com) and click GIVE.

**CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING**  
We are pleased to offer SECURE ONLINE GIVING available on our website and in the Yakima Grace APP, as an option for individuals and families as they make choices about their giving. Online giving has several advantages such as managing giving from home and scheduling one-time or recurring gifts.

It also helps our Church Family better balance expenses and revenue on a monthly basis. To learn more, go to [YAKIMAGRACE.COM/GIVE](http://YAKIMAGRACE.COM/GIVE) or call the office, 248-7940x104.



*“With online giving, I know that my gift to God through Grace is given the first day of every month - right off the top of my paycheck! Plus, it is easy to give special gifts throughout the year.”*

***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.***  
***Psalms 119.105***

## 2024 FAITH COMMITMENT OF GIVING TO GRACE OF CHRIST

Please detach this card and bring it to church on COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 or mail to church

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I/we prayerfully commit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the GENERAL CHURCH BUDGET  
to be given ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually
- ☐ OR: I/we will continue to give regularly
- ☐ I/we would like assistance signing up for Online Giving
- ☐ I/we would like help finding a place to serve in the church or in our community
- ☐ I/we prefer traditional giving envelopes