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*“I'll give a little bit...give a little bit of my life for you  
So give a little bit...give a little bit of your time to me  
There's so much that we need to share  
So send a smile, and show you care” -- Supertramp*

October, 2023

Dear Faithful Friend:

We give thanks for your resilient character; and that you have weathered the storms of Covid, the difficulties of our climate this summer, and the vagaries of our economy. Resilience matters every day because we pass through difficult stages and seasons along the journey of faith. There are health struggles, financial setbacks, and even crises of faith.

The ability to bounce back is a blessing. It blesses you daily, and, in turn, enables you to bless others through the good and generous deeds that you do. Your indomitable spirit is evident in the many ways you continue to serve the church and the local community.

Which is why God's love is such an indispensable gift to us and to everyone who is touched by our ministry. Through all of the challenges and celebrations that we have experienced together, the reality of God's love has sustained us and seen us through.

We're asking you now to draw upon that resilience and “give a little bit” to First Church over the course of the coming year – show that you care! Give a little bit of your love, trusting that your pledge supplies strength to others and supports the church's work.

Stewardship Sunday is November 12<sup>th</sup>. Bring your pledge card that morning; or fill it out and send it to the church beforehand; or make your pledge online.

With deepest thanks from the Stewardship Team,

Terry Schmitt

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