



Stewardship Letter - The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

Dearly beloved,

I am so looking forward to our celebration of Commitment Sunday this coming weekend. It is arguably one of my favorite Sundays of the year at Good Shepherd and I feel compelled to share with you some of the highlights (for yours truly).

Before you've even entered the sanctuary, you know that Stewardship is in the air, because you will pass a (truly) giant pot outside the church, wherein our Brunswick stew (hand prepared by CGS members of all ages) is enjoying its last few hours of cooking. Come visit and stir with our cooking crew before your head in to worship!

Once we've heard God's Word spoken and proclaimed in our readings and sermon, we will share some holy silence together. At the 10:15am service, we will lift our voices in a hymn that expresses our trust in God and a desire to offer our lives to God in gratitude and faith. Whether engaged in holy silence or singing, we are each invited to come forward at the Spirit's leading and place our pledge card in the offertory plate, and make any prayerful gesture we might desire. (Pledge cards will be tucked in your bulletins, or you may certainly bring one from home. If you have already submitted a pledge for 2023, you are warmly invited to bring forward another on Sunday, marked "duplicate" or the small cards stating "I give online.")

After our thanksgiving culminates with the Holy Eucharist, we invite you to join us upstairs in Shepherd's Hall following the 10:15 service not only for a feast of Brunswick stew, but also to make connections with lay leaders who will have dessert on hand as well as information on ways you might like to explore serving in our worship services, within the parish community, and in reaching out beyond our walls.

Thanks be to God for your prayerful discernment over this past month, for our Stewardship Committee and Stew Crew's faithful laboring along with our Ministry Fair ambassadors, and for the joy of worshipping and re-committing ourselves to God in Christ in a few days' time.

Yours in Christ's love,

Imogen