

In the creation story from Genesis chapter 1, the first words God speaks are "Let there be light". (Gn. 1:3) The narrator tells us that "God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness." (Gn. 1:4) This notion, that God shines light into darkness, is the principle around which the entire Bible is formed.

Throughout our lives, we face situations that are difficult and challenging. Sometimes these situations can feel overwhelming and, even, insurmountable. However, what the Bible tells us, in no uncertain terms, is that God's love will always help guide us through those dark times. Indeed, God's love is the light that illuminates our path towards healing from those hardships.

As we continue to walk in the darkness of a global pandemic, we are beginning to see God's light through the vaccine rollout. This vaccine has allowed us to come back to our church community so that we can begin worshiping again. We've been able to restart our programming and reignite our mission work. We're moving out of the darkness and finding our way Back to the Bright Side!

This year, the Stewardship Committee is asking the congregation to completely renew our commitment to God. This means we don't only want you to make a financial commitment, but also to commit your time and talent. With so much time away, we need to get everyone **ALWN!** so that the church can be thriving once again.

Thank you for making a commitment to our stewardship campaign and helping us to ensure that First Pres continues our momentum to be a light in the midst of the darkness. Please detach the card below and return to the church office before November 14, Commitment Sunday.

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