



Siesta Key Chapel

God's Treehouse

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Presbyterian Church (USA)
Rev. Dr. Ruth Herron Smalt, Senior Pastor

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Dear fellow Siesta Key Chapel members and friends,

In so many ways it feels a very somber time—for our nation, for our community, for our beloved church family. We're in the midst of a divisive election, and our community has suffered three powerful hurricanes. Some of us have been spared damage; others are facing months and even years of recovery. It has been a season, not just of hurricanes, but of loss—of homes, of security, even of beaches and streets free from debris.

As Christians, we know that God is with us in these stormy and uncertain times. We also know that even during trying times, we have reasons to be thankful for God's blessings. As Christians, we can grieve and give thanks, all at the same time.

We write to you as we look ahead to an important season in the life of our church family. This is the time we make our financial commitments to Siesta Key Chapel for 2025. These commitments allow us to return a portion of God's gifts to us back to God.

All gifts and tithes are important, but pledges are especially helpful to our church leaders because they allow us to plan our annual budget. Ensuring careful planning is one way that we can steward—take care of—the resources that God has given us. Siesta Key Chapel is a church grounded in mission. Ten percent of contributions is devoted to mission, serving those in our community with the greatest need. We do not need to look far to see how great the needs are.

This year's Stewardship theme is **GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE**, based on 1 Peter 4:10 "*As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's grace.*" We ask that you prayerfully consider being a "good steward of God's grace" by submitting a pledge card for 2025, either on paper or online.

On **Sunday, November 17**, we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday by presenting our pledge cards to God during the 10:30am worship service in the Chapel. Please join us as we fulfill God's calling for us to be "good stewards of God's grace."

In Christ's name,

Dr. Pat Okker

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