

## **From Our Pastor – November 2016**

### **MEMBERSHIP?**

I am excited about all of the wonderful things that have happened at our church this year, and as I move ever closer to the season of Thanksgiving I find myself thanking God for them. There were exceptional gifts of generosity, increased forms of devotion, heightened levels of participation, joyful occasions for celebration, and treasured memories to bless our common life together. Any one of these would be considered a sign that God was at work among us, but all of them are a sign of God's abundance!

You know what one thing would top off the year with everlasting satisfaction? I have the answer: a class of new members who are anxious to commit themselves to the life of the church, ready to bring fresh ideas, new energy, beautiful variety, and steadfast loyalty! It's time.

And at First Presbyterian Church all memberships are counted as equal, for God finds affiliate members just as useful for leadership as members, and all will be considered for office in the church by the Nominating Committee.

Therefore I am hopeful that our regular visitors will feel God tugging at their hearts saying, "Now is the time to commit yourself to the life of the church—now is the time to get involved—now is the time to explore new levels of discipleship."

Wouldn't it be absolutely awesome to consummate this first year of our interim season together to welcome a class of new members into the life of the church? If you would like to discuss the benefits and mysteries of membership in the Presbyterian Church, please know that I am excited to talk with you about it.

*David*