



# UNDERSTAND

What planned giving really is

*One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.*

**Proverbs 11:24-25**

For most of us, a planned gift is the largest and most impactful gift that we will make. It's also...

**An ongoing opportunity** to ensure that countless others will be touched by the ministry and mission of JCPC—for generations to come.

**A way to convert your assets into actions** after those assets are no longer needed. Let the wealth you've accumulated over your lifetime continue to serve others in meaningful ways after you're gone.

**A timeless covenant** that enables you to lift up not just a few deserving persons now, but dozens—or even hundreds—for ages and ages hence.

**A statement of leadership** that others will pay attention to. A planned gift provides a great example of how strong faith and good stewardship can make a difference in our community, across our region and around the world.



Give, Go, Live is more than just a slogan; it's how we put our faith as Christians into action—**giving** of our time, our talents and our treasures; **going** beyond our comfort zones to serve others; and **living** a missional life that demonstrates our love for God and our neighbors. It's what we're called to do as followers of Christ and as members of Johns Creek Presbyterian Church.

To strengthen and sustain this mission, JCPC has established a Planned Giving Ministry. This ministry provides opportunities for members and friends of JCPC to make significant gifts to the church through their estate plans.

These gifts will allow our church to remain a vibrant hub for Christian education, fellowship, worship, and outreach for many years to come—while also allow future generations to build upon the generosity of those who came before them as they endeavor to Give, Go, and Live.



## Preparing the Way Steps to Making A Planned Gift

## 2 DESIGN

Your planned gift

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* **Colossians 3:17**

Planning your gift includes considerations for you, your family and the church. An approach that utilizes the right giving options can help you manage assets more effectively, protect you from an unnecessary tax burden, and even create a source of income. Here are some of examples of gifts that you might consider:

**Bequest:** Make a gift after your lifetime through your will or trust. This can be a fixed dollar amount, a specific asset, or a percentage of your estate.

**Retirement Account:** This can be the most heavily taxed asset in many estates. Choosing to use this as your gift could leave your less task-burdened assets to your loved ones.

**Real Estate:** Contributing property after your lifetime or when it is no longer needed can be a game-changing gift.

**Charitable Trust:** Trusts can combine flexible benefits such as a generous income and tax benefits with a powerful gift to the church.

**Other Options:** There are *many* other giving opportunities that could be just right for your situation and your family's situation.

## 3 DECIDE

How to impact the future

*If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

**1 John 3:17-18**

Three endowments have been created to strengthen and support the important work of our church. Your planned gift can be directed to any of these funds or distributed across all three of them. Regardless of how you decide to use your gift, know that you will be expressing your love for God in a meaningful way.

**The Capital Facilities Fund** will finance special projects and capital improvements that enhance the safety and aesthetics of the JCPC campus. The fund will also subsidize upgrades to the physical plant that extend beyond the annual operating budget.

**The Ministries Fund** will help maintain and strengthen the ministries of the church. In addition, the fund would be used to support special ministry projects at the discretion of the Session.

**The Mission and Benevolence Fund** will be used for special outreach programs, extending youth and adult mission activity, and extraordinary benevolence.

## 4 SHARE

Let people know about your gift

*You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.* **2 Timothy 2:1-2**

We teach by *demonstrating* our values through our words and deeds. Once you've made a planned gift to JCPC, you can increase the impact of your good deed by spreading word of your decision with:

**Your loved ones**, so that they can witness your commitment beyond your lifetime — and follow your example to plan their own legacy for the future.

**The JCPC family**, so that others may witness your joy and explore their own pathways to such a gift.

**The JCPC Guardian Society**, so that we may acknowledge your gift and ensure that your future intentions will be honored.

