

# College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

## REMINDERS ABOUT YEAR-END GIFTS TO COLLEGE CHURCH

**In order for gifts to be credited to 2024 giving, they must be dropped off through the mail slot in the south-most Commons door by midnight on 12-31-2024. Checks received in the mail postmarked 12-31 or earlier will be credited to 2024, but if postmarked after 12-31-2024 will be credited to 2025 even if the check is dated in 2024. Online gifts made before midnight on 12-31-2024 will be credited to 2024, and those made after midnight on 12-31-2024 will be credited to 2025. In order for a gift of securities to be credited to 2024, it must be received by Tuesday, 12-24-2024.**

### Ways to Give at College Church

Giving of our tithes and offerings is an integral part of our corporate worship because it is a unique expression of gratitude to God. When we give, we celebrate all that God has given for us, especially his incredible grace in our lives through the shedding of Christ's blood on the cross to reconcile us to Himself. God owns everything and when we give, we are simply giving back a portion of what He has entrusted to our managing. Giving to College Church also makes possible all our church does here at home, our care for others throughout the community, and our missions outreach around the world.

After you have determined what you will give, we have several methods which you may use to support the ministries and missions efforts of College Church:

#### Gifts of Checks or Cash

You may use pre-numbered envelopes for your cash or checks payable to College Church in Wheaton. If you don't have pre-numbered envelopes, you may request them from the Accounting Office by e-mailing Cindy Schuerman at [cschuerman@college-church.org](mailto:cschuerman@college-church.org). Or you may use one of the blank envelopes in the Sanctuary pew racks. Checks may also be dropped in the offering plates at the back of the church when you leave after a service.

#### Online

Nearly two-thirds of our congregants are choosing the electronic method of making contributions on-line just like they are paying many of their bills that way. With the security of your information of highest importance, you can rely upon our on-line giving site to set up a one-time, or recurring gift of whatever amount you choose, and however often you choose. And it is easy to change the amount or frequency whenever you wish. Visit [college-church.org/giving](http://college-church.org/giving) to get started.

#### Donor-Advised Funds

If you have established a donor-advised funds through any number of different qualified organizations, gifts to College Church may be made by authorizing the organization to send funds at the time and frequency of your choosing.

#### Gifts of Stocks or Mutual Funds

You may donate stocks or mutual funds directly to College Church by transferring them from your broker to the church's broker. Although you should consult your tax advisor, giving in this way may provide a tax advantage. There may also be small numbers of shares you own that you would rather move out of your portfolio but would prefer not to handle all of the paperwork involved. College Church is pleased to be able to expedite those transactions for you. Please contact Nancy Singer or Dan Bauer 630-668-0878 for specific instructions.

#### Bitcoin of Cryptocurrency

College Church has a relationship with a non-profit organization in Illinois that can be used by a donor to deposit cryptocurrency, which is then sold and donated to the church with only a 1% fee. Contact Nancy Singer, at [nsinger@college-church.org](mailto:nsinger@college-church.org) for details.

#### Gifts through your Will

College Church would count it a privilege for you to remember us as one of the beneficiaries of your estate. Because College Church is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, monies directed to be given to the church may save estate and inheritance taxes, but again, you should consult with your tax advisor.

#### Memorial gifts

You may ask your loved ones to request that gifts in your memory be made to College Church. Likewise, you may give to College Church gifts in honor of a loved one who has passed away, whether they attended the church or not. It is just one more way of making your gifts count toward Kingdom Work.

#### Required Minimum Distributions

If you are at the age when you are required to withdraw a portion of your IRA as a RMD (Required Minimum Distribution), you can direct your IRA custodian to make a direct transfer to College Church as a 501(c)(3) non-profit as a qualified charitable donation (QCD). Again, consult your tax advisor, but the amount withdrawn may provide tax advantages.