

Have You Named the First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn in Your Will?

A properly executed will permits you to accomplish goals even after your passing. One of those goals may be to create a legacy for the First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn. A bequest in your will might be a specified amount, a percentage of your estate, or a residual amount (after expenses and other bequests have been deducted).

Speak with your attorney about how best to include the First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn in your will given your special circumstances.

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn has a proud heritage, and your gifts and bequests can assure its continuance into the future. Thank you for keeping the promise of that future in your prayers.

Submitted by Pastor Fred

A Word about Wills and Inheritance by the Apostle Paul

Although the idea of inheriting the kingdom of God comes up only a few times in the letters of Paul (1 Cor 6:9-10, 15:50; Gal 5:21), it is important to his *eschatology*. Eschatology has to do with the way we make sense of last things, but not just the last things in a sequence, but the consummation of all things; not just the end of the world, but the fulfillment of the world according to its original intention at creation.

Talking about the “inheritance of the kingdom of God” is one of the ways Paul describes the future that is in store for those who are in Christ. In Paul’s theology, “inheriting the kingdom of God” refers to our final heavenly existence when believers inherit the heavenly likeness of Christ himself. It is the time when the Son hands over the kingdom to the Father, and God is “all in all” (1 Cor. 15:24-25).

Someone has wisely remarked that one of the things we do when we gather for worship is read God’s will so that all God’s children may know what their inheritance is. In our time, as in Paul’s, there are lots of folk who don’t expect to hear their names read out loud, so they never show up for the reading of God’s will. As Christ’s evangelists, we share with all God’s children God’s invitation to come, hear and celebrate as their names, as ours, are called.

We will make that invitation to our family, friends, and neighbors because we know firsthand how wonderful it is to hear the calling of our names. We will make that invitation because we know what it means to live as a people of the Resurrection. We will make that invitation because we know the energy and purpose that is ours when we hear the words, “dear child of God, this is yours. Now go do something with it to bring blessing to my broken world.”

That’s not only a will, that’s a way. That’s a journey. That’s a mission!

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