



# Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community



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Greetings and grace to you from Pastor Rachel Srubas.

In this year of meaningful ministry at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, we've entered the season of gratitude. I'm deeply thankful to God for continuing to call me to serve and lead our congregation.

Mountain Shadows Church seeks to glorify God by welcoming all people to worship with us. We show Jesus' justice through word and deed, and we follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in mission and ministry.

Our congregants and our neighbors need the care of Christ-centered people like you. I'm here for you and I appreciate you. Thank you for the God-given gifts of love, prayer, volunteer efforts, and financial support you give to keep our church thriving.

*Every good gift comes from above. Gifts come down from the Creator of the heavenly lights.* These scriptural words, based on James 1:17, remind us of this: the gifts we give are first given to us by God. We are, therefore, **gifted and giving** people.

**Gifted and Giving is the Christian Generosity program we're launching to inspire your support of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church in 2026.** I encourage you to reflect prayerfully on the following questions and save the dates listed below as you plan your faithful, charitable commitment to Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church in 2026.

### **Questions for Reflection and Prayer**

For what gifts are you most grateful to God?

How does Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church embody your faith and values?

What gifts, spiritual and financial, can you commit to sustain our congregation in 2026?

### **Dates to Save on Your Calendar**

**Friday, November 7, 4:00-6:00 pm, A Gifted and Giving Gala** at Mountain Shadows!

**Sunday, November 9, 10:00 am**, Christian Generosity Commitments offered in worship

The Team that leads Mountain Shadows' Christian Generosity and Finance ministries will send you an invitation to the November 7th **Gifted and Giving Gala** and a card to complete and place in the offering plate during worship on **Commitment Sunday, November 9th**.

You are a gift! I look forward to celebrating God's generosity with you in the year ahead.

***Pastor Rachel Srubas***