



## Rooted in Love

*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.*

Psalm 1:3a



## Leadership Message

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*“I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: “Go down again - I dwell among the people.”* - John Henry Newman

I've always liked this quote. For me, one of the ways God seems most real is when I'm around my church friends. These are the ones I see week after week in church, but also people that I work with on church projects, such as repairing the lift, clean-up days, fixing door locks, etc. I've met new friends through Trustees, the Foundation, helping the neighborhood, and being a part of Governing Council. As past moderator, I had the chance to get to meet people I wouldn't have ordinarily talked to.

What's unique about these church friends is that they are different ages and come from different backgrounds. Yet we all have one thing in common: our love for the church and the desire to live out our faith by doing active things for the church. I feel very fortunate to be a part of something bigger than myself where we help others and belong together.

So, as you can tell, the church is very important to me. And I realize that if I want our groups and ministries to continue, I need to give financially to the church. I have found God among the people of SecondFirst Church and it has meant the world to me.

What does the church mean to you? Would you miss SecondFirst Church if it didn't exist? Without you, and you, and you, and me, the church couldn't function. Please be generous so that our missions, our ministries, our staff and our friendships can continue into the future.