

# "With Thankful Hearts"

Thursday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Day



"Servant leaders; PUMC Staff"

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:3-13

*We are thankful to be part of the Body of Christ serving in your midst. But we are only a part of the Body. You are also the Body of Christ. And note that the Apostle Paul mentions humility, love and hospitality. All of these are the purpose of the Body of Christ. We are not gifted with Spiritual gifts for our own use, our own purpose, our selfish interests....we are gifted by God's Spirit to lift up the community.*

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*Today on this Thanksgiving Day, 2021, the Staff at Powell UMC is so thankful for you. Each of you. We partner together to bring the hope of Christ to a world in need of the love of God. Thanks be to God that we are together in this work.*