Good day, or as we say in Scotland, "fàilte"!

Most of you may know me by now – I am Stewart Stuart, a traveler from the wonderful country of Scotland. During the worldwide pandemic, I have been unable to return home and thanks to the kindness of your pastors and many of you, I have found a new home in Overland Park at Grace Covenant.



It's been my privilege to learn about your wonderful church. I like that you're a Presbyterian church, just like my wee kirk at home. What I love most of all is that you truly show kindness & compassion to strangers like me, the people in your community, and everyone who is part of the Grace Covenant family.

I also learned that this is an extra special time of the church year, the stewardship campaign. The Church of Scotland has a similar emphasis and tells us "Christian stewardship is a way of living in which we recognise that everything belongs to God. We are stewards of all that God has given us including our time, our abilities, our possessions, and our money."

With the help of your talented member Mac Fechtling, I designed what we call a "clan badge" to remind all of you how closely connected you are. A clan badge is to remind a person of who they are loyal to and in your case, that's easy – you are loyal to God, Jesus Christ, and the GCPC family. I know that there are some of you, like me, that have had a hard time this year and may find pledging a challenge. If each member does what he or she is able, if each family makes a commitment, I have no doubt that your generosity will overflow and keep the wonderful witness of Grace Covenant alive and well.

This worldwide pandemic will not last forever and we will all learn much from what we've experienced – especially to be thankful for the many gifts we have in our lives, thanks to God. I am thankful every day that God has blessed me in a difficult with this new church family. Now Pastors Sue & Mitch would like to add a note.

"Stewart has said it all – the difficulties we've faced this year also show us the many ways we've been blessed. Won't you please join us in pledging our commitment to supporting the life of Grace Covenant?

Mitch & Sue (and Stewart!) See you all Sunday, Oct. 18!!!