

**A Letter from the Senior Pastor of The Presbyterian Church in Morristown**

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The Presbyterian Church has been intertwined with the history of Morristown since its inception. Many initiatives, in response to needs within the community, have emanated from this congregation and many of these efforts continue to flourish to this day. This family of faith has truly been a leader in expressing the presence and love of God.

With two large, visible facilities occupying prominent locations in Morristown and with a congregation of incredibly gifted individuals, we are called upon again to respond to a growing need. In an effort to show our love for God and others, we need to be leaders in stewardship of our planet's resources through our demonstration of sensitivity to God's creation and those around the globe who struggle for resources.

The following lines are contained in a Statement of Faith within the constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA:

“...But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.”

My prayer is that the Presbyterian Church in Morristown will be used by God to show acts of justice and mercy in the stewardship of creation. May we neither hide nor shrink from this initiative as leaders in our community.