



## What are the benefits to online giving?

**You can prioritize giving in your budget.** It is easy to let our good intentions be compromised by the press of expenses and billing cycles.

**You can increase your faithfulness.** Have you had times where you have fallen behind because of travel and other schedule interruptions? Online giving provides a way to strengthen your faithfulness.

**You can help your church.** Through online giving, you expedite your gift, simplify our accounting, and strengthen our base of regular support.



### Q: Who should give online?

A: Anyone who is looking for a simpler way to assure their giving. Anyone who would like to give to the ministry of First Coast either one time or on a recurring basis.

### Q: When are gifts processed?

A: Transactions do not occur immediately but are triggered manually by the church treasurer at certain specified times each month. You decide the dates(s) your gift will be available for processing when you fill out the e-offering form.

### Q: What if I'm not a First Coast member, but I want to make a donation? How would I be able to get a statement for tax purposes?

A: We are happy to receive your gift, above and beyond your normal giving to your own church home. Online giving is a perfect way for you to give. All givers receive a contribution statement regardless of membership status, assuming we have all of their correct address information.

### Q: What if I want to cancel or change my online giving?

A: No problem, just resubmit the giving form online again. There is a question on the form which asks you if this request is NEW or is a CHANGE to your existing and/or recurring giving already on file.

Q: Will my online gifts be included on my Statement of Contributions?

A: Yes, they will be included.

### Q: How can I get a receipt of my online gift?

A: You may print out your confirmation screen as your receipt, or you may also print out the confirmation email which is sent to you. Either is considered a valid receipt. But remember, your gift WILL appear on your regular statement of contributions as well!

### Q: What about my offering envelopes?

A: Envelopes are provided annually to First Coast members to assist in establishing faithful patterns of giving and providing records of gifts. If you choose online giving, you may still use your envelope to return during a service of worship as a testimony and reminder of your faith and faithfulness to God. Simply write "online gift" on the outside of the envelope. This will signal our accounting office and yet provide a way for you, if you so desire, to participate during services of worship. The key is not how we give – giving can be done in a variety of ways today – but rather, Who (How many of us?), What (Am I faithful?), and Why (Am I obedient and thankful for all God has done for me?)

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