

Screwtape and Wormwood Go To First Presbyterian Church
Skit for Announcement Time Sunday Morning Worship

With our apologies to C.S. Lewis who wrote The Screwtape Letters, we present to you a conversation we hope will never happen. Listen in as two of Satan's devils talk to each other about the future of our church.

W: Screwtape! You fiend! You are without a doubt the most incompetent devil in all of hell! How could you screw up so badly!

S: What do you mean, Your Unworthiness?

W: You know what I mean! I've been checking up on those Presbyterians at First Pres. We had those people nicely discouraged and down on their luck until you took over! Why there were times when they doubted how long they could even continue as a church. Now look at them.

S: Yes sire?

W: The front pew is not only full of children for children's time, but they are spilling out on the floor! That church has come alive! People laugh and enjoy each other and they share – dare I even say it? The love of God.

S: I know.

W: And they show that love in so many different ways!

S: I know.

W: I know. I know. You should know! God's love is our worst enemy and their greatest weapon in the battle for eternity. Something has to be done to stop them!

S: But what sire?

W: This is the time period of their annual stewardship drive. Con them into thinking that they can't do any more. Have them question the need for giving and participating in new programs. Pull out that lie that the church is only interested in their money.

S: But Sire, none of that is true. Won't they see through those lies into God's abundance and blessings?

W: Your job is to stop them Screwtape.. I don't care how much you need to lie. Just stop them before they grow even more!

S: Yes, your unworthiness. I will tell them that special programming and outreach to the community are a waste of good money and I'll stop them from getting the good news out. I will even have them think that they've never done these things before, so why try them now?

W: Good. Good. That's the ticket. Keep them second guessing and looking for loopholes. Take their minds off the goal of reaching new lives for Christ. Keep them looking anywhere but at the cross.

S: Yes your sire.

W: I'll be back next week to check on your progress, and they better be disgruntled and discouraged!