



*Letter from Christ Church's Stewardship Committee  
for our Annual Giving Drive 2021*

November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We trust you are well and looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are thankful for the presence of Christ Church in our lives this year more than ever, and we are thankful to God for bringing us together in this community.

Christ Church has been an affirming, supportive, and protective breakwater during a continuing series of storms. *Worshipping with communion outside and in the nave, hearing the organ, african drumming and choir, knowing our youngest members learn about and worship the Lord through the Joy service and church school, participating and supporting outreach efforts that assist struggling families, our needlers group making hats and scarves for seafarers (who absolutely love them), our Thanksgiving food drive, the Christmas bundles, and other ministries that allow our beloved parish to extend God's love beyond our walls and so much more.*

One of the essential parts of Christianity is joining with others in a community of faith, thereby joining with that "cloud of witnesses" mentioned in the Letter to the Hebrews. Even our Lord joined in corporate worship, and found, I am certain, similar support and guidance. Just as the early Church endured persecution by bringing Christians together, we strengthen our faith and overcome all obstacles when we worship and serve together.

Part of our thanksgiving for our God-given blessings is offering ourselves to our Creator. We often describe this as the alliterative Time, Talent, and Treasure. We focus on giving back to God through Christ Church at this time of year. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and the parish we love, we invite you to join us in making a thoughtful, prayerful pledge for 2022.

Making a pledge shows us the importance of Christ Church, and our commitment to serve the Lord. Enclosed you will find the 2022 pledge card along with ministries that can use your help in the coming year. Please prayerfully fill them in and add any updated contact information, which may have changed since last year. **Our in-person "Pledge Ingathering" will be Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at all three of our up and running services**, but cards can be returned electronically or by mail anytime.

We thank you in advance for your membership here, your love of God and your special place as a disciple in this community of faith.

*-Richard Sloan and Deanna Najork*