



Dear Friend of St. Timothy's,

Every message about pledging begins with **Gratitude**, and this letter continues that message as we focus on this year's Stewardship Season. Our theme this year, **Every Perfect Gift**, highlights all the ways in which we have been blessed by God and how that inspires us to give back to our neighbors, our church, and the world.

This year has been so different from other years in terms of what has been asked of us as individuals and as a community. As we reflect on the past months of challenges and, in some cases, real hardship, we discover that it is the God we encounter at our church and Jesus whom we recognize in each other who sustain us, who keep us together, and provide consistency in a changing world.

We each can name many gifts for which to be grateful, gifts made perfect because they are inspired by God. St. Timothy's has been blessed by the gifts of caring for one another. Blessed by the gifts of creative ways to keep our cherished traditions alive, such as the Living Nativity, and keep our buildings and grounds beautiful, such as the newly refurbished children's playground. And blessed by lay leaders, Vestry, and our part-time Interim Rector — all who have ministered to and guided us during this unsettled time. With God's help, we have overcome many challenges.

God's grace will continue to empower us as we move into the future — a future full of hope.

Soon we will welcome a new full-time Rector to St. Timothy's who will lead, pastor, and equip us to live into the next chapter of God's vision for us. We are excited about the increased presence and programming that a full-time Rector will bring. It will also bring a 17% increase to our budget, a goal in which we will need everyone's help.

Whether you have seen your church family on a screen or in the pews, **every person you see has been impacted by your giving**. If you are pledging for the first time or have pledged in the past, we ask that you consider how you have been impacted. And, how you and your gifts will impact St. Timothy's and this community.

We invite you to make your **Perfect Gift**, reflective of the gifts you have received from our Creator.

Yours in Christ,

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