We Invite Every Generation To Know

The Love of God in Jesus Christ…

And To Help Make It Known



Cheerful and Sacrificial Giving is a Faithful Testimony

of Gratitude and Responsibility

St. Paul's Annual Appeal for 2027

From Mark Pruitt

Every Generation matters to God. Every Person matters to God. These become empty platitudes if we don't live out in a *dynamic way* our mission to make known the life-changing love of God in Jesus Christ.

The *love* of God for us is itself a dynamic reality, with an aim, a shape and a power.

The *aim* of God's love is to make us more Christlike.

The *shape* of God's love is found in Jesus' teaching and commandments.

The *power* is to bring us into the fellowship with God for which we were made.

Our worship, teaching, fellowship, outreach, hospitality, and all the other things that allow us to be the broad, dynamic church that we are, depend on cheerful and sacrificial giving.

Harvest Sunday is Nov. 15th

Faithful Giving...

It's important

It's sacrificial

It's necessary for a flourishing congregation

It's a practice of obedience

The Appeal for 2027

"My family and I love St. Paul's, its mission, its outreach, what it stands for, and what it strives for. St. Paul's is good for our souls. Our loyalty to God and St. Paul's inspires us once again to pledge yearly to the Annual Appeal."



Kara Buckler
Stewardship Chair

The Dynamics of Praise



Praise honors God, lifts the downhearted, shifts our perspective, and renews our souls. Delighting in God, and in the rich musical tradition that has characterized St. Paul's, binds us together and creates community. *Faithful giving maintains and improves our building and our grounds—and our beautiful sanctuary.*

It builds community by binding us together.



The Dynamics of Outreach

Life itself is a gift. When the gospel breaks into our lives, we learn that life is more than just getting, it's about giving. So, we make giving to others a priority. We collect for *The Emergency Relief Fund, The Community Meal, The Barnabas Employment/Reentry Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, schools in Africa, South Street Mission,* and more. Faithful giving enables these ministries to flourish and supports our lay Pastoral Care Ministries and our clergy who reach out to a wide swath of people in need.

The Dynamics of Lifelong Learning

The adage is 'you're never too old to learn.' And we could add 'you're never too young either.' From cradle to grave, we provide opportunities to learn. This learning is formative, leading us to grow into 'the full stature of Christ.' (Ephesians 4:13) Our staff includes well-trained people to lead our Church School, Youth Ministry, Adult Formation, Music Program, Stephen Ministry, and other ministries—and an equally capable Administrative Staff. Faithful giving enables us to embrace carry out our ambitious mission statement:

To live out a full expression of the Christian faith; and, to call all people to the new life of discipleship in Christ.



The Dynamics of Multiple Generations



We depend on a broad range of givers. We understand that some may not be able to contribute this year financially. Our community also depends on those who love and sustain our community through faithful attendance in worship, by praying, learning, serving, befriending, encouraging, and loving. Everyone matters!

Join the Dynamic Movement! Accept a Challenge



Every year we issue a set of challenges:

- Will you become a new pledger if you've never pledged before?
- Will you become a regular, disciplined, consistent giver if you've given sporadically before?
- Will you *strive to tithe* by increasing your giving toward 10% of your income?
- Will you become a proportional giver by giving a percentage of your income off the top?

Did You Know?

Like all organizations, we face rising costs for health care, utilities, repairs, and maintenance. The cost of keeping our doors open and ministries flowing is $3,500 per day.



A Hymn Worth Singing

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend; I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode

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