



*And Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*  
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

October 20, 2025

Dear Friends,

When we look out at our congregation, we are easily reminded of the many ways in which God's work is carried out at St John's. Whether it's the caring community created at the Shop; supporting the Centretown Community Food Centre, welcoming newcomers to Canada; bringing young adults together, or through our children's ministry, music and worship, we see the love and service and many creative ideas you all bring. We see a vibrant, thriving community.

This year especially, when there is so much angst and fear in the world around us, it is inspiring to have a church full of generous, loving, creative people who find new ways to seek and serve Christ in all people. We are doing what matters – we are making a real difference in the world around us.

As part of our annual stewardship campaign, we are being asked to share two big things with each other. First, we are invited to share our gifts. This includes both financial support and the talents and passions God has given us. We are asking you to consider increasing your donation to St John's by 10% for 2026. Second, we invite you to share your story – tell others about your journey of faith and your connection to St John's. That is how we grow God's kingdom and cast the net wider.

Very soon you will receive a package from the Stewardship Chairs with the everything you need to consider your financial pledge or promise. In the coming days, we invite you to pray, to listen, and to keep sharing yourself with our community in the many ways that you already do.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

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Rector's Warden

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People's Warden