Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

"Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us,
and bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling." - Psalm 43:3

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (October 11), 2026

Dear Saint Andrew's Parishioners and Friends:

Whenever we prepare to celebrate the mass at Saint Andrew's, those serving in worship gather in the moments just before the service and offer a prayer, which is often the following two verses from Psalm 43:

> Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us, and bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling. That we may go to the altar of God, to the God of our joy and gladness; and on the harp we will give thanks to you, O God our God.

It is an especially appropriate prayer as we seek God's guidance and inspiration in preparing to lead the people of Saint Andrew's in worship. Moreover, it is also a prayer that captures the ultimate intention of our communal lives in Christ—that God's light and truth might guide us such that, someday, we will find ourselves all together again on God's holy mountain (as also found in Isaiah 25:6), where we will join our voices with all of the saints, in joy and gladness, giving eternal thanks for God's abundant and merciful love. After a year in which so many of the saints in our midst have departed for that promise, we can take further comfort in the blessed assurance that they have realized that familiar prayer in all its fullness.

We have much more to be thankful for as we prepare for this next year in the life of Saint Andrew's. Our various ministries are growing in exciting and hopeful ways—with new faces and families showing up regularly in worship, broadened participation in our formation offerings, and expanding mission and outreach efforts to the most vulnerable in our community. Accordingly, the financial needs of the parish are also growing—as we have hired additional clergy and staff, seen increasing demands on our buildings and grounds, and sought to respond to escalating needs in the wider world.

As we begin the 2027 Annual Pledge Campaign, we are preparing to meet those growing needs by setting a financial pledge goal of $425,000 that, while ambitious, is warranted by these many blessings. With God's guidance, our pledges offered in joy and gladness in this season are one of the many ways that we can give thanks to God through our ongoing lives of faithful discipleship at Saint Andrew's. If your financial situation allows, we encourage you to consider increasing your pledged gift in recognition of the many opportunities that we now have before us. **Whatever your circumstances allow, please prayerfully complete the enclosed Pledge Card as well as the enclosed Time and Talents Card—and return them in the enclosed envelope via the offering plate or mail by Sunday, November 15th.**

Thanks to each of you for placing both your hopes and your gifts in service to the ongoing work of revealing God's abundant and abiding love through the worship, witness, and welcome of Saint Andrew's.

Grace and Peace,

Lee Gray
Chair, Annual Pledge Campaign Committee

Fr. Gary Eichelberger
Rector

Sharing Time & Talent at Saint Andrew's

In recognition of the many gifts that we have at Saint Andrew's, please complete the back of this card to indicate those ministries to which you might be called to serve in the coming year.









Called to

Worship

- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Eucharistic Visitor
- ☐ Lector/Reader
- ☐ Livestream Assistance
- ☐ Liturgical Minister
- ☐ Usher/Greeter

Sent to

Witness

- ☐ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- ☐ Daughters of the King
- ☐ Feed Thy Neighbor
- ☐ GOAL Justice & Just Faith
- ☐ Mission & Outreach
- ☐ Rebuild Upstate
- ☐ Youth

Led to

Welcome

- ☐ Book Club
- ☐ Community Events & Hospitality
- ☐ Episcopal Church Women
- ☐ Garden Crew
- ☐ Nursery
- ☐ Welcoming Ministry
- ☐ Office Volunteers

Name: _____

Email: _____

May Each Give Generously & Cheerfully as Able

At Saint Andrew's, as more of us pledge both generously and cheerfully, we are able to expand our mission of sharing God's love through our common worship, witness, and welcome. Saint Andrew's continued ministry is supported by many pledges of varying ranges. Since approximately 90% of our annual budget is dependent on pledged giving, each pledge is valuable and essential to the faithfulness of our common work and common life.

As Paul wrote to the Christians at Corinth, "the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have" (2 Cor 8:12). Therefore, as we prepare for another year, let us each offer our pledges both generously and cheerfully so that we might continue to "share abundantly in every good work" (2 Cor 9:8).

Last year, we surpassed our goal of 125 pledges and $370,000 in total dollars pledged (in the ranges indicated on the opposite side). For 2027, we have increased our goals to 145 pledges and $425,000 in total dollars pledged. It is our hope that we will be able to increase our giving across all of the ranges listed above. Thank you for your pledge!

2026 Range of Pledges

RANGE OF PLEDGES	NUMBER OF PLEDGES
$10,000 and above	8
$5,000 to $9,999	13
$2,500 to $4,999	26
$1,500 to $2,499	20
$1,000 to $1,499	24
$500 to $999	23
$499 and below	18
TOTAL	**132**

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Called to **Worship**. Sent to **Witness**. Led to **Welcome**.

NAME _____ **EMAIL** _____

STREET _____ **PHONE** _____

CITY _____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____

2027 PLEDGE

For 2027, I / we pledge the following in support of Saint Andrew's mission and ministry: $_____

Signature _____ Date _____

This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances.

Please return your pledge card by Sunday, November 15, 2026.

See reverse side for information on how to fulfill your pledge via online giving.

ONLINE OPTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PLEDGE *(if preferred to returning this card)*

Submit Pledge through Saint Andrew's Website

Go to *www.standrewsgreenville.org/pledge* and complete the online pledge card. QR code here will take you to that option.

OR

Submit Pledge through Saint Andrew's Realm page

Go to *onrealm.org/StAndrewsGvl/AddPledge/2027pledge* and complete Realm's online Pledge form. This page then gives you the option to set up online payment. QR code here will take you to that option.

ONLINE OPTIONS FOR PAYING PLEDGE *(if preferred to the Offering Plate in worship)*

Online Banking

Schedule a recurring gift with no fees through your bank's online Bill Payment service. This is often the most cost effective online method for you and the church.

OR

Saint Andrew's Online Giving through Realm

Go to *www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving* and click on "**DONATE VIA SAINT ANDREW'S REALM PAGE.**" Make sure to select the correct fund from the drop-down menu. For 2027 Pledge Payments set up in 2026, select "2027 Pre-Paid Pledge."