

2021 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



Created in God's image, we are created to endure. Our story at The Falls Church Episcopal is one of resilience in the face of loss; resurrection to new and abundant life as death confronts us. We are resilient because of our supportive, hopeful, purposeful community and family of God's people in Christ. We are resilient because we can practice gratitude for the grace and blessings of creation and hope piercing the darkness.

In the midst of a pandemic and a wholly unique year, The Falls Church Episcopal has moved forward as a community and forged ahead on the path of our mission:

We seek to fulfill God's will on Earth by gathering believers and seekers, providing sanctuary, ministering with the community, being a force for reconciliation, and serving as a source for transformation in ourselves and in the world.



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In a time that could feel as though it is filled with scarcity, we are intentional about filling ourselves with gratitude and acting on this mission.

We have:

- Gathered in prayer and worship by virtual means,
- Held foyer groups and small group discussions to keep talking with other parishioners, building both our faith and community,
- Continued pastoral care for all those in need of prayer and a listening ear,
- Inspired each other with Stories of Hope that share the good news of how each of us puts our faith into action,
- Fostered connection and prayer for each other with phonetree calls,
- Continued choir practices virtually,
- Stood in silent and unsilent witness for Black Lives through our social justice work,
- Brought food to those in need through consistent food drives,
- Kept our youth group meeting virtually,
- Held Vacation Bible School, had Christian Formation packet pick-ups and virtual meetings,
- Held outdoor services and maintained our vast buildings and grounds so we will be ready to open our doors to parishioners and community members alike as soon as possible,
- Determined and launched a search for a new Rector, and
- Poised ourselves to be ready for our new Rector with strong financials, the hiring of a new Parish Administrator and a Building and Grounds Supervisor, a Vestry hard at work, and robust committees.

In gratefulness for the abundance our church continues to cultivate, please prayerfully consider how you will give back to God in gratitude. We invite you to:

1. Listen and read as members of our congregation spend October and November sharing the joy The Falls Church Episcopal brings them and their families.
2. Prayerfully consider the role TFCE plays in your life and in the lives of those in need who we are called to serve.
3. Consider your proportional giving to God's work in relation to God's presence, strength, grace, and peace in your lives, especially during these unprecedented times.
4. Make a written financial pledge.

A written financial pledge is simply a statement of how much you intend to give back to God, in thanksgiving, over the course of the next year. If circumstances warrant as the year unfolds, it can be adjusted up or down. Making your pledge now helps our Vestry make plans for the coming year. Pledge cards will be mailed the week of October 5, and can be returned to the church any Sunday at our outdoor services, returned by mail, or you can pledge online through Realm.

Our campaign concludes with an offering of our time and stewardship through an outdoor food packing event and Celebration of Giving on Saturday, November 21.

Resilience and gratitude make a path to generosity; a generosity of living and serving that unites us to God's never failing peace and love.