

Every Perfect Gift

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above...” James 1:17, NRSV

Dear Cathedral Family:

Trinity Cathedral has benefitted this past year by your generosity: by the grand and not so grand acts that you, our Parish, have contributed, by single acts of love and kindness, and by countless unseen works done in the service of God and our Cathedral community. Each of those acts is a *Perfect Gift*. Thanks be to God!

Our pledge campaign this year focuses on every gift given: *Perfect Gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure*. Gifts are not just the things we wrap with paper and bows, or checks we write from our bank accounts, but all of the gifts that we give throughout the year. We frequently fail to focus on the power of each of these essential and perfect elements. Trinity is gratefully aware of the ways in which you, the Cathedral family, have collectively given all three. Each contributes toward the success of our Cathedral's work. Your Vestry, Clergy, and Parish community are blessed by the outpouring of these perfect gifts.

While all three categories of Gifts are essential, the gift of *Time* may be considered the greatest gift, because it is a gift that cannot be replaced. Once given, *Time* cannot be taken back, reclaimed. Gifts of *Time* might be measured in hours spent running a ministry, participating in services, managing our renovation work, volunteering in the community, or in minutes spent on the phone or in person reaching out to each other, taking care of each other. It's nearly impossible to measure the impact of this gift!

Over the coming weeks you will be hearing more about this year's Stewardship Campaign: *Every Perfect Gift*. You are a gift, each of you, and you are gifts to each other and to a world in need of our love. *Every Perfect Gift* does come from God. And we, the Cathedral family, are blessed to be the recipients of those gifts.

From your Vestry: Howard Bennett, Terry Cain, Lindsay Campbell, Cleta Dillard, Gary Fuller, Brandon Harjer, Carolyn Hoffmann, Eloy Ituarte, Jim Lamb, John Lilley, Margaret Zuccarini

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