

October 23, 2023



Dear Friends,

During our stewardship campaign this year, you have been hearing about the theme, *Rooted in Abundance*, and its reminder to us that we are inspired to give because so much has been given to us. This is not transactional – we do not give in proportion to how we feel we have benefitted or suffered – rather we give because of the love we have experienced in the story of our faith. We have explored trees, roots, flowers all as metaphors for the way we dig deep into what nourishes us to transform that goodness into work, service, and joy in a world that needs us.

As members of the Trinity Vestry, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve our parish during this very challenging year. We're thankful for all the ways you have shared your gifts with us – your wealth, works, and your wisdom – helping us meet our challenges and move toward an even brighter tomorrow. We are excited about and so grateful for the following:

- the work of our Profile and Search Committees as they bring us closer to the selection of a new rector;
- the many volunteers who share their time and talent to strengthen our various parish organizations from ushers and altar guild, to greeters, choir, coffee teams, Condega, K.I.D.S. events, pastoral care and many others;
- the news that our childrens' programs are springing to life with renewed energy, starting with the new Family Service on October 29th;
- the many new members who've joined our community this year.

The most important words your Vestry can say to you are "thank you." Thank you for the abundant gifts that you shared with our community this year that helped us move ahead. We hope that the stories of abundance we have shared inspire you to make a generous pledge for the coming year. Every gift matters and each gift will be accepted, brought to the altar, and blessed before God and our community on November 5th.

This year, as you pray about your commitment to our church, please tap into that nourishing structure of faith and generosity shown to us by an extravagant God, a patient Shepherd, and a gathering Spirit who calls us to extend our reach and share our gifts with the world. When you are rooted in abundance, you realize that your giving can be as boundless as the Creation that gave birth to us all. Once again, thank you for your generosity and your prayerful consideration of your pledge to Trinity.

In gratitude,

Your Trinity Vestry

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