

Dear Parish Family,

God sent you an invitation to be a member of the community at All Saints'. Maybe you answered that call decades ago, or maybe you have recently found a faith home at All Saints'; no matter when or how you have connected with us, we are traveling together doing what love requires. We are so grateful that you are committed to walk with your brothers and sisters in Christ at All Saints' Church. In this season of pandemic and uncertainty, we have distilled our mission into three simple priorities for our Christian life.



1. Worship God with all your heart.
2. Develop relationships of deep love with each other.
3. Serve in the world, offering love and healing.

Our commitment to this mission takes tangible shape in a variety of different ministries that invite us to love God, each other, and the world. The mission of the church requires your tangible support, sharing your resources of wealth, wisdom, and work. We are looking forward to God's invitation to share our love in 2022, here is how our mission is taking shape:

- **Worshipping God** in person and online is an incredible gift for our community and an offering by our staff. We can extend our reach beyond time and space to proclaim the Gospel more broadly. In 2021, we built an AV system to support robust live streaming. Now, we are called to attend to our historic worship space and explore renovations to serve the next generation crossing the threshold of 106 W. Church St.
- **Relationships of love** have developed and deepened in 2021 through in-person Vacation Bible School, music ministry of choir and handbells, pastoral care, celebrating baptisms, weddings, and funerals, learning together with zoom classes on scripture, theology, and spiritual practices. We are anticipating even more opportunities to invest in each other's lives in the year to come as we cultivate formation for youth and children, spiritual growth, and community life to nurture us no matter how we connect to the church community.
- **Serving in the world** has taken two distinct paths: partnering to heal with our local Frederick neighbors (Centro Hispano, Religious Coalition, Asbury United Methodist, AARCH, CORE, and 12-step meetings), and partnering with mission in India and Haiti to serve those most vulnerable. We are committed to the work of Truth and Reconciliation, building relationships of trust and love to heal the wounds of oppression. This takes shape in our commitment to partner with the African American community, the LatinX community, and the LGBTQ+ community. Everywhere, we are called to turn our resources and privilege into opportunities for service and healing.

What does love require? Love is asking for your commitment to the mission of All Saints' because you know how much the love of this church is transforming your own life. A financial pledge for 2022 will help us make faithful choices for the future of our mission. In this season of uncertainty, you have an opportunity to make a certain commitment to the future of your community of faith. Place your feet on the solid ground of worshiping, loving, and serving God

and Christ in each other. The rest of our lives become more manageable when we are oriented to these faithful priorities.

Our goal for 2022 is to receive at least 200 pledges; increasing giving by 8% and the number of pledging households by 17%. Pray and consider your own financial circumstances, your ability to share your wisdom, and the work that brings you joy. Everyone has different gifts to bring to love's feast. What is love inviting you to share? How will you be a part of the mission of All Saints'?

Complete our online pledge card through Tithely by scanning this QR Code, or visit www.allsaintsmd.org. Tithely is a giving portal that provides a secure and convenient way to pledge and give. If you prefer a paper pledge card, one is included with this letter that can be mailed to the church office, Attn: 2022 Pledge Campaign.



We ask that you submit your pledge by November 21st so that we can celebrate our commitment to mission in the coming year in Sunday worship.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss making a financial pledge to All Saints', contact Mother Adrien or Rev. Jess and the Stewardship Team at pledge@allsaintsmd.org.

May we all join in *Doing What Love Requires*,

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The Rev. Adrien Dawson,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rev. Jess".

The Rev. Jessica Holthus

and the Stewardship Team