

Every Perfect Gift

Grace Episcopal Church 2022 Pledge Campaign
September 26 – October 24, 2021

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

September 22, 2021

Dear Grace Church,

Every year, we strive for the overarching message about our pledge campaign to begin and end with gratitude.

Along with the whole stewardship ministry team at Grace, I hope that this year's theme, *Every Perfect Gift*, continues to do this as it stirs us to dwell upon the myriad ways in which we have been blessed by God and how this enlivens us to offer back that which is God's as we give of ourselves – our time, talent, and treasure - to our church and the wider community of which we are a part.

This 'season' in our individual and common lives has been so different from any other in terms of what has been asked or required of us – socially and relationally, emotionally and mentally, spiritually, financially. I have experienced it myself and have heard many of your stories as I have walked with you this year. I know some of us are struggling with finances, with isolation, with uncertainty.

From you, I learn once more that it is the God we encounter at our church, and Jesus who we follow by recognizing him in each other, that keep us together, that provide constancy in a shifting world.

In terms of your financial giving, I realize that every dollar you offer to Grace's mission has a face behind it, a story, a purpose. We use these gifts to serve God, to care for each other, and to show our love for our neighbors. I am so grateful for how each of you supports our wide-ranging and far-reaching ministry.

As you consider making your gift this year, I ask that you also consider how you have been impacted by, and how you will impact, this church and our neighbors.

What is the story of your gift, how will it unfold? How will your 'perfect gift' reflect the gifts you have received from our Creator? How will your blessing be a blessing to others? This is the spirit behind our theme of Every Perfect Gift.

With deep gratitude,

The Rev. Christopher R. Morck
Rector