



SAINT JOHN'S

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Dear Friends,

I am excited to share with you the incredible opportunity to be part of God's mission — to share the love of God made known to us through the ministry of Jesus Christ.

At St. John's we are part of God's good work, as we strive to build bridges with God, within ourselves and with each other. As we worship God and serve God's people, we discover how God changes our lives — the lives of both giver and receiver — as we deepen our understanding of what it means to be truly welcomed and loved by God. Through our worship, pastoral care and the many ministries at St. John's, such as volunteering with students at Grace Academy, feeding hungry people at Loaves and Fishes, singing in the choir, or teaching our children during Church School, we experience God's grace working in our lives in ways we could never imagine. God's abundant love transforms and shapes how we see ourselves and how we act in the world, as we become more aware of the many blessings that grace our lives. With this deepened awareness, we understand that all that we have and all that we are comes from God.

It is only natural for us to respond with heartfelt gratitude for God's grace that upholds and flows into our lives. We discover that when we use our gifts and resources to help others experience God's grace, we grow more into our true selves, the unique individuals God created us to be. This is our shared calling — to share God's grace with the world with gratitude and generosity.

This fall you are invited to become a vital part of our vision at St. John's as we begin our annual appeal. Your generous commitment will help make it possible for us to make vital connections as we share the abundance of God's saving grace. October 29 is Commitment Sunday, when our entire parish family will be invited to share our offering to God in gratitude for all we have.

In the weeks ahead, I ask you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to be a part of this good work at St. John's, responding with a grateful and generous heart for God's abundant grace.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton +
Rector