

**My 2017 Pledge as a Member  
of The Church of The Transfiguration**

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**I/We Pledge  
With Thankfulness To God:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ as I can

I would like Pledge Envelopes:

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Yes      No

I plan to E-Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

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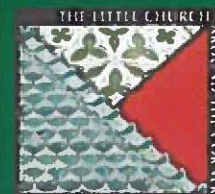
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2017 Pledge Campaign**



**Sing to the Lord  
a New Song**



## Sing a New Song!

The Rev'd Dr. Ronald Noone, *Interim Pastor*

Three psalms (96, 98 & 149) begin with these words and they are recorded in others (33 and 144). Isaiah 42:10 also says "to sing to the Lord a new song." New songs of praise are appropriate for new beginnings and fresh manifestations of God's grace.

As long as God continues to be true to his promises and blesses us with his favor and keeps showing us his love, it is appropriate that we sing not only the old songs inspired by past grace, but also that we sing new songs about God's ever streaming, ongoing grace. God's promises include: that we are never alone; that human beings are more precious and valuable than anything; and that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Such knowledge is a sure ground for faithful rejoicing!

As the parish prepares to enter a new phase of its life and ministry with a new Rector we should rejoice and give thanks as God continues to "show the immeasurable riches of his grace towards us in Christ Jesus." We show our thanks by offering back to God some of the blessings bestowed on us by making a pledge. Making a pledge to the church has practical consequences in that it gives vital support to the church's budget to maintain the ministry, mission, music and programs of the parish. If you have not pledged in the past, please consider doing so this year. If you are a current pledger, please consider increasing your giving. Together, we can safeguard our parish's future ministry and be prepared to sing a new song here at the Church of the Transfiguration.

*R. Dr. Noone*

## Stewardship at Transfiguration: Past, Present and Future

Since 2005, Transfiguration parishioners have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment to supporting the parish financially. The annual amount pledged has increased from less than \$83,000 to almost \$198,000. The number of pledgers has also increased, from 57 pledgers to 89 pledgers. This year, as we prepare to call a new Rector and start a new chapter in our parish life, we hope that you will join with us again as we strive towards our goals of \$200,000 in pledge income and 100 pledgers.



### Stewardship 2016

Number of New Pledges: 13  
Number of Increased Pledges: 27  
Total Number of Pledges: 89  
Total Amount Pledged: \$197,789

## Why Pledge?

Pledges represent a significant source of income for the parish. Pledge income helps us to:

- maintain our historic building and a garden that provides rest and peace in a hectic city;
- maintain and grow our much-beloved music program;
- offer a vibrant liturgy and a challenging and inspiring program of sermons and Christian education; and
- continue our inspiring history of work with those in need.

**The act of commitment in pledging is far more important than the amount pledged.**

It says to everyone that this is a vital part of your life. We hope every member of the congregation will join us in making a pledge.

We also hope that, as you contemplate your pledge, you will consider proportional giving (for example, giving 2%, 5%, or 10% of income). If our pledge is proportional, regardless of what happens to our income, we are honoring God with the same percentage of what we earn. Please think and pray about how proportional giving fits into your financial situation and spiritual life.

God has blessed us and our parish, and our pledges of support are an opportunity to give back to God and his Church in thanksgiving. We invite each of you to help Transfiguration continue its mission and ministry by making a pledge to the Church.

**Joyfully present your pledge  
and celebrate our collective success on  
Sunday, November 13, 2016.**