

Dear Friends,

Have you ever thought about life from beginning to end?

We are born, and we cry out! Life: joy and sorrow, dependence and independence, easy times . . . and hard times, and everything in between. Much of life occurs without our deliberation, and it is inherently different with every moment and every breath. We move and have our being, paying most attention to the things that confront us with a certain immediacy. So, what does gratitude have to do with it?

Living in Gratitude is a choice we are presented with each day of our lives.

The scriptures challenge us to make the choice to live with, even in, gratitude. Living with gratitude changes not only how we view our circumstances of the moment but also how we will approach what lies ahead. Choosing to live in gratitude makes us attentive to the abundance God provides all around us, abundance we never really considered before. It reshapes our approach to the challenges that come and keeps us open to different ways of engaging life, with God's help.

When we seek out this way of life, we embrace times of difficulty and uncertainty in a spirit of abundance and a willingness to live into what lies ahead, attentive and available to respond when the Spirit calls.

Our parish continues to be blessed by those who choose to live with gratitude—from those who have left us beauty in brilliant stained glass and organ pipes that bring us prayers in song to those who commit to regular giving, like a spring bubbling forth week after week.


We invite you to join us in making a financial commitment, a pledge for 2023, as we connect with a sustaining thankfulness for all of God's blessings upon this living, breathing faith community. With this comes strength so that we may journey on, sharing the boundless love of God out and about in the world. I hope you will prayerfully consider your pledge to support and grow all that we do together at Holy Spirit, choosing once more to live in gratitude.



In gratitude and with you on the Way,

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The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger



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*Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

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Thank you for your pledge support. It's a sign of hope and commitment that sustains our staff and those who come to Holy Spirit; cares for our buildings from which we go forth into the world; and enables us to be here for anyone who is seeking a faith home.



NOVEMBER 6 INGATHERING SUNDAY

Please complete the enclosed Financial Pledge Card and place it in the offering plate on or before Sunday, November 6. Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Spirit community.

To make your pledge today, please call the church office at (406) 542-2167.

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