



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

September 22, 2023
Feast of Philander Chase

Dear

Cathedral Community,

Openhanded generosity is at the heart of Christianity. In Jesus' first miracle, at the wedding in Cana, he changed jars of water into the most exquisite wine anyone had ever tasted. Later, Jesus observed a widow give a coin to the Temple treasury and remarked that, even in her poverty, she gave lavishly to God.

As you consider your financial pledge to support the ministry of the Cathedral in the coming year, I invite you to reflect on the facets of generosity that are already part of your life. These include your monetary and volunteer support of all charitable organizations. When I speak of the biblical tithe (the discipline of giving 10% of your resources to the work of God), this includes your support of the Church, as well as all these other worthy causes. It has been my experience that, when I increase my donation to one organization, it becomes contagious, and I find the means to give more to others as well. We call this stewardship because all our blessings are from God, and we are called to manage them faithfully to maintain our households as well as support the well-being of all of God's people.

The Cathedral is a precious gift to our community, and our ministry touches people in multiple ways. The many programs, services, concerts, and liturgies we offer are given freely to all comers, many of whom are not able to support our work financially. Our future is literally in your hands, as your contributions will determine our ability to continue to serve the world in Christ's name, so I ask that you be as generous as you possibly can.

Faithfully,

David

The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier
Dean and Rector