

And Mary said,
*“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...”*
— Luke 1:46-47



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

The song of Mary in Luke 1, also known as the Magnificat, is a powerful statement of faith in a God who does big things. In this song, Mary sings that “all generations will call me blessed” and “he has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.” Our stewardship campaign for 2026, Tell Out My Soul, celebrates the ways God has been present with us in our shared life, but it also calls us to follow Mary’s example by daring to believe that God can do even more through us. Just as Mary understood that the tiny new life growing inside her womb represented something world-changing, we are invited to believe that in our worship life, in our response to injustice, and in our experience of God in each other, something larger is taking shape.

At St. Paul’s we love to tell of what God has done in our lives and to express our gratitude for this church community. Over the past year, we have heard testimonials in Sunday worship from three members: Jim Hamilton in March, Bethany Gugliemino in May, and Mirella Gonzalez on October 12. During the Stewardship Campaign we will hear from Sophie Brown (9:00) and Wally Frey (11:00) on October 26, and Ginny Balser (9:00) and Marva Cummings (11:00) on Nov.9. As you reflect on the stories that Jim, Bethany, Mirella, Sophie, Wally, Ginny, and Marva have to tell, think about your own story. Then share your story with someone else, and ask them about theirs. As we share our stories, the seeds of new life that God has planted among us will begin to sprout.

Our pledge goal for 2026 is \$440,000, which represents a 7% increase over the pledges we received in 2025. We believe this goal is achievable not only because our giving so far in 2025 is ahead of budget, but because there is an energy among us that feels different. Everyone’s financial circumstances are unique, but if you can increase your pledge over last year, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. (For some guidance, please see the back of the enclosed pledge card.)

If you have never pledged before, we invite you to join the growing community of people who do. Pledging is a tangible way for you to express gratitude for St. Paul’s and faith in its future. In addition, making a pledge helps the Finance Committee plan responsibly and put together a realistic budget for the coming year. You can make a pledge in one of two ways: (1) fill out the enclosed pledge card and place it in the Sunday offering or return it to the church office, or (2) complete the online pledge form, which can be accessed at stpaulsnorwalk.org/give or by using the QR code below.

Thank you for choosing to be part of the wonderful community that is St. Paul’s on the Green. Please help us ensure a vibrant future by making a pledge for 2026—and tell out your soul!

In gratitude and hope,
St. Paul’s Stewardship Committee