



## 2021 Commitment

In gratitude to God and for the ministries and mission of St. James, I/we will give

\$\_\_\_\_\_ to St. James Episcopal Church in 2021.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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- I/We plan to give electronically.
- I/We would like information about giving electronically.
- I/We would like offering envelopes.
- I/We have remembered St. James in our will(s) or with a Legacy (Planned) Gift.
- I/We would like information about how to make a Legacy Gift.

**Completed cards may be returned during the Eucharist distribution on Sunday, October 18, or mailed to St. James, 766 North Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792 by October 25, Commitment Sunday.**

## **STEWARDSHIP FAQs**

### ***What is stewardship?***

Stewardship is what we do with all of the resources that God has entrusted to us - our time, energy, abilities, creativity, financial resources, and our life itself - intentionally using those resources in ways pleasing to God.

### ***Is stewardship only about the money I give to the church?***

Absolutely not. Stewardship is what we do with everything: the time, service, and money we give to the church or to others, and that which we keep for ourselves.

### ***Why is making a pledge important?***

1) It is good for you spiritually to trust that God will provide your needs. 2) When the vestry has a more accurate estimate of income, it can plan programs and ministries for the coming year responsibly and realistically.

### ***What happens if I make a pledge and find I cannot fulfill it?***

Nothing. Your pledge is not a contract but a spiritual commitment. If you find that you cannot fulfill your pledge, please inform the Parish Administrator so plans can be adjusted.

### ***How much should I give? Am I expected to tithe?***

We encourage you to make a meaningful gift to the church first, rather than giving God your leftovers. Many people calculate a percentage of their income to offer as a pledge, and they try to increase that percentage each year. The church's standard of giving is a tithe (10%), and people who tithe usually find they are more attuned to God's action in their lives and that they feel richer from giving than from keeping.