

October 4, 2019

Investing in Life at GSL  
2020 Stewardship Campaign

*Lord, I keep so busy praising my Jesus, ain't got time to die. 'Cause when I'm healing the sick, I'm praising my Jesus, ain't got time to die. 'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus, all of my time to praise my Lord. If I don't praise him, the rocks are gonna cry out, "Glory and honor!" Ain't got time to die. Lord, I keep so busy working for the kingdom, ain't got time to die. 'Cause when I'm feeding the poor, I'm working for the kingdom, ain't got time to die. Lord, I keep so busy serving my Master, ain't got time to die. 'Cause when I'm giving my all, I'm serving my Master, ain't got time to die. Now won't you get out of my way, let me praise my Jesus? Out of my way, let me praise my Lord. If I don't praise him, the rocks are gonna cry out, "Glory and honor!" Ain't got time to die!* - Francis Hall Johnson (1880-1970)

Dear Members, Newcomers, and Friends of Grace-St. Luke's Church,

Worshippers who attended the 10:30 service on September 8th were blessed to hear our chancel choir's stirring and jubilant rendition of the spiritual, "Ain't Got Time to Die." If you missed it, please take a minute to watch the video here <https://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/videos/399510594043084/> - it's well worth viewing!

The spiritual's message about working for the kingdom is apropos as we return thanks for God's abundance in 2019 and move into the 2020 stewardship season. Here at GSL, we are indeed serving and working in so many ways. From feeding those in need to singing with children to caring for the sick, parish ministries are praising our Lord and committed to our baptismal mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. All that we are and offer focuses on our vision to be a thriving community of hope, belonging, and healing through worship, parish life, and service, and who rejoices in the love of Jesus to transform the world. Our strong foundation is calling us to go even deeper into our faith, enhance internal ministries, and serve the wider community in even more ways.

In 2020, Grace-St. Luke's will continue to invest in superlative music, meaningful liturgy, and quality programming to feed the souls and minds of adults, youth, and children. We will add more weekday fellowship and formation events, maintain a strong pastoral care ministry, and share in serving our neighbors who may be experiencing extraordinary challenges through community partnerships. Along with our Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, we believe that life at GSL will grow stronger through the three-fold investment of time, talent, and money from all who love this sacred place in the heart of Midtown. Personally, we can attest that a little if not a lot of each, whatever is possible, goes a long way to sustain and expand our ministries and impact. Our collective giving keeps us focused on working for the kingdom. Your support is essential in carrying out the parish's important work and daily operation.

Along with Vestry Commissioners for Stewardship Simon Wadsworth and Tom Stephenson, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you might invest in life at Grace-St. Luke's and pledge for 2020 by returning the enclosed Pledge Form to the church office, placing it in the alms basin (offering plate), or pledging online at [www.gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving](http://www.gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving). Please join us in supporting life at GSL by offering your pledge before or on our festive All Saints' Sunday celebration on November 3. Thank you for all you do in working for the kingdom!

In faith and gratitude for life at Grace-St. Luke's



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