



October 29, 2021

Grace, Peace, and Greetings—

The beauty of worship – gathering together in the midst of a world of distance; the wonder of music – singing together, even if masked; the sweetness of sacraments at last – celebrating together in a world of dust and hunger; and the joy of service – working together in a world of broken systems and broken hearts. We cherish these gifts.

At Christ Church, beautiful impossibilities have shaped our lives this past year. Who knew that we could film our Christmas pageant on our front lawn, provide meals for those experiencing homelessness with MANNA in Boston, have Sunday worship on line, celebrate Baptisms, share weekly Bible Study on Zoom, provide pastoral support for those who needed it, enjoy a new organ and our talented musicians, recommit to our sibilings in Lazile, Haiti, and so much more, amidst a world-wide pandemic? With the advice and counsel of teachers and families, we anticipate inviting our youngest members back indoors to Church School when it is safe. We have missed you!

These have given us great joy. And they have given us reason to hope for the future.

Thank you for being a part of the joy of Christ Church, Needham. Your financial support means much more now than ever. We need your help to keep alive our ability to care, to connect, and to serve, to continue the mission of our Church to love God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches.

In considering your estimate of giving for 2022, we invite you to think about where you have found joy and hope in our community of faith. The [enclosed FAQs](#) and [giving guide](#) may help.

For all that we have accomplished together during this challenging season and for all that we will accomplish together in the future, thank God and thank you.

Yours in faith, joy, and hope.

Jean McCarthy and Kim Rocco, for the Stewardship Team, including Duncan Allen, Heidi Fieldston, and Phil Trussell

*“Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills sing together for joy.” -Psalm 98*

*“I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a future.” - Jeremiah 28.10-11*