



Frequently Asked Questions about Pledging

What does it mean to pledge to St. George's Episcopal Church?

A pledge to our parish means that you have made the decision to give to St. George's with *intention*. It is your promise to fulfill a defined, annual monetary gift that supports the operational budget of the church.

What percent of the church's annual budget is supported by pledges?

For the calendar year 2020, about 86 percent of our \$3.9 million budget was supported by pledges to St. George's.

How can I make a pledge?

There are several ways to make a pledge:

1. Fill out a paper pledge card and drop it in the offering plate at Sunday services
2. Pledge using your Realm account at onrealm.org/stgeorges
3. Pledge online (no account needed) through our [website](#)
4. Email Catherine Beemer, Director of Parish Giving, at Catherine.beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org

How do I pay my pledge?

Many of our parishioners find it easiest to give via [Realm](#), where you can set up automatic bank draft or credit card payments. You can then choose the frequency and amount of your gifts. The church also gladly accepts checks, gifts of stock, or IRA distributions (if 70.5 or older).

What happens if I am unable to fulfill my pledge?

We understand that life circumstances can change. If you are unable to fulfill your pledge, simply call Catherine Beemer, Director of Parish Giving, to discuss options. All conversations are kept confidential. Please know we are grateful for your gifts, and as your parish we also want to support you during difficult times.

What about the cash contributions I put in the offering plate on Sundays?

Putting money in the offering plate is a wonderful spiritual discipline, however it does not take the place of a pledge. Plate offerings are contributions that are always welcome, but we cannot financially plan for those gifts in preparing our budget. Our annual budget is based largely on *pledged* income to the church.

Does my pledge renew automatically?

No, your pledge will not be automatically renewed. Please complete your annual pledge in the ways described above.

For other questions or to discuss your giving plans, please contact Catherine Beemer, Director of Parish Giving, at Catherine.beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org, or 615-385-2150.