



St. Columba's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

What is the purpose of pledging?

Pledging allows St. Columba's vestry to plan for the coming year of ministries and worship activities that help accomplish the everyday work of Christ in this world. The budget includes everything we need to run the church—worship services, Sunday School for adults, youth and children, music programs, service and outreach and more.

What is an appropriate pledge?

The amount of your pledge is between you and God. Most importantly, your pledge should be given in gratitude for the blessing of this life, and to support the ministries of St. Columba's. The goal of Christian giving is to tithe, giving 10% of your income. The Bible teaches us that God blesses those who give faithfully and with a cheerful heart.

What is proportional giving?

Proportional giving involves setting aside a tithe or other appropriate portion of your income as one of your highest priorities.

Suggested Monthly Giving

Annual Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$40,000	\$67	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333
\$60,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500
\$80,000	\$133	\$267	\$400	\$533	\$667
\$100,000	\$167	\$333	\$500	\$667	\$833
\$150,000	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250
\$200,000	\$333	\$667	\$1,000	\$1,333	\$1,667
\$250,000	\$417	\$833	\$1,250	\$1,667	\$2,083
\$300,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500

How can I make a pledge?

You can complete a pledge card and return it to the church. You can also make a pledge online at columba.org, or via telephone by calling Paul Barkett at 202-363-4119, ext. 211.

If you are mailing in your pledge, please send it to:

St. Columba's

Attention: Stewardship

4201 Albemarle St. NW, Washington, DC 20016

What methods of payment does the church accept?

St. Columba's accepts cash, checks, credit cards or gifts of stock. Many find it easy to pay by monthly bank drafts through online banking, or by using offering envelopes. When you complete your pledge card, please indicate if you prefer envelopes for your pledges. **If you choose to make a gift of stock, the Church policy is to sell stock as soon as it is received and apply the funds to your pledge.**

Is it enough for me to donate money in the collection plate on Sundays rather than make a pledge?

Donations through the collection plate are always welcome, but this does not take the place of pledging. Plate offerings represent less than 2% of the church's annual revenue, whereas pledges are the foundation of our annual planning and budget.

Can I specify exactly how I want my pledge to be used?

We request that you consider making your pledge as an unrestricted gift. Pledges are donations that are used to fund St. Columba's entire operating budget.

Where does the money go?

St. Columba's is committed to being good stewards of our financial contributions. The following chart shows where the money is allocated.

OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES

