



October 17, 2025

Brothers and sisters of Advent,

The signs of the changing seasons are upon us. While the 90-degree days may be behind us, the animals are donning their winter coats, and fall breaks are providing a welcome pause from the daily routine of school and life.

In our church community, these signs herald the arrival of our annual Barbecue, Bake Sale & Silent Auction! I hope you are planning to join us next Saturday, October 25, from 11 am to 3 pm for a day of celebration and fundraising. We are especially grateful for Carey Bringle's expertise as our pitmaster; his willingness to share his talents takes this event over the top. I look forward to seeing the entire parish come together on this day! Can't stay? To-Go meals are available.

As we anticipate this weekend, I am also reminded that Thanksgiving and family gatherings are on the horizon, offering us a moment to give thanks for all that God has provided. Which leads me to the primary reason for this letter: our season of gratitude and generosity.

Sunday, October 26, marks the start of this season and our annual pledge drive. Weekly in worship, we will intentionally and joyfully remember how much we, as a community, have to be thankful to God for, and consider how we might respond generously with our time, talent, and treasures.

As I reflect on 2025, I am reminded of our deep-rootedness in God's love and our commitment to serving those around us over the last 170 years. The people of Advent have diligently worked for over a century and a half, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to minister to the world in the Name of Christ. What a privilege to continue this legacy. In this spirit, I invite you during this season of gratitude and generosity to contemplate God's faithfulness in your lives and how you contribute to His glory in the world around you.

Enclosed is a pledge card. Please take a moment to fill it out prayerfully and return it either in the offering plate during worship or by mailing it to the church office during the week. You can also pledge online at adventnashville.net/give. Please remember that pledging helps the Vestry discern, budget, and plan for our ministry next year.

Lastly, do plan to join us on Sunday, November 23, for worship to celebrate the conclusion of this intentional season of gratitude and generosity. We will express our thanks for all the pledges received and ask God to bless and multiply them

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Brian McVey
Rector