



# Annual Report

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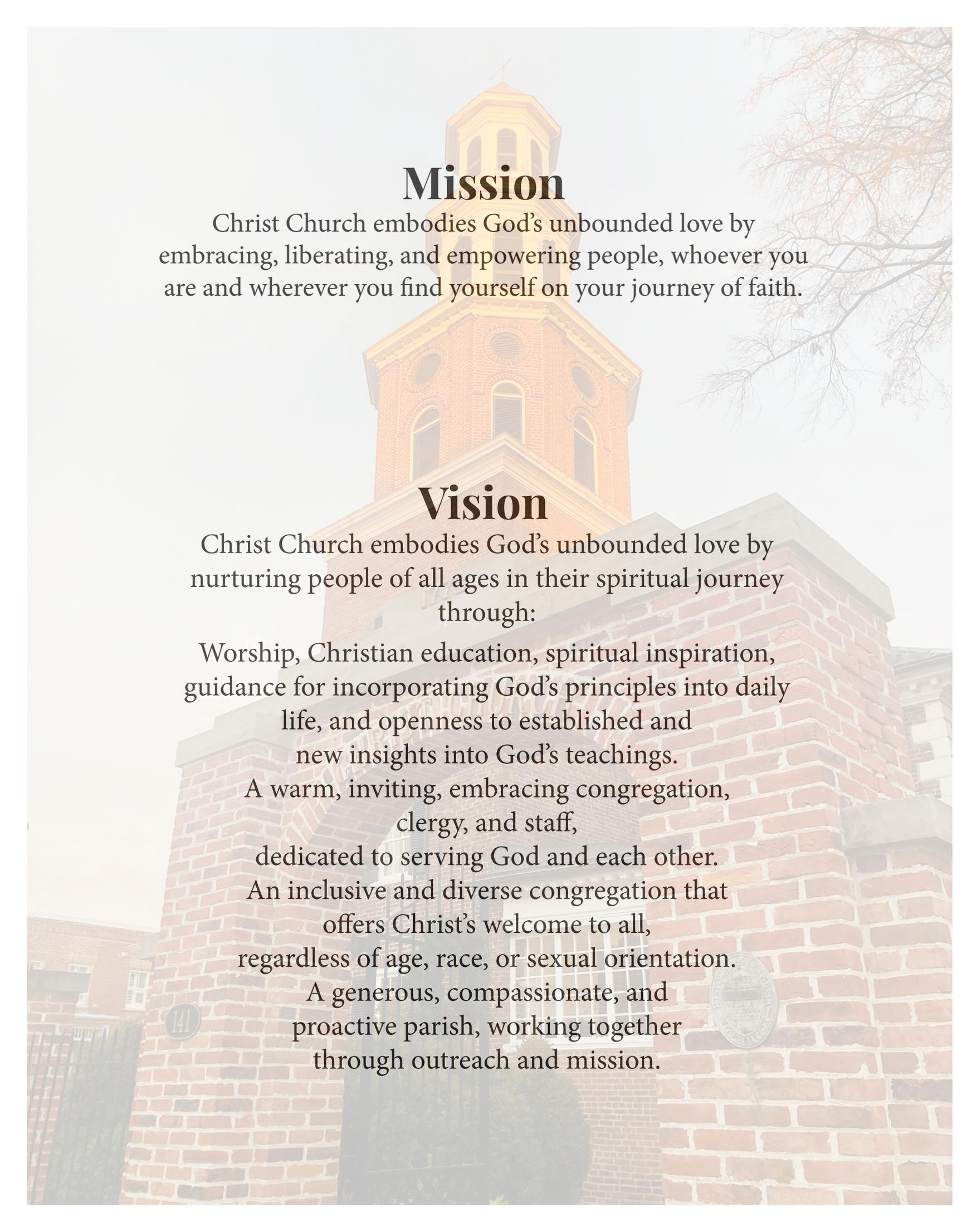
2024-2025

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## Meeting Agenda

11:20 a.m. Opening Prayer.....	Darrin Hostetler
11:25 a.m. Call to Order.....	The Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons
Appointment of Parliamentarian.....	Kevin Metz
Declaration of Quorum.....	Kevin Metz
Appointment of Clerk.....	Cornelia Horner
11:30 a.m. Rector's Address.....	The Rev Dr Noelle York-Simmons
Warden's Address.....	Steve Reed
11:45 a.m. Treasurer's Report.....	Anne Richardson
11:50 a.m. Stewardship Report.....	Tom Hahn
11:55 a.m. Comprehensive Campaign.....	Julie Simonton
12:00 p.m. Foundation Report.....	Bill Baker
12:05 p.m. Outreach and Mission Report.....	Melanie Gray
12:10 p.m. Property Report.....	Glen Hewitt
12:15 p.m. Introduction of the Vestry Slate.....	Jaclyn Moyer
12:20 p.m. Awards.....	Noelle, Steve, The Rev Beth Bingham
12:25 p.m. Motion for Adjournment.....	The Rev Noelle York-Simmons
Closing Prayer.....	The Rev Robbie Laughton



# Mission

Christ Church embodies God's unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith.

# Vision

Christ Church embodies God's unbounded love by nurturing people of all ages in their spiritual journey through:

Worship, Christian education, spiritual inspiration, guidance for incorporating God's principles into daily life, and openness to established and new insights into God's teachings.

A warm, inviting, embracing congregation, clergy, and staff,

dedicated to serving God and each other.

An inclusive and diverse congregation that offers Christ's welcome to all, regardless of age, race, or sexual orientation.

A generous, compassionate, and proactive parish, working together through outreach and mission.

## Rector's Report

Every year, the Episcopal Church powers-that-be require every parish to fill out a parochial report with all of the numbers that make up the story of our life. In it, we report the number of services (221 Eucharists, 365 daily offices), the number of baptisms (23), confirmations and receptions (12), marriages (4), and burials (10). There are places to report weekly attendance (341), annual expenses (\$2.2m), number of pledges (361) along with many other bits of data. The numbers are important to the national church as they gather data to identify trends and learn how to best serve the people of God in the Episcopal Church.



Our numbers at Christ Church, this year and in the last few years, are on an upward trend. It's not a steep climb, but it is significant enough to say we are growing in all of the ways we record and track numbers. In a time in history when mainline Christianity is supposed to be in decline, this upward growth is worth celebrating.

But our trackable numbers do not tell the entirety of the Christ Church story. The numbers, as good as they are, do not tell about the tears shed in those 14 funerals or the folks that carefully weed and plant to make this final resting place beautiful. We do not track prayers answered by our Lazarus counselors or bellies filled by the vendors that contribute to our food pantry. I've never tried to count the number of times our staff meetings have devolved into laughter, even in the midst of our hard work. And have you ever considered the uncountable hours the committees of this church have spent solving problems small and large, headstones and paint colors,

budget spreadsheets, pledge card illustration, reception sign-ups?

We should feel good about the data we track and about how they show Christ Church growing and committing to God. But the stories told by the rest of our life together are what ministry in community is really about. Those stories are why we are here.

I hope you will continue to join in the holy stories we write with our souls and our actions, together. This work, the lives it changes and the joy it produces, is an act of resistance against bitterness and division.

Blessings,  
Noelle



## Senior Warden's Report

As we entered 2025, we looked out on a sea of uncertainties regarding where we would land with the property we have long called the "Ross Building". That building was acquired by Christ Church in the late 1990s when I was in my first term as Senior Warden, which provided the church with a new Sunday School home and a myriad of other ministries in the lower level and income revenue via the Ross Dress for Less lease for the ground and mezzanine levels. This building has been in need of significant renovations (e.g., a new roof, new HVAC) for several years. We have been striving for more than two decades to find either a follow-on tenant or a developer to lease the land and redevelop the site. We knew that the lease with Ross Dress for Less was coming due for termination in January 2026 and it wasn't clear whether Ross would want to remain and on what terms. Simultaneously, we had been negotiating with the owner of the Linder Academy over the possibility that the school would expand into the Ross space in order to provide middle school and high school education in addition to the younger grades Linder already served. However, at the end of 2024, we seemed to be at a standstill with Linder as well.

Fortunately, we came to the end of 2025 in a very different place. Our magnificent team of John Weaver and Chris

McMurray, following in the path of our dear friend Jim Coakley, worked out an arrangement with Linder to become our tenant for the next 15 years on terms that are significantly better over the long run than we ever could have gotten from Ross.

On January 31 – in spite of the "snowcrete" we were still dealing with – many of you were able to attend the colorful "beach party" in what had been Ross's space. Linder is now operating out of the lower level of Fowler House under a short-term lease that allows them to start operations before they finish the renovation of the Ross space. And we have now taken a lot of the uncertainty out of our future with this property.

This is not only a significant accomplishment in its own right, but it has helped to lay a foundation for the upcoming comprehensive campaign, which you've already heard much about. The excitement about this campaign is palpable right now, and all of us can go forward with confidence that we know how our buildings will be used and what resources we will have going forward.

Another strong pillar for the comprehensive campaign is that Christ Church's finances are currently very solid. We have the Finance Committee and its chair Anne Richardson, Treasurer David Rees, the members of the Vestry, and of course

the wonderful generosity of the folks in this room to thank for this state of affairs. We have just finished our second year in a row of running a surplus budget, totaling more than \$100,000 across the two years. That's fortunate because one aspect of our deal with Linder is that we will have a rental gap for six months in 2026 when neither Ross nor Linder is paying rent for the Ross space. The Vestry gave a lot of attention to this aspect of this transition, and we have the financial assets in place to cover this one-time deficit in 2026 without impairing or reducing any of the services and programs we provide.

But of course, the year 2025 was not just about real estate deals and financial dealings.

Our church continues to be a beacon of hope for our local community as well as communities around the globe through our outstanding missions and outreach ministries. We have a music program, courtesy of Jason Abel and the choirs, that continuously reaches celestial heights. We have robust programs for our younger members from nursery to high school, and multiple opportunities for service by the congregation. Church attendance has been increasing and our Parish is thriving. We also had the great good fortune at the end of 2025 to welcome our newest clergy member, the Rev. Beth Bingham, who already seems as though she has been part of our parish

for a long time. In short, the future of our Church is bright. We are growing, expanding and showing love for our neighbors in many ways. With God's help and yours, let it always be so.

- Steve Reed, Sr. Warden

## Youth Ministries

Built around the principles of Faith, Formation & Fun, our Youth Ministries create enriching and lively spaces for our youth to grow in their faith and in community with one another.

Youth Faith Formation happens every Sunday morning between services, with classes for 6th, 7th and 8th grades (led by Tillman Finley and Jessica Hughes), and Confirmation in 9th grade (led by Kelley Brooke and Darrin Hostetler). I could not be more grateful for the leadership, support and dedication of these amazing teachers.

Our Middle School Youth Group has had some amazing times this year, with nights out for bowling, an overnight in December, and our annual ski trip to Bryce Resort (despite the storm!), all alongside regular Youth Group gatherings about twice a month.

New this year is a Sunday morning opportunity for high school-age youth to gather with friends and adult mentors over a hot beverage in one of Old Town's many coffee shops. Organized

by Holly Levanto and an incredible team of volunteers (Brett Levanto, Mary Catherine and Aaron Nelson, Angela and Ed Mills, Anne Houston, Betsy Joslyn and Jason Fritz), these gatherings offer both community and support among their peers and trusted adults.

We continue to partner with other churches in the region, including St Paul's, Grace Church, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Emmanuel, St Aidan's, St Luke's and Pohick Church, with a Halloween movie night in October, and a games night planned for the spring.

None of this is possible without our amazing volunteers and, in addition to those named above, I want to thank Holly Levanto, Blakely Mulder, Conor Kilgore, Julie Sauter and Jenna Mayer for everything they do for our youth!

*– The Rev. Robbie Laughton  
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries & Pastoral Care*



## Pastoral Care

Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors are Russ Haymes, Tom Hahn, Janet Beckmann, Darrin Hostetler, Kelley Brooke Hostetler and Susan Magill. After training and preparation in 2024, our Pastoral Care Team members have been active throughout 2025, taking

The Flower Delivery Team is made up of Mark Pretzat, Steve Humphrey, Claire Chow, Jim Beattie, Pam Brokaw and Tillman Finley. Each week, members of the team deliver flower arrangements, together with notes from the clergy, to parishioners who are



Christ Church's Eucharistic ministry into the lives of parishioners who are unable to attend services in person. Reports from the visitors and the visited alike suggest this is already a crucial and valued ministry to many who, for a short period or over a longer term, would otherwise miss that direct connection to their church home. There are around six lay eucharistic ministers who now regularly go into homes and hospitals to share fellowship and the eucharist with parishioners. At this time, we are able to expand the program and encourage anyone who would value a visit – or anyone who is interested in being sent out in this way – to get in touch with a member of the clergy.

*– Russ Haymes*

ill, recovering from an injury, experiencing loss or emotional distress, or who are celebrating good news. Sometimes the flowers serve to express the church's gratitude and appreciation. Parishioners receiving these flower arrangements, which adorn the church each Sunday, often express their gratitude for receiving the deliveries personally from fellow members of the parish.

*– Mark Pretzat and Steve Humphrey*

# Music

St. Augustine allegedly claimed\* that “those who sing, pray twice.” If that’s the true, then there was lots of praying in 2025 at Christ Church.

In February and March, we were privileged to feature two outstanding organists as part of our Choral Evensong series. February’s service featured the music of composer David Ashley White, in celebration of his 80th birthday.

Following a busy Holy Week, the Christ Church Choir premiered a new anthem commissioned by Christ Church, thanks to the generosity of Bob Carpenter, from local composer Marty Wheeler Burnett.

In May, we stepped a bit out of our comfort zone and sang Robert Ray’s celebrated Gospel Mass with guest soloists and instrumentalists before a large and appreciative congregation. Featuring different styles of music, but all music of quality, allows us to appreciate the wide breadth of our musical heritage in the Anglican Tradition, while also recognizing that God speaks through composers in a variety of ways.

The fall included a festive Evensong in October and an offering of Maurice Duruflé’s Requiem with chamber orchestra for our observance of All Saints’ Sunday. The Duruflé is one of the 20th century’s choral masterpieces, and I could not possibly have been more

proud of the hard work the choir put in to learning this great work.

Our annual Lessons and Carols service in December again featured a full house of worshippers from throughout the community. We premiered another commissioned work, this time from Jessica Nelson, at the service. I’m grateful to Kris Amundson and Susan Hahn for once again lining up our wonderful cadre of readers.

Our children’s choirs continued their hard work and regular offerings throughout the year. I am deeply thankful to the parents who help to make learning music and being in choir, a priority for their children’s development. These Wednesday afternoon rehearsals are a highlight of my week. I’m so proud of the musical leadership and enthusiasm that these

kids from a variety of ages display.

I extend special thanks to Candace Fisher who graciously donates her time and talents once a month to offer music at our 5:00 Eucharist. Her beautiful piano offerings help to bring a sense of calm and reflection to this worship. Our Monday Concert Series, under the artistic direction of Margot Rood, has been an enormous success. We routinely see mostly unfamiliar faces and crowds greater than 100 people. The Alexandria community has shown that they appreciate these offerings and wish to support them.

I continue to be extremely grateful for all of those who have donated to our Friends of Music. These donations allow us to offer far more than would otherwise be possible.

Lastly, in September, I marked 20 years of serving at Christ Church. If you had told me 20 years ago the type of music we’d be offering regularly here at this point, I’d have been dubious. I’m grateful for a partnership with an incredibly supportive rector, a congregation that is more than willing to try new things, choirs that put up with my limitations regularly, and a God who allows me to continue to find joy and fulfillment in my occupation. Our work here together is truly one of mutual ministry. Thanks be to God!

*--M. Jason Abel, Director of Music*

*\*St. Augustine is alleged to have said lots of things which he likely didn’t.*



## Outreach & Mission Ministries

The depth and breadth of the Outreach and Mission Ministries at Christ Church remains remarkable, and it shows the vibrancy of this congregation. To serve our brothers and sisters is part of our Christian call and it is also part of our formation journey and Christ Church parishioners are responding to Christ's call.

In 2025, 218 parishioners participated and/or volunteered in Outreach and Mission. They filled crucial roles across our thirteen outreach ministries and our overseas mission. Forty percent of these parishioners participate in more than one ministry. Fifteen parishioners lead these ministries. In 2025 our Outreach and Mission Ministries received \$662,757.98 in donations and grants.

We have something for everyone. As you review this summary, take a minute to celebrate, and consider how you might be called to join us.

Our ministries include:

- **ALIVE! Furniture Ministry.** Volunteers pick up furniture from donors and deliver it to a home that needs it on five Saturdays throughout the year.
- **Bag Lunch Ministry** makes and serves lunches to approximately 60 people a week throughout the year at Meade Memorial Church.
- **Carpenter's Shelter Friday night dinners.** On the first and third Friday of the month we shop, prepare, and

serve dinner to the families living at the shelter.

- **Christ Child Ministry** offers gift cards, stockings filled with goodies, a fleece blanket and a handmade hat or scarf to families who need help with Christmas. In 2025 we served 217 children from 93 families.
- **Christ Child Knitters and Crocheters** make over 200

hats and scarves throughout the year as part of the Christ Child Ministry.

- **Emergency Food Bag** items are purchased and prepared by volunteers and are kept at the desk of our administrative office, gift shop, and in the church for those coming to our doors hungry.
- **Farmer's Market Gleaning** for our Lazarus Food Pantry.

Volunteers pick up excess produce from the Farmer's Markets in Old Town. In 2025 we collected 2,227 pounds of food.

- **Trader Joe's, Panera and Mom's Food Rescue.** Volunteers pick up donations for our Lazarus Food Pantry.
- **Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry** offers residents of Alexandria

help with rent, utilities, medical bills, and eviction prevention. In 2025 we assisted with 611 rent, utility and medical bills, totaling \$248,442.40

- **Lazarus Food Pantry** offers a weekly opportunity for residents to get fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, eggs, milk, non-perishables and much more. We serve an average of 40 families each week and gave away roughly

43,262 pounds of food in 2025.

- **Meals on Wheels** volunteers deliver food and check in on 50 homebound residents in Alexandria.
- **The Refugee Ministry**, celebrating its 10-year anniversary this year, offers support to thirty-five refugee families residing in Alexandria.
- **Thanksgiving Ministry** offers gift cards and groceries to over 230 families in need.

Our overseas missions include:

- **Mengo HIV/AIDS Clinic** in Kampala, Uganda. Mengo Clinic offered HIV care and treatment to 9,270 clients and offered free lab testing to 4,973 clients in 2025.
- **Our Little Roses Home and School for Girls** in San Pedro Sula, Honduras; we currently discerning our call to this mission.

Please reach out to learn more and explore how you can get involved, [mgray@historicchristchurch.org](mailto:mgray@historicchristchurch.org). It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Director of Outreach and Mission!

--Melanie Gray, MSW,  
Director of Outreach and Mission

### Matthew 25:35-40

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you as a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

# Children's Ministries

The children of Christ Church are loved, celebrated, and growing every day in every way. We are blessed with nearly 100 children from more than 50 families whose questions about Christ and daydreams of the divine bring all of us closer to the people God means for us to be. It is the responsibility of the entire parish, not just Sunday School teachers or parents, to honor the gifts God has given the children in our care and equip them to move through the world as young followers of Jesus. This responsibility comes with moments of deep joy along with occasional disappointments and pitfalls that are inherent to living in

Christian community. Below are some of the highlights of the 2024-2025 program year, along with some of the challenges we navigated and hopes for the future of children's ministries at Christ Church. Highlights from the 2024-2025 program year include...

- Intentional and well attended children and family worship offerings that occurred weekly and seasonally.
- Lively events that provided opportunities for formation, fun, and fellowship.
- Consistent and effective Sunday School lessons on scripture with increased emphasis on service and Holy Eucharist, plus more

games and movement.

- New families, new babies, new Sunday School teachers, and renewed commitment and investment from long time parishioners.
- Dramatic increase in nursery attendance during the program year.
- A reinvigorated acolyte ministry with increased participation and stellar leadership.
- Unlimited brilliant questions, earnest prayers, thoughtful comments, and loving acts.

Challenges in the 2024-2025 program year included...

- Classroom staffing and planning in the face of various Sunday obligations outside of church that place demands on volunteers'

and families' time and availability.

- Increasingly challenging behavior among children across age groups.
- The Yuletide Feast has outgrown our space options in its current iteration. Brainstorming and planning for the future of this event continues.

--Ariel Rudy, Director of Children's Ministries



**Christ Church Children's Ministries**  
2024-2025 Program Year



# Properties Report 2025

The Facilities Department performs supervision, management, and control over the one-time and recurring projects, tasks, and contracts related to all buildings and grounds of the Christ Church campus, including routine maintenance, housekeeping oversight, event setup and support, supply management, and facilities scheduling toward creating the welcoming, safe, functionally efficient, and attractive spaces needed for worship, faith formation, fellowship, and ministry. Throughout 2025, the Facilities team performed regular inspections for HVAC operations, operational support systems, and building safety; coordinated the activities of approximately 35 contracts and services; sustained housekeeping and cleaning standards; supported church and community events; and managed inventory and staffing to meet church and ministry needs.

Areas of major effort include:

### Church Audio

- Improved Sound System
- Upgraded the sanctuary sound system.

### Nursery Space

- Refurnished and Repurposed
- Repainted, carpeted, and furnished as these nursery rooms.

### Church Electrical Systems

- Initiated a review of all outdated and non-code electrical equipment and systems in the church.

### Elevator Outages

- Completed the necessary repairs and changed the contract for the passenger elevator in Parish House and Fowler House.

### Comprehensive Campaign Project:

Investing in Accessibility and Hospitality The Facilities team collaborated with the Comprehensive Campaign to advance several construction projects across the campus. These projects include adding an elevator to the Parish House to provide access to all three floors, constructing accessible restrooms on the Parish House main level, designing additional accessible restrooms to serve the auditorium, and updating

the Parish House kitchens. Working closely with church staff, contractors, and parishioners, several iterations of feasibility assessments, preliminary designs, and initial cost estimates were prepared to guide future construction phases.

### Looking Ahead to 2026

Planned Projects may include:

- Advancing the Comprehensive Campaign work into active construction.
- Begin implementing recommended upgrades to church electric systems.
- Adding roof snow guards as needed around Parish House Buildings.

- Additional Parish House facade masonry repairs.
- Researching creation care opportunities for buildings and grounds.
- Updating old security system capabilities.
- Investigating options for Parish House a Fire Sprinkler System.

--Pouyan Meghdadian, Facilities Director



Meade Room Floor: Attractive Welcoming Event Space  
Refinished the hardwood floor in the Meade Room.

Bride's Room: HVAC Upgrade  
Installed a new split-unit HVAC system for the Fowler House entrance and Bride's Room.





← Before

After →



Tower Lights: A Brilliant Beacon  
Installed new lighting for the  
church tower.

Church Touch-up Paint: Going  
for the Gold Repainted and  
sealed the gold sections on the  
alter rails.



Old Parish House Windows and  
Moldings: Restored, Repaired, Repainted:  
Repaired and repainted all exterior  
window surfaces and the crown molding  
around the Parish House.

# Christ Church Foundation

The Christ Church Foundation, established in 1979, was incorporated with the mission to support, benefit, care for and maintain the buildings and grounds of Christ Church, to support the mission of Christ Church outside of the parish, to support and benefit the restoration of Christ Church, and to support and administer Thanksgiving and other and memorial gifts to Christ Church. The Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees, who are elected by the Vestry.

In 2025, the Christ Church Foundation, thanks to the sustained generosity and support of our parish family and friends, was able to make distributions to the church totaling \$238,000 – representing 4% of the rolling average of the fund assets over the preceding three years. In 2026, the Foundation will distribute a total of \$263,000. These amounts are distributed quarterly for the continuing care of the church, buildings and grounds and other uses consistent with the Foundation’s Articles of Incorporation, thereby serving ministry today and for generations to come.

Put another way, the Foundation’s distribution allows the parish to use our pledges and other income in a myriad of ways to run the church without having to devote approximately a quarter million dollars to repair and maintenance of our historic church structure

and grounds.

The Foundation follows an investment strategy that balances distributions with earnings over a three-year rolling average, ensuring that the assets will provide funds for the future. The trustees also oversee the independently-managed William Smith Trust. We thank all who made current and memorial gifts to the Foundation during 2025.

In addition to these generous donations from members and friends of our parish, through 2025, the Foundation has received nearly 100 realized or committed testamentary or

other planned gifts. We ask that everyone prayerfully give consideration to making the Foundation a part of your charitable giving and estate planning. If you are so moved, please notify the Foundation of your intent to include a lasting gift to the church through your estate or otherwise. The trustees are grateful to all who have made known their intent to include a lasting gift to the church through their estate.

I invite you to join with the Foundation in preserving Christ Church’s physical campus and our mission outside of the parish. Supporting the Foundation can be done simply through your financial institution

and does not require one to adjust a will. For further information on how you can help, please contact, in confidence, [president@ccalex.foundation](mailto:president@ccalex.foundation).

Since its founding, the Christ Church Foundation has embodied the continuing legacy of the faith and support of our parish family. We enjoy this church today because of the generosity of those who came before us, and we are privileged to be able to give to those who will follow for years to come.

## Value of Christ Church Alexandria, Virginia Foundation Assets (in '000's) As of December 31, 2025

Foundation funds, managed by Creative Planning on behalf of Trustees	\$6,518
William Smith Trust, managed by Truist under terms of bequest	\$456
Total	\$6,974
Tri-Centennial Trust, managed by SBSB on behalf of Trustees	\$631
Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust, managed by SBSB on behalf of church	\$887

# Sharing the Legacy: The Christ Church Foundation 2025 Report

The Christ Church Foundation embodies the continuing legacy of the faith and gifts of generations of parishioners. Founded in 1979, the Foundation provides a permanent endowment for the ongoing care, maintenance and improvement of our church, buildings, and grounds, as

well as support and benefit the mission of Christ Church outside of the parish.

The Foundation honors those persons who, upon death, have fulfilled their lasting commitments; recognizes those living persons who have made known their future

commitments; and thanks parishioners and friends who have generously joined together to help ensure the church's lasting ministry. For further information on how you can help, please contact [foundation@ccalex.foundation](mailto:foundation@ccalex.foundation).

**2026 Trustees**  
 William Baker, President  
 Holly Levanto, Vice President  
 Joseph Walsh, Treasurer  
 Anne Houston, Secretary  
 Dorothy Friedlander  
 Glen Hewitt  
 Stephen Humphrey  
 Ed Mills

## Fulfilled Bequests

*The Christ Church Foundation honors those who have fulfilled their lasting commitment:*

Ruth B. Barriere	Jerome Kenneth Corrigan	Virginia Munson Hammell	Mr. and	Mr. and
Gerald Bora and Nancy Cash	General and Mrs. Michael Davison	M. Helen Hilliard	Mrs. Bernard T. Nolan	Mrs. James Bruce Wallace
Margaret Calhoun	Gertrude Dewey	Donald P. Hilty	Lt. General and	Dorothy Anne Wells
William Hodding Carter III	Shirley Eaton	Eugenie Maude Joiner	Mrs. David Ott	
Clement and Liane Conger	Margaret C. Gatte	William Proctor Jones	Cullen Phillips	
	Margaret C. Gaynor	James E. Lamb, Jr.	Howard W. Smith, Jr.	
	Lt. General and	Sue Mathis	William C. Smith, Jr.	
	Mrs. Richard H. Groves	Charles Meade	Caroline Sydnor	
		Edward Patterson Myers	Robert S. Triplett	

## Legacy Circle

*The Legacy Circle recognizes those who have notified the Foundation of their estate commitment:*

Anonymous (4)	Bryant Foundation *	Mr. and Mrs. John M. Fritsche	Maryann and Rawles Jones	Rudolph *	Maude Anderson Williams *
Abas and Eileen Adenan	Robert H. Carpenter, Jr.	The Grey Family	Philip † and Helen Lewis	Anne Shine	Eleanor L. Wilson
Abigail Arms † and Paula Dubberly *	Nancy Carson	Foundation in honor of the Christ Church parish,	William Mattison *	Julie Simonton	Donnan C. Wintermute
Margaret and Mark Anschutz	Charles Chadbourn *	John and Sara Grey, Judy Grey, and Kelly and Will Hitchcock *	Samuel McCreery, Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust	Noel Sipple	Elizabeth Witt
William Babcock and Mary Ann Roberts	Elizabeth B. Dakin	Alvin D. Gustin	Christopher and Ann McMurray	William F. Smith, Jr. Trust *	Mr. and Mrs. J. Brian Wommack
William and Deborah Baker	Susan and Charles Davis	The Honorable Thomas Hahn and Mrs. Elizabeth Hahn †	Mrs. Thomas Q. McNaughton *	Mr. and Mrs. Barry and Margaret Stauffer	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Worsley
Mr. † and Mrs. Kenneth Barry *	Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey B. Dienno	David Stuart Halwig	Kevin H. Metz	Don C. and Everette J. Staumbaugh	† Deceased
Mr. and Mrs. John Bartol, Jr. Janet Bausili	Kitty Dillon and Doug Mitchell	Glen Hewitt and Michele Smith	Edward P. Myers Trust *	Janet Taliaferro Trust *	* Christ Church Foundation contribution of \$10,000 or more
Julie Beaver	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donlan	John Jay Hopkins Foundation *	Daniel E. Offutt, III	Philip Tasho *	
David and Janet Beckmann	William H. and PJ † Edington *	Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Humphrey	Charitable Trust *	Bob and Sandra Thomson	
Samuel and Renee †	Thomas V. Ellett	The Rev. Richard J. Jones	Lee and Lori Quill	Mr. and Mrs. H. Stetson Tinkham	
Brathwaite	David and Deane		Steven and Anne Reed	Unalane Foundation *	
Haworth P. † and Marilyn M. Bromley	Fenstermaker *		Nicholas and Elizabeth Reynolds *	Michael and Kristi Waschull	
Ian and Emily Bryan	Tillman Finley		Carla L. Rosati	John and Bridget Weaver	
	Linda Good Fischer		Mr. and Mrs. John B.	Jean Wells *	
	Dorothy Ann Friedlander			Martha Wilcox † and Robert McIntyre	

## Foundation Society

*The Foundation Society thanks those who gave in support of the Foundation in 2025:*

Kathy Albetski	Michael Goad	K. Steele
Bill and Debbie Baker	Tom Hahn	Bob and Sandra Thomson
Willie Banks Jr. †	Ron Hudak and Susan Hahn	Stetson and Sandy Tinkham
Jay and Cindi Bartol	Martin Jolly	John and Bridget Weaver
Sam Brathwaite	Fred Koester	Angela and Patrick Welsh
Billy and Sally Brierre	Brett and Holly Levanto	Maude Williams
Charlie and Sally Chadbourn	Ashley O'Connor	Eleanor Wilson
Douglas Mitchell	Steve and Anne Reed	Libby Witt
Trish Fineran	LaVerne Scott-Rayford	The Unalane Foundation
Lawrence Gardiner	Julie Simonton and Richard Jones	

# Stewardship & Annual Giving Report

Stewardship means using the gifts God gives us to do the work God calls us to do ... and stewardship is thriving at Christ Church! Your Stewardship Committee members are delighted to be a part of Christ Church thriving in this special corner of God's Kingdom. We are grateful to each of you for all the gifts you have offered in 2025. Throughout the year, our committee members and development director worked to steward a joyful Shrove Tuesday – our biggest yet – with pancakes, Chef Alan's gumbo, and a pancake obstacle course (thanks Ariel!). We coordinated our beloved Summer Socials, a picture-perfect Welcome

Sunday, endless images of parish life on social media, and of course our 2026 annual giving ministry.

On this page you'll see some of the ways we're thriving in service to God.

What else is new? Electronic giving cards in the pews – and a Our Hope for Years to Come Comprehensive Campaign just around the corner.

While your financial gifts affect and sustains Christ Church as an organization, the most profound and positive effect your pledge has is on YOU as a faithful member of our community. ... *for God loves a cheerful giver!*

Your response to supporting the work at Christ Church is a privilege to experience, and there's more we can do to provide for all mission and ministry in this sacred community. Submit or increase your 2026 pledge today.

For this year and always, we write you in abundant gratitude for all you do and all you are.

Faithfully yours,  
Your 2025-26 Stewardship Committee | *Brian Butcher, Bob Cady, Christine Cortes, Paula Dubberly, Melanie Gray, Tom Hahn, and Nancy Knapp*  
and *Julie Simonton, Director of Development*

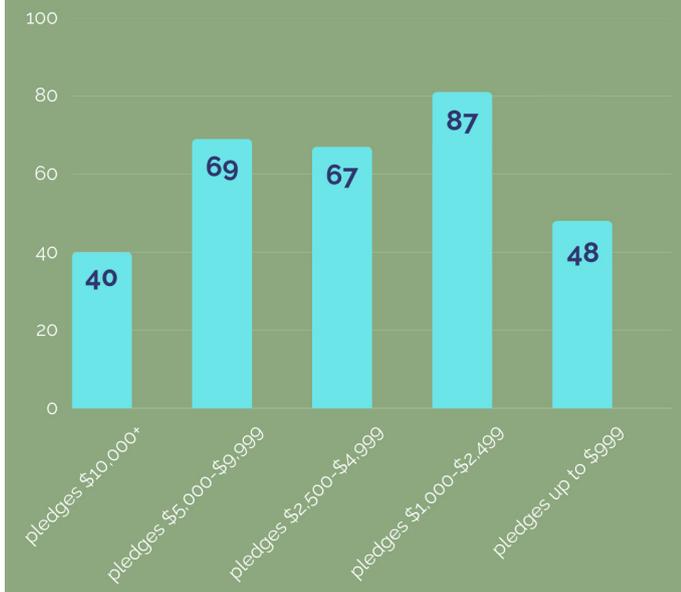


The most hotdogs ever cooked at our Welcome Sunday!

Our cooks whipping up another amazing Shrove Tuesday feast!



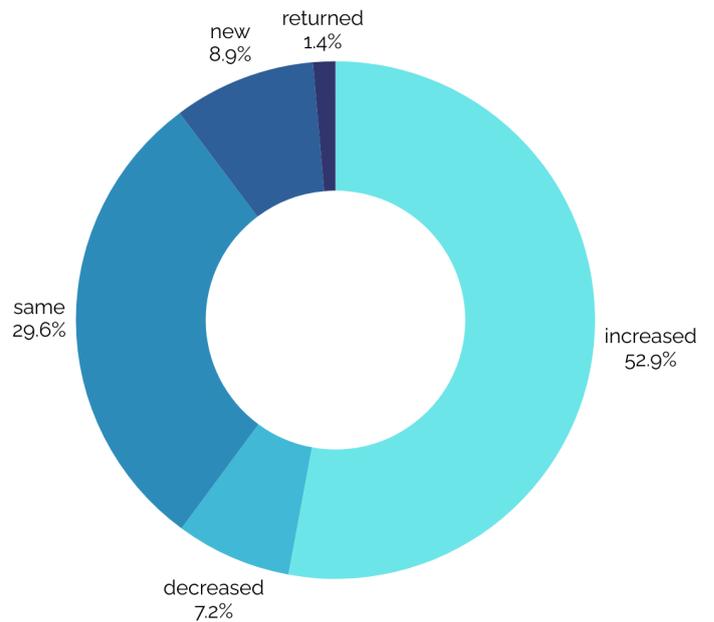
**Your Faithful Giving Funds Our Mission & Ministry in 2026**



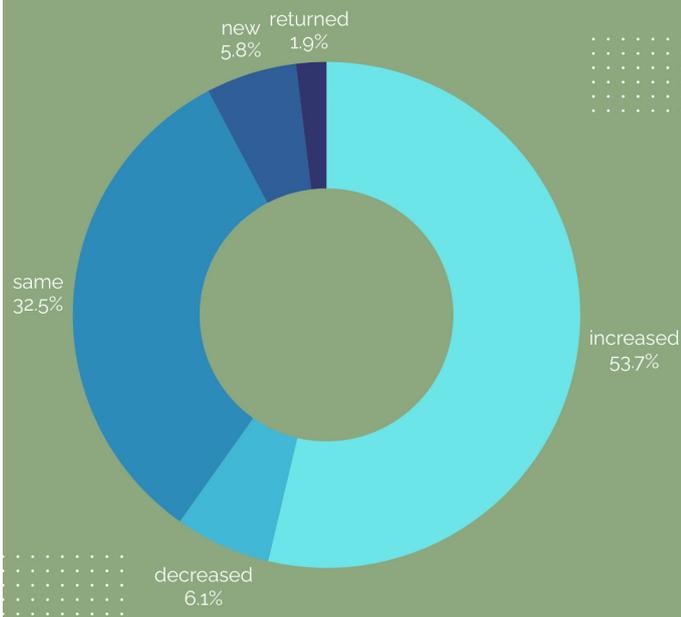
You responded to support the thriving mission and ministry at Christ Church.

All that you are and all that you do helps to keep Christ Church thriving today and for generations to come.

**2025 Pledges | By the Numbers**



**2026 Pledges ... & Still Growing**



Thank YOU for growing your financial commitment to our vital mission and ministry.

Your enduring commitment every year grows all that we do.

## We are grateful to all those who have pledged their

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# Treasurer's Report

Heading into 2025, the Finance Committee recommended, and the Vestry passed, a conservative operating budget. At that time, the impending end of the lease with our longstanding tenant next door, combined with no firm agreement for a new tenancy, set up the potential for a “fiscal cliff” to begin 2026. With revenues expected to be essentially flat in 2025 and significant uncertainty at the time surrounding 2026 revenues, the prudent decision was to keep expenses in 2025 flat. This decision meant our hardworking staff received no cost-of-living adjustment for 2025, we did not fund a part-time position left open mid-2024, and we kept our facilities staff at the lower 2.5 full time employees established in 2024, compared to the usual three.

The results for 2025 show that actual operating expenses came in just under budget expectations. Our thanks to Lia Sanchez, Director of Finance, for her thoughtfulness and partnership in managing the finances of a complex organization.

Fortunately, operating revenues came in well above expectations, providing us with a substantial operating surplus to end 2025. We extend our gratitude to you, the parishioners of Christ Church, that in the midst of a challenging year marked by significant economic uncertainty in our area and broader societal anxiety,

you stepped forward and continued to sustain and strengthen our mission with your contributions.

We are also grateful for the tremendous work of so many, particularly Chris McMurray and John Weaver, who secured a lease with Linder Academy. Linder's use of the Fowler House lower level in the second half of 2025 provided an unanticipated source of revenue for the year, and the revenue from the lease of the main building will be an important source of supporting revenue for Christ Church in the future.

Turning to the year ahead, for 2026, the goal of church leadership was to 1. provide staff with cost-of-living adjustments, knowing that many had last received raises on January 1, 2024 or, in some cases, January 1, 2023, and 2. restore our facilities staff to three full time employees. These goals were

important even as revenues for 2026 are anticipated to be ~4% lower due to the transition in tenants, creating a temporary gap in expected rental revenue income. Christ Church and the Vestry are well prepared to handle this gap.

For 2026, the Finance Committee recommended, and the Vestry passed in December, a budget that included a 5% cost-of-living adjustment for staff and a return to three full-time facilities assistants, and projected a deficit of ~\$160,000. This deficit is not a crisis or a surprise – it reflects a known, temporary gap in rental income as we transition between tenants in the Fowler House. The parish has been planning for this period for some time and has sufficient assets to cover this gap. Specifically, Christ Church has both an unrestricted Reserve Fund (with a year-end balance of approximately \$530,000) and

the restricted Fowler House Offutt Fund. This one-year expected revenue gap will be funded from our assets, and the Vestry will determine how to draw down assets, as needed, to sustain our mission and ministry through this “gap year”.

Christ Church is fortunate to be in a strong financial position. We have a clear plan to navigate this transitional period, and we have the resources to do so responsibly. Your continued faithfulness and generosity makes our shared ministry possible.

--David Rees, Treasurer  
--Anne Richardson, Finance Committee Chair

<b>Operating Revenue</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026B</b>
Budgeted	\$2,265,876	\$2,243,061
Actual	\$2,325,572	-
(Under)/Over Budget	\$59,696	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026B</b>
Budgeted	\$2,264,260	\$2,403,791
Actual	\$2,254,049	-
(Under)/Over Budget	\$(10,211)	
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>\$71,523</b>	<b>\$(160,730) *</b>

\* The expected operating gap for 2026, if it materializes, will be funded from assets.



# Our Hope

## FOR YEARS TO COME

### FEASIBILITY STUDY

A COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR GOD'S WORK AT CHRIST CHURCH

During 2025, we worked to develop a comprehensive campaign plan for our ministries and beloved campus that will meet the needs of our growing, thriving parish and serve the Christ Church community for generations to come. At the core of this plan, "Our Hope for Years to Come: A Comprehensive Campaign for God's Work at Christ Church," is ministry – to serve, to welcome, to include, and to grow with our hearts and minds always focused on God.

In early 2026, we held two campaign forums and distributed our feasibility case statement. The enthusiastic response at these forums - along with numerous churchyard conversations - richly influenced the final draft of our case statement. We are grateful! Coming next is your chance to share your important insights on our ministry and future. Your participation is vital! This week you will receive a campaign-specific email with a survey link, a tour invitation, and all available

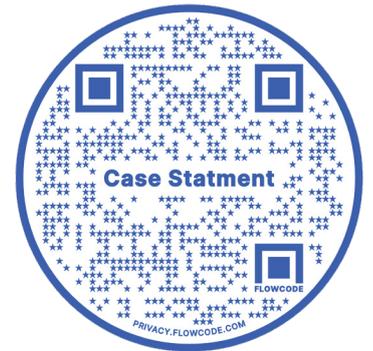
campaign materials. Your insights on our ministry and future are essential.

The work we do today is necessary for now, and it will prepare this congregation and campus for a new time and new generations at Christ Church.

If you do not receive e-Parish Life, please sign up at [www.historicchristchurch.org/stay-in-touch](http://www.historicchristchurch.org/stay-in-touch). If you do not have computer access, please call Julie Simonton at the number below for the information and a survey.

Thank you for giving your time to help us discern the best next steps for Christ Church! We are excited to do this work with you.

For more information, contact Julie Simonton at [jsimonton@calex.org](mailto:jsimonton@calex.org) or 703.778.4935.

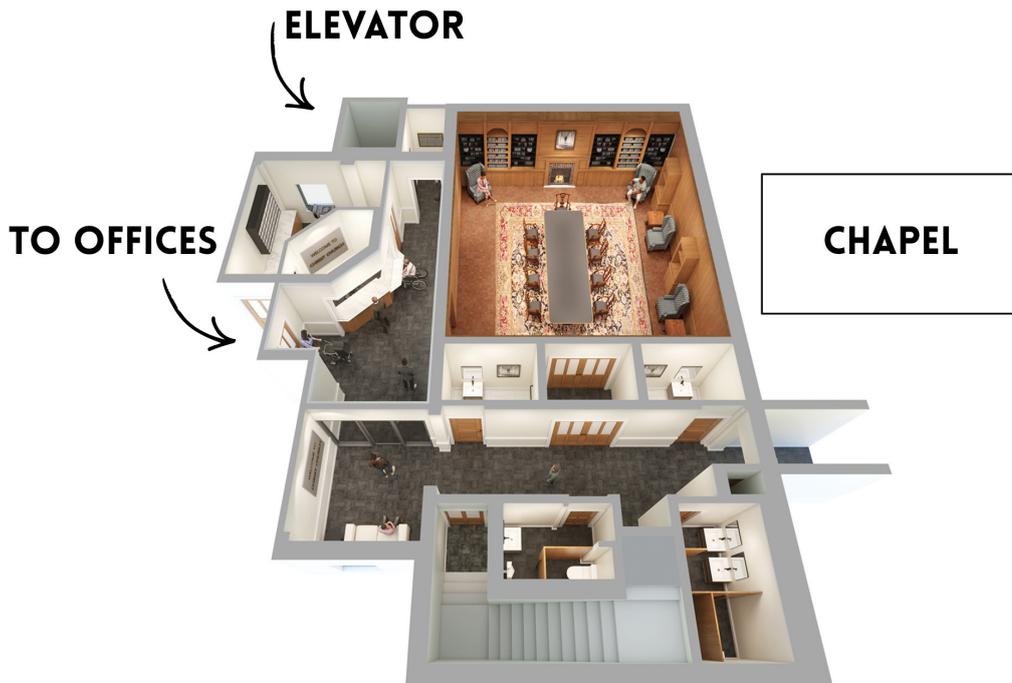


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