



*"And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.'"
—Luke 1:46–47*

St. Paul's on the Green 2026 Narrative Budget

We are a community striving to be a beacon of light and hope to our neighbors in Norwalk and beyond.
Find out how your generous support makes that possible.



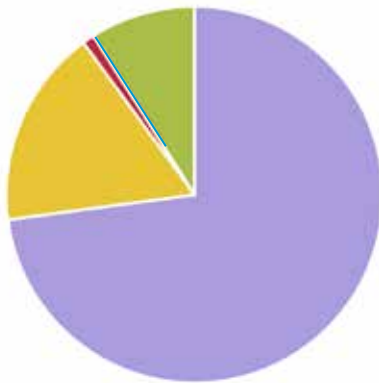
St. Paul's on the Green is a diverse, affirming, inclusive Episcopal community sharing God's Radical Welcome.

St. Paul's is a thriving community of faith.

Our operating budget comes from a number of sources, including pledges and other trackable income; space-use income from organizations and programs that use our facilities, such as Watch Me Grow Daycare and Rising Stars Performing Arts; one-time gifts and nontrackable open-plate contributions; an annual draw from our endowment; planned gifts and bequests; and fundraisers.

Income and Expenses from 2026 Preliminary Budget

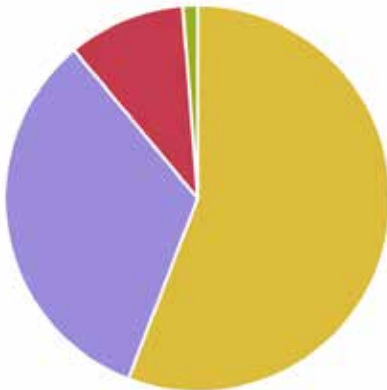
Income



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| ■ | Pledges & non-pledge income | \$483,500 | 72.5% |
| ■ | Space-use income | \$115,000 | 17% |
| ■ | One-time gifts & plate | \$ 7,000 | 1% |
| ■ | Grants & endowment | \$ 60,000 | 9% |
| ■ | Fundraisers & other | \$ 3,000 | .5% |
| | TOTAL INCOME | \$668,500 | 100% |

These numbers are based on the 2025 budget and subject to change until the final 2026 budget is approved in January

Expenses



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| ■ | Staff salaries, benefits, & expenses | \$378,525 | 54% |
| ■ | Fixed costs: maintenance, utilities, supplies, fees | \$226,183 | 32% |
| ■ | ECCT: Common Mission Support | \$ 68,530 | 9.5% |
| ■ | Ministry & program costs | \$ 30,411 | 4.5% |
| | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$703,649 | 100% |

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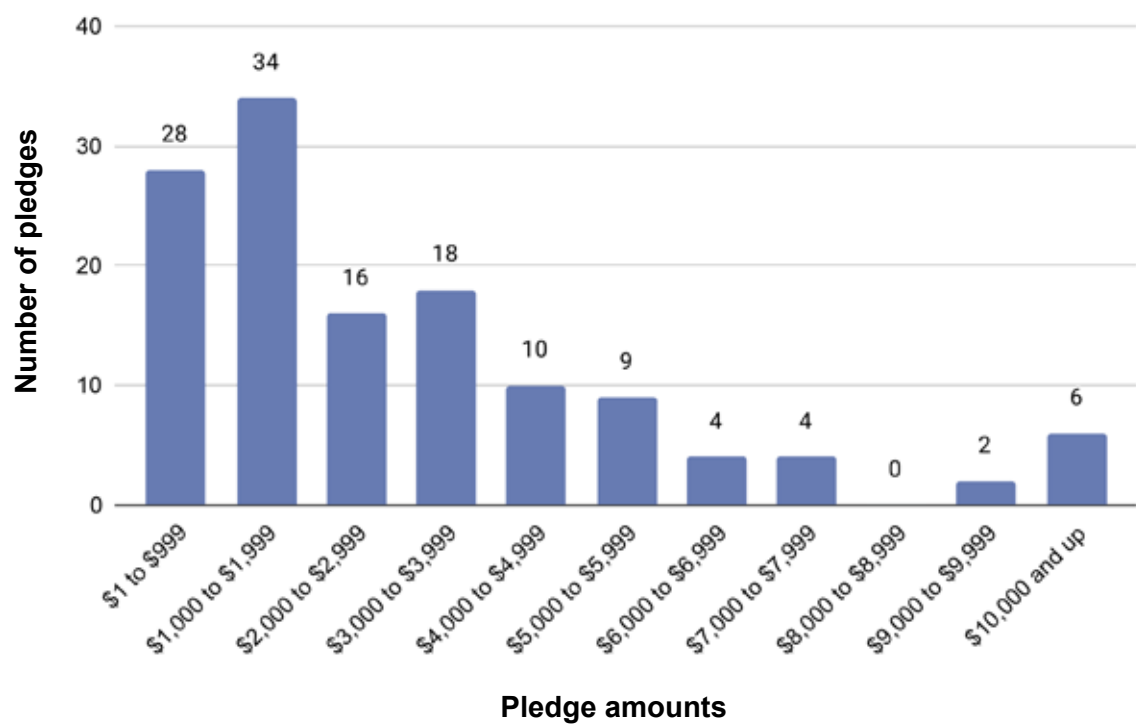
Our 2026 goal for pledges and trackable income is \$483,500.

Reaching this goal will help us begin the new year with a balanced budget.

St. Paul’s depends upon your generosity.

Pledges and other forms of intentional giving provide almost three-quarters of our operating budget. For many at St. Paul’s, a pledge is more than just financial support—it’s a heartfelt expression of gratitude and faith.

How much should you pledge? That’s a personal decision we hope you will make only after a period of prayer and discernment. Here is a graph that shows the distribution of our 2025 pledges.



Every dollar we spend, no matter if it’s to compensate a staff member or to pay the heating bill or to buy music for the choir, furthers our mission and ministry.

The following pages illustrate how that works.

Sacramental & Liturgical Life



Celebrating the Eucharist

Worship brings us together every week. It reminds us that we belong to God and to each other, and it equips us to go into the world with hope rather than fear. In the liturgy and sacraments, we bring before God all that we are—our joys, sorrows, and questions—and allow ourselves to be transformed by God's love.



Serving in the altar party

“I love St. Paul's for the beauty of the liturgy and the music. I love the community-building efforts that are definitely bearing fruit and the gift of preaching that inspires those who hear the message of love in action.”

All quotes are from St. Paul's parishioners



The gift of music, Fauré's *Requiem*

Our Prayer in Action

- Sunday Eucharist (in-person and livestreamed)
- Sunday service opportunities (greeters, ushers, altar party, sacristans, lectors, healing teams)
- Wednesday Eucharist, daily online prayer
- Weekly Compline (in-person and livestreamed)
- Lay-led pastoral care
- Music program (adults, youth, and children)
- Seasonal and community-based services (Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter, Juneteenth, All Souls)
- Organ recital series
- Blessing of the Animals

Education & Faith Formation



Voices lifted in song at Camp Washington parish retreat



MLK Sunday community discussion



Pilgrimage to Buddhist temple

As followers of Jesus in the 21st century, we are part of a long and continuing tradition that includes literature, art, music, and a wide variety of spiritual practices. We are eager to keep learning, and so we make possible opportunities that span a range of topics and formats.

“St. Paul’s is a place where good news is not only spoken of but lived out as best we know how. It is a place that celebrates beauty and creativity in all its dimensions as one of God’s great gifts. It is a place that challenges us to wrestle with what it means to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ.”

Formation That Supports Our Faith

- Sacred Ground antiracism training
- Acknowledging the parish’s involvement in slavery
- Children’s Sunday learning experiences
- Advent program
- Lenten spirituality series
- Summer Choir Camp
- Congregational pilgrimages
- Interfaith activities
- Black History Month programs
- Juneteenth celebration
- Visiting speakers and preachers

Service, Outreach & Partnerships



Rev. Daniel Simons speaking at immigrants rights rally on the Norwalk Green

As much as we find meaning and enjoyment in our life together, we believe that we are called to go beyond the church walls to build bridges with and to serve others. We believe that God is most present in the world when that happens, and so we seek out ways to encounter our neighbors.

Recently we have deepened our relationship with Christ Church, our sister Episcopal church in East Norwalk. We are eager to discover and nurture the new opportunities that will develop from this partnership.

“I love the spirit of inclusion that embodies the love of Christ and extends to the secular community just as he did.”



St. Paul's "Wishing Tree" on Earth Day



Marching in Memorial Day parade

How We Help Our Community

- Person-2-Person coat drive and volunteering
- Laundry Love
- Filling in the Blanks
- School supply drive/donations to tutoring program
- Doing Christmas Differently
- Pride in the Park
- Community demonstrations and vigils for justice
- Earth Day on the Green
- Partnership with Watch Me Grow Daycare and Rising Stars Performing Arts
- Healing garden and labyrinth
- Teaching spaces for music teachers
- Prayer chain and prayer shawl ministry
- Christ Church Angel Food Pantry

St. Paul's Community Life



Monthly Sunday Social



A chat with visiting clergy



Toasting marshmallows on the labyrinth



Flexible Fridays yoga class

To put it simply, we enjoy being together. Beyond Sunday morning worship and coffee hour, we are constantly creating new opportunities to grow as a community in person and online from social gatherings in homes, to shared meals in the parish hall, to retreats and field trips. God didn't intend for us to be alone, and so we come together in a host of ways.

**“A week without St. Paul's is an empty week.
I miss this blessed community when I'm away.
It fills my soul!”**

How We Grow Together

- Sunday coffee hours and lemonade on the lawn
- Sunday Socials
- Young Adult Group
- Men's Group
- Yoga
- Community vegetable garden
- Online community



How to Make Your 2026 Pledge

You can make a pledge to St. Paul's online, or you can fill out and return a pledge card. Cards are available in the church or from the parish office.

Online: Go to stpaulsnorwalk.org/support

In person: Drop your pledge card in the Sunday offering or bring it to the parish office

By mail: Send your pledge card to St. Paul's on the Green,
60 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851

How to Fulfill Your 2026 Pledge

Check: Payable to St. Paul's on the Green, delivered in person or by mail

Online: Through your account in the secure payment system:
giving.servantkeeper.com/stpaulsnorwalk/2069

From your IRA: If you are at least 73 and receive funds from an IRA through your required minimum distribution (RMD), you can use those funds tax-free to make a gift to St. Paul's.

From other investments: To make a gift of stock, please contact the parish office.

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