



Annual  
Meeting  
and Report  
2024

*To Excel In*  
**Love**

**Christ** Centered • **Community** Focused • **Future** Driven



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# Annual Meeting Agenda

## Opening Matters

### Call to Order and Welcome

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*,  
Presiding Officer, and Chair of the Vestry

### Appointment of the Secretary

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

### Approval of Minutes: 2023 Annual Meeting

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

### The Vestry Election

Ms. Amie Sweeney, *Senior Warden*

### Acknowledgment of Written Reports

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

## To Excel in Love:

*Christ Centered, Community  
Focused, Future Driven*

### Celebrating our Mission

Ms. Amie Sweeney, *Senior Warden*

### Sustaining Our Vision

Mr. Gregg Russell, *Treasurer*

### Pursuing our Vision: *Rector's Address*

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

## Closing Matters

### Appreciations

Ms. Amie Sweeney, *Senior Warden*

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

### Closing Remarks and Prayer

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

## Adjournment



## Our Mission

*The mission of Christ Church is to bring God and people together  
to know and live the good news of Jesus Christ.*

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## The Christ Church Vision Statement

*A beacon of God's love, Christ Church Grosse Pointe is a welcoming, compassionate and inclusive community overflowing with activity seven days a week. People of all ages and all walks of life flock to this Christian center and become involved in its life, finding themselves spiritually nourished, educationally enriched, and empowered to serve as they live the Gospel joyfully. Christ Church embraces growth, serving the needs of today's and tomorrow's generations while maintaining the glories of its Anglican worship and traditions.*



# Rector's Message

*Dearest Friends,*

As each year passes by and each new year begins, I am struck by the profound gratitude that fills me and the great hope that I meets me.

I am filled with gratitude for all of the generosity that has sustained our common list together. The thousands of women and men who have joined us for worship over the year. All of the hands lent to do the joyous work of ministry. The hundreds of families that have dug deep to support our life in Christ.

I am met, too, with a hope that buoys my soul. Hope for our world so desperate for kindness. Hope for our families longing for a peace the world cannot give. Hope for our children yearning to understand the source of goodness that surrounds them. Hope for our community striving to proclaim God's kindness, God's peace, and God's goodness to the world.

The pages that follow are a source all this gratitude and hope. My gratitude for the common life we have together and the great generosity you shared with one another. My hope to for our on-going work and ministry – for one another and for the world.

As ever, I invite you to take time to learn about all that makes for a full life at Christ Church. Even more, I invite you to step further into our life together – consider being with us for all of Lent, making Holy Week an intentional walk with Christ, or participating in an upcoming study – so that we may continue this joyful work together.

What a beautiful thing it is to Excel in Love with one another in Christ!

With all profound gratitude and great hope,

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, Rector



# Planning for our Future

## Parish Life

- ☒ Appoint an Associate for Parish Life and Community Engagement
- ☒ Appoint a Member Engagement Coordinator
  - » Develop a ministry of connection and support for empty-nesters and retirees.
  - » Improve our ministry of welcome and connection for new friends and members.
- ☐ Develop a ministry of health and wellness.

## Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

- ☒ Appoint an Associate for Children, Youth and Family Ministries
- ☒ Appoint a Church School Coordinator
  - » Recruit and develop a team of youth ministers and catechists
  - » Develop a comprehensive children and youth ministry program for newborn children and families extending through college graduation

## Christian Formation for Adults

- ☒ Explore program opportunities to expand and enrich our knowledge of God's grace and our call as Christian disciples
  - » Develop a comprehensive formation path utilizing the Renewal Works models: *exploring, growing, deepening, and centered.*
  - » Conduct a semi-annual Renewal Works review of our corporate spiritual life.
- ☐ Restore the Sweeny Lecture Series

## Worship and Music

- ☒ Develop a part-time position for Audio/Video production.
- ☒ Expand the position of Assistant Organist to full-time
- ☒ Restore the 11:15 Choral Mass *seasonally*
- ☐ FULLY restore the 11:15 Choral Mass

## Outreach and Community Engagement

- ☒ [Appoint an Associate for Parish Life and Community Engagement]
  - » Expand our ministry partnership with Carstens Academy and SOAR Detroit
  - » Explore opportunities to enrich and expand Early Childhood Education at Christ Church
  - » Develop *Christ Church Commons* – a collaborative incubator for local entrepreneurs using Christ Church kitchens
- ☐ Explore the development of a literacy program to support Grosse Pointe students

## Buildings and Grounds

- ☒ Appoint a part-time Facilities Manager
  - » Undertake major deferred projects

## Stewardship and Administration

- ☒ Appoint a Rector's Verger to support internal and external programs and events.
  - » Undertake a Capital Campaign and expand development efforts to grow financial support for our ministries and operations
  - » Expand graphic design and production development for external marketing
- ☐ Expand administrative support for stewardship

Key:

☒ Complete

» Underway

☐ Yet to begin



# Opportunities for Involvement

## March

- 2-3 Sr. Youth Retreat
- 3 Annual Meeting
- 17 Palm Cross Workshop

### Holy Week at Christ Church

- 24 Palm Sunday Liturgy  
Palm Sunday Concert, 4 pm
- 25-26 Holy Eucharist, 7 pm
- 27 Tenebrae, 7 pm
- 28 Maundy Thursday, 7pm
- 29 Good Friday, 7pm
- 3 The Great Vigil of Easter, 7pm
- 31 Easter Day, 7 am, 9 am, 11:15 am  
Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 am

## April

- 23 Easter Lessons and Carols, 4 pm
- 28 Crossroads Sunday

## May

- 5 Elijah Concert
- 9 Ascension Day
- 19 The Day of Pentecost
- 19 Valediction of Choristers

## June

- 27 Summer Barbecue

## July

- 12 Bon Voyage Concert
- 25 Summer Barbecue

## August

- 4 The Feast of the Transfiguration
- 19-24 Choir Camp
- 15 Summer Barbecue

## September

- 5 Parents' Day Out Resumes
- 8 Fall Homecoming Festival and  
Blessing of Backpacks
- 12 Thursdays at Christ Church resume
- 28 Hymnathon

## October

- 6 Blessing of the Animals
- 25-26 Diocesan Convention

## November

- 3 All Saints Sunday  
All Souls' Requiem Mass,
- 17 Christ the King Sunday  
Concert, 4 pm
- 24 Advent Wreath Workshop

## December

- 1 The First Sunday of Advent  
Advent Procession, 4 pm
- 13 Parish Christmas Party
- 15 Concert, 4 pm

### Christmas at Christ Church

- 22 Christmas Lessons and Carols, 4:30 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve  
Creche Procession, 4 pm  
Choral Eucharist, 8 pm  
Choral Eucharist w. incense, 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day Service, 10 am



# Senior Warden's Letter

*Dear Friends,*

My term as Senior Warden began amongst the bevy of activity surrounding our *To Excel in Love* Capital Campaign. We had a small but mighty team of volunteers, led by the amazing Lisa Vallee-Smith and our consultants, CCS out of Chicago. Numerically, the campaign was a huge success; we eclipsed our goal and raised nearly \$6.5 million. That success went well beyond the numbers; it will allow Christ Church to grow into the parish we envisioned for ourselves, according to a 2022 survey.

We have begun implementing the vision of *To Excel in Love: Christ Centered, Community Focused and Future Driven*. Lisa Brown, the *Associate for Children, Youth and Family Ministries*, was brought on staff last September; she is working to revamp the Children's formation programs and will be rolling that out this Fall.

Additionally, plans for expanding Parents' Day Out and for a Christ Church backed preschool are in the works. Thanks to the generosity of our parish family, the tangible results of *To Excel in Love* will make our Centennial Celebration in 2030 one of a new and improved Christ Church, but one that is still steeped in tradition.

I'd like to thank Fr. Drew, Mtr. Maureen, the CCGP staff and you, my Christ Church family, for making my first year as Senior Warden successful. See you in the pews!

Gratefully,

Ms. Amie Sweeney, *Senior Warden*



# Community Norms

## The Christ Church Welcome

We welcome all whether they are new to our congregation or are from other ministries or faiths.

*You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10: 19)*

## Respect Others

We speak our own ideas and make our observations in ways that respect other peoples' needs, beliefs and feelings. We treat everyone in the same manner that we wish to be treated ourselves.

*Do unto others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)*

## Seek and See the Good

We seek and see the good in others and take a positive approach in our common life and ministry. We avoid negativity. Seek Christ in all people.

## Listen

We listen to understand what is on the minds and hearts of the people around us. We do not express our own thoughts without understanding what is important to others.

*Listen ... and be attentive, that you may gain insight. (Proverbs 4: 1)*

*At all times,  
we are committed  
to being a  
Safe Church for  
all.*

## Direct Communication

We speak honestly, directly and supportively to others. When there is a conflict (we are human!) we go to the person involved, not others.

*Well meant are the wounds a friend inflicts, but profuse are the kisses of an enemy. (Proverbs 27:6)*

## Use Appropriate Language

We use language that honors the other person. We are clear and supportive in our expression.

*Rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (Proverbs 12: 18)*

## Avoid Judging Others

We are not judgmental.

*Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. (Matthew 7:1)*

## Prayerful in Attitude and Word

We participate in the activities and prayers which sustain our life together.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)*

## Staff and Volunteers

We maintain mutual respect between staff and volunteers, respecting the unique responsibilities and gifts that we provide.

*Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12: 10)*

## Confidentiality

We respect the confidences that have been entrusted to us .

*...one who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a confidence. (Proverbs 11 :13)*



# Vestry Candidates



Eric Ash



Betsy Creedon



Ian Jones



Harold Michael Marsh



Rema Elian Waugh



# Voting Requirements

## Who is eligible to vote?

Any adult (16 years or older) communicant who has been a Communicant in Good Standing in this parish for not less than six (6) months shall be eligible to vote at all Parish Meetings [Bylaws 2.2].

## Who is a Communicant in Good Standing?

A Communicant in Good Standing is any baptized member who, during the preceding year, has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. [Bylaws 2.1.4]

## Voting Instructions

Voting for membership of the Vestry shall be by voice, by show of hands, or by written or electronic ballot, or other means as the Wardens of the Vestry may direct.

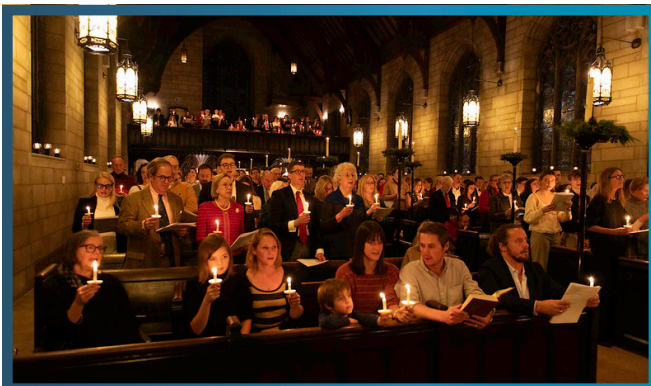
Should voting be conducted by written ballot, only ballots cast by the eligible voters present at the annual meeting shall be deemed valid. No ballot shall be counted unless it shall have been voted for the same number of nominees as there are vacancies to be filled on the Vestry.

As required by the Canons of the Diocese of Michigan and the laws of the State of Michigan, no nominee shall be declared elected to the Vestry unless he or she shall have received at least a majority of all the valid votes cast. If more nominees than necessary to fill the vacancies shall have received a majority of the valid votes cast, the nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If fewer nominees than necessary to fill the vacancies shall have received a majority of the valid votes cast, then only those candidates receiving a majority of votes shall be declared elected. Additional ballots shall be taken until all of such vacancies shall have been filled.

If additional ballots are required, a number of nominees equal to twice the number of remaining vacancies to be filled shall be eligible for election. These nominees shall be those individuals not elected on the preceding ballot receiving the highest numbers of votes on that ballot. This process shall continue until all vacancies are filled. If after any ballot a vacancy remains to be filled and a tie occurs, balloting shall continue until the tie is broken.



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# Christ Centered

This is a time to *Excel in Love* - we are opening up our church and looking for ways to reach out in the community and do more.

— *Betsy Creedon*

Last year, our community thrived through a multitude of enriching experiences, with numerous worship services and concerts.

Throughout the year, the combined efforts of our dedicated choir and clergy ensured that every soul—whether a longtime member or a newcomer—felt the embrace of God through the harmonious marriage of music, hallowed words, and sacred actions.

Following the Sunday morning service, our fellowship deepened in the Undercroft during the *Rector's Forum and Brunch*. These gatherings, exploring topics ranging from the Gospel of Mark to Ruth Ellis House, provided intellectual and spiritual nourishment.

Last spring, the *Enriching the Sacraments* class guided children through a profound exploration of the Holy Eucharist. This fall ushered in a new chapter with the introduction of a new *confirmation class*, skillfully led by our newly appointed *Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries*, Lisa Brown. Regular meetings with Lisa and Fr. Drew, along with an upcoming retreat, pave the way for their confirmation by Bishop Bonnie on Pentecost.



Sunday morning is our time as a family to take a deep breath and feel the power and love of God in our lives.

— *Rema Elian Waugh*

In the spirit of inclusivity and outreach, Mt. Maureen spearheaded the revival of the *Lay Eucharistic Visitor program*. Participants are currently undergoing training, to bring the Holy Eucharist to our homebound friends, extending its embrace not only to the elderly but also to new parents navigating the joys and challenges of a newborn's arrival. The launch of this service is slated for the period following Easter, embodying our commitment to fostering a connected and compassionate community.



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# Community Focused

Christ Church's educational activities are important in bringing on new generations and in growing the parish.

— Harold Michael Marsh

We proudly maintain our collaboration with *Crossroads of Michigan*, demonstrating our commitment to community service. In February, April, and November, a dedicated team of volunteers prepared and served meals at their soup kitchen. The atmosphere is vibrant with the rhythmic sounds of vegetable chopping, sandwich assembly, and the refreshing pour of lemonade, creating a welcoming experience for Crossroad's guests. During the sunny Sundays of summer our children came together to pack 60 wholesome *Summer Starter Baskets* – providing over 4200 meals and embodying our real love for our neighbor.

Our partnership with *Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan* continues, exemplified by the dedicated members of CCGP who invest a day in transformative indoor and outdoor work, including painting and weeding, at a home in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood.

Our music community joins the efforts each year through *Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space*. The harmonious chords of the *Christ Church Chorale*, comprising over 70 members, resounded as they performed masterpieces like Haydn's Stabat Mater and Beethoven's Mass in C, all under the expert guidance of Music Director Scott Hanoian.



Christ Church and the community did some amazing things to embrace our family when we were in need.

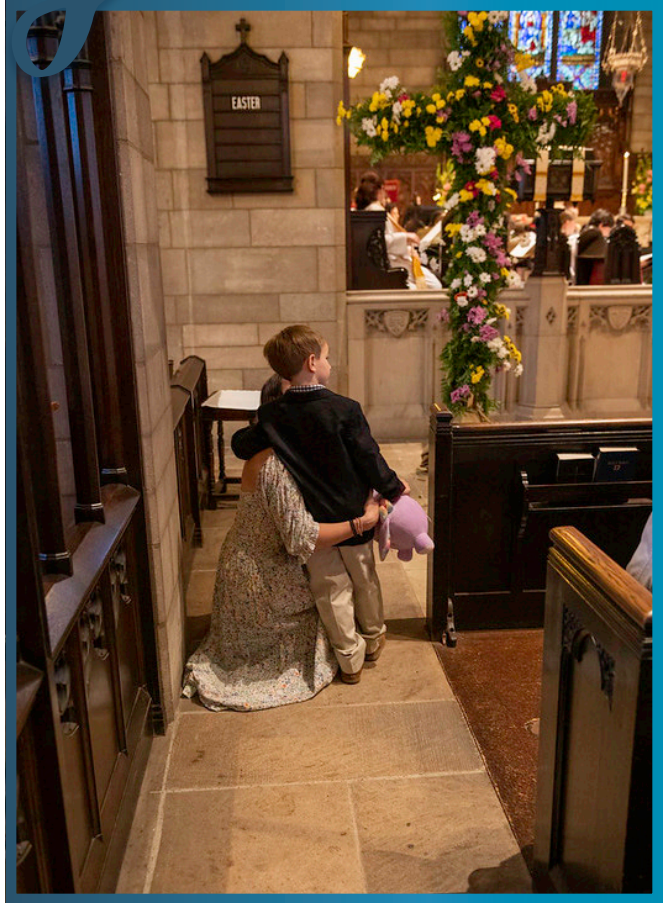
— Ian Jones

As the fall began, we resumed our commitment to the *Carstens Literacy Initiative*. Dedicated volunteers offer 2 to 4 hours a week of one-on-one tutoring to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Carstens Academy, building their core skill in reading and offering them a friendly companion in their school day routine.

As the year ended, our community rallies for meaningful causes, evident in our *Christmas Gift Project*. This multifaceted effort extends warmth and joy, supplying coats and gifts for the children at Carstens, gifts and diapers for the babies at the Ruth Ellis House, and spa gift baskets for the residents at Sanctum House.



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# Future Driven

Our community is open, inclusive, and welcoming, we try to meet people where they are.

—Eric Ash

The dawn of our new program year heralded an exciting chapter with the arrival of Lisa Brown, our dynamic *Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries*. Lisa has immersed herself in our ongoing programs while diligently preparing to introduce the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* next year! Building on the Montessori roots of Godly Play, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, cultivates a profound and genuine connection with God, utilizing specially crafted materials and captivating presentations. The result? Each child embarks on a uniquely personal and joy-filled journey of faith, tailored to their developmental stage.

Spring and fall brought our Zoom-enabled Baptism classes. This virtual platform not only bridged geographical distances but also empowered participants to embark on the crucial role of guiding our youngest members on their faith journeys. In 2023 we baptized children, from newborns to teenagers, marking moments of spiritual initiation and community celebration.

The fall also brought 35 new children to our campus through our three (3) Christ Church Parents Day Out classes. Lead by Leah Mannino, our halls were filled with cheerful voices each mornign.



Christ Church has provided a home away from home for our daughters, a place where they can be comfortable being themselves.

—Marisa and Dominic Bennett

Soaring harmonies rang through the halls again, as a class of novices eagerly embarked on a journey to join the *Christ Church Choir*. In November, three older students – two boys and a girl – were joyfully installed, paving the way for the remaining novices to receive their surplices on a date soon to come. The vibrancy of our musical community continues to grow, nurturing a spirit of inclusion and shared devotion to the art of choral expression.

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## 2023 by the Numbers

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..... Concerts Held

75

..... Adult Education Classes

572

..... Public Worship Services

35

..... PDO Students

1800+

..... Crossroads Meals Served

5000+

..... Summer Starter Breakfasts

100+

..... Animals Blessed

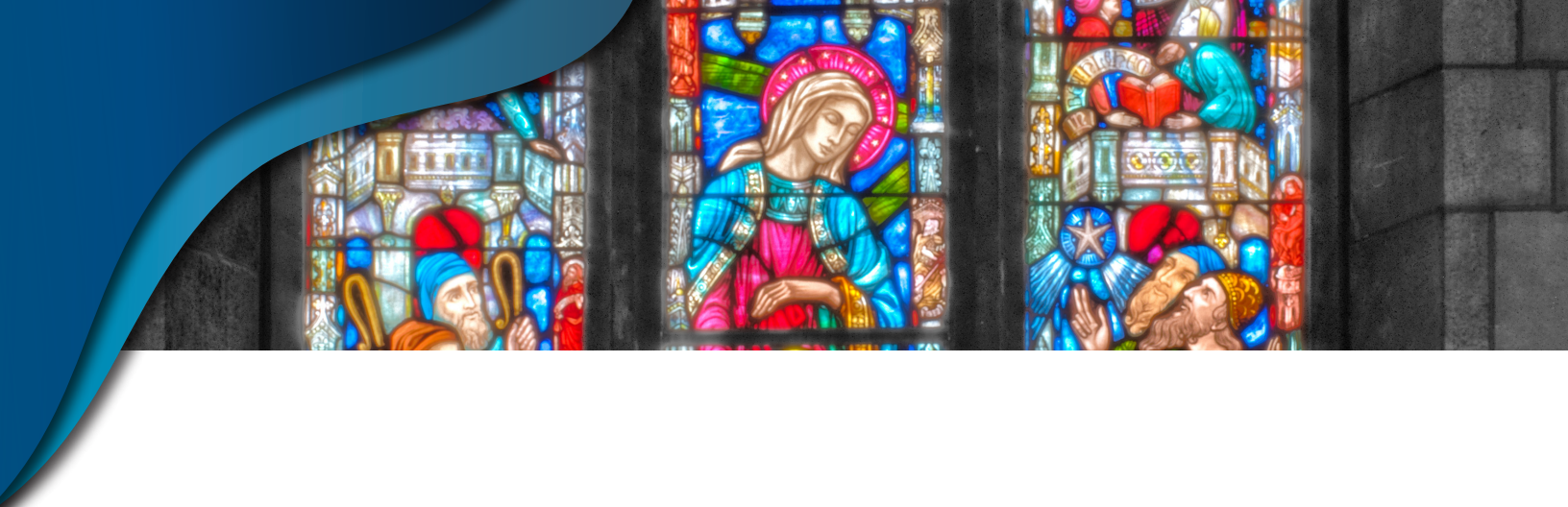
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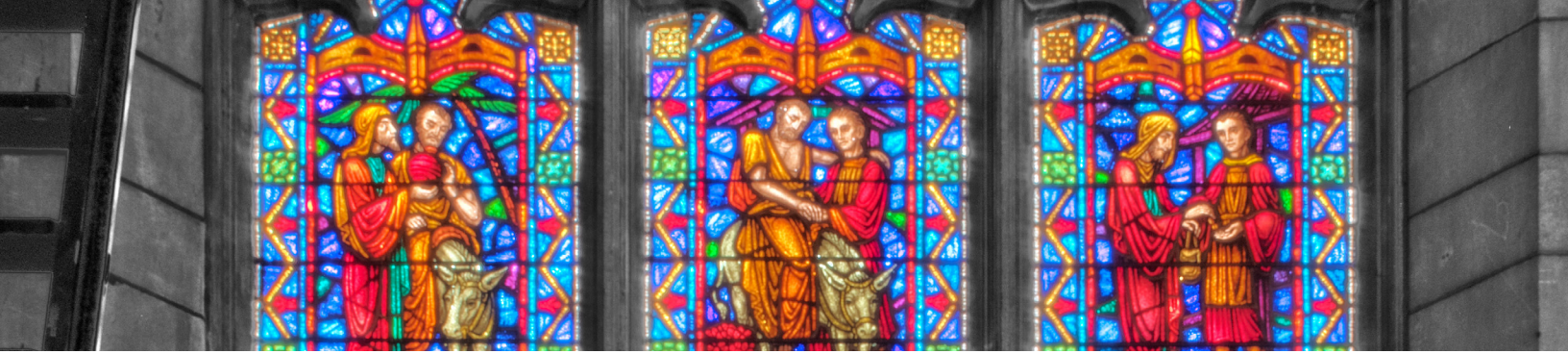
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## 2023 by the Numbers

Choir Rehearsals .....	170
Owls Events .....	10
Weddings .....	2
Funerals .....	11
Baptisms .....	14
New Members .....	45
Novice Choristers .....	8
Thursday @ CCGP Meals .....	1080





# Buildings and Grounds

**Diane E. Ward,**  
*Associate for Finance and Administration*  
**Mark Lorenger, Chair**

## Purpose

To review the comprehensive annual repair and maintenance needs for all Christ Church properties, and to recommend necessary capital improvement and additions.

## Ministries

Conservation Trust Projects, Columbarium, Virginia  
Brush Ford Rose Garden

## Membership

*Mark Lorenger, Chair, Tim Whims, Amie Sweeney,  
Jim Kastner, Gretchen White, Michael Labadie,  
Anton Hall*

## 2023 Highlights

### Rectory

Garage Doors Replaced

### Church

Parking Lot Doors Refurbished  
Education Wing South Elevation Wall Refaced  
Exterior Stairs in Front of the Church Rebuilt  
Front Sign Lights Replaced  
Undercroft Walls Repaired and Painted  
Fire Alarm Control Panel Upgraded, Replaced  
Advanced Oxidation System Installed on Fluid  
Cooler System  
Elevator Hydraulic System Replaced  
New Refrigerator in Undercroft Kitchen  
Motor Replacement in Air Handler System  
New Computers for New Staff

### Neff Residence

Furnace Replaced  
Garage: Roof Replaced, Brick Backwall Rebuilt,  
New Side Door

## 2024 Priorities

*The following is an list of potential projects  
awaiting; consideration and approval by the  
Buildings and Grounds Comittee, the Vestry, and  
Conservation Trust.*

### Tutag Residence

Remodel Kitchen  
Refinish Hardwood Floors  
New Tile Floor Kitchen | Front Hall  
Interior Painting

### Neff Residence

Foundation Support  
Remodel Bathroom

### Church

Carillon Refurbishment  
New Water Tank  
Education Wing Flat Roof Repairs  
Undercroft Carpeting | Labyrinth  
Undercroft Tables

### Rectory

Basement Water Ingress Mitigation

## Acknowledgments and Thank You

We want to thank all of members of the Guilds who combined have contributed many hours of service this year. Adopt a Garden, Holy Dusters, Set-up, and Organizing Crews!



# Stewardship 2023: Journey to Generosity

In thousands

	2020 <sup>3</sup> Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual
<b>Contributions</b>				
Unrestricted Contributions <sup>1</sup>	916	838	826	913
Restricted Contributions <sup>2</sup>	110	158	127	77
Total Contributions	\$1025	\$996	\$954	\$990
<b>Contributing Households</b>				
Unrestricted Gifts 258	260	261	260	
Restricted Gifts	200	267	262	208
Total Contributing Households	338	380	386	344

<sup>1</sup> Unrestricted contributions include pledges, non-pledge giving, children's offering, Foundations/Grants.

<sup>2</sup> Restricted gifts include appeals for fundraising, and other purpose restricted contributions (excluding bequests | endowment gifts).

<sup>4</sup> Contributing households - a household is counted separately based on gifts by category.

## *To Excel in Love Capital Campaign*

In thousands

<b>Commitments</b>	<b>2023</b>
Cash Pledges Received	3,580
Legacy Pledges Received	2,770
Total Pledges Committed	6,350
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>2023</b>
Actual Gifts Received	1,118



# Balance Sheet

Assets (in thousands)				
	2020 Audited	2021 Reviewed	2022 Audited	2023* Unaudited
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	610	1035	588	617
Investments	11,711	13,020	10,563	11,637
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$12,321</b>	<b>\$14,055</b>	<b>\$11,151</b>	<b>\$12,254</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances (in thousands)</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Unrestricted Investments	5,818	6,518	5,088	5,629
Restricted Investments	6,325	7,510	6,008	6,570
Interfund Copier Loan	17	-	-	-
SBA Loan	195	-	-	-
Accrued Pension				
Obligation/payroll withholdings	(34)	27	55	55
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$12,321</b>	<b>\$14,055</b>	<b>\$11,151</b>	<b>\$12,254</b>
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>				
Property and Equipment	17,507	17,633	17,743	17,938
<b>Total Assets and Liabilities</b>	<b>\$29,828</b>	<b>\$31,688</b>	<b>\$28,894</b>	<b>\$30,192</b>

<sup>1</sup> Cash in 2021 includes the 150k in reserves from the SBA grant and a 500k gift to support [To Excel in Love](#). Cash in 2023 includes Endowment Campaign Funds of 260k that will be transferred to Investment Funds.

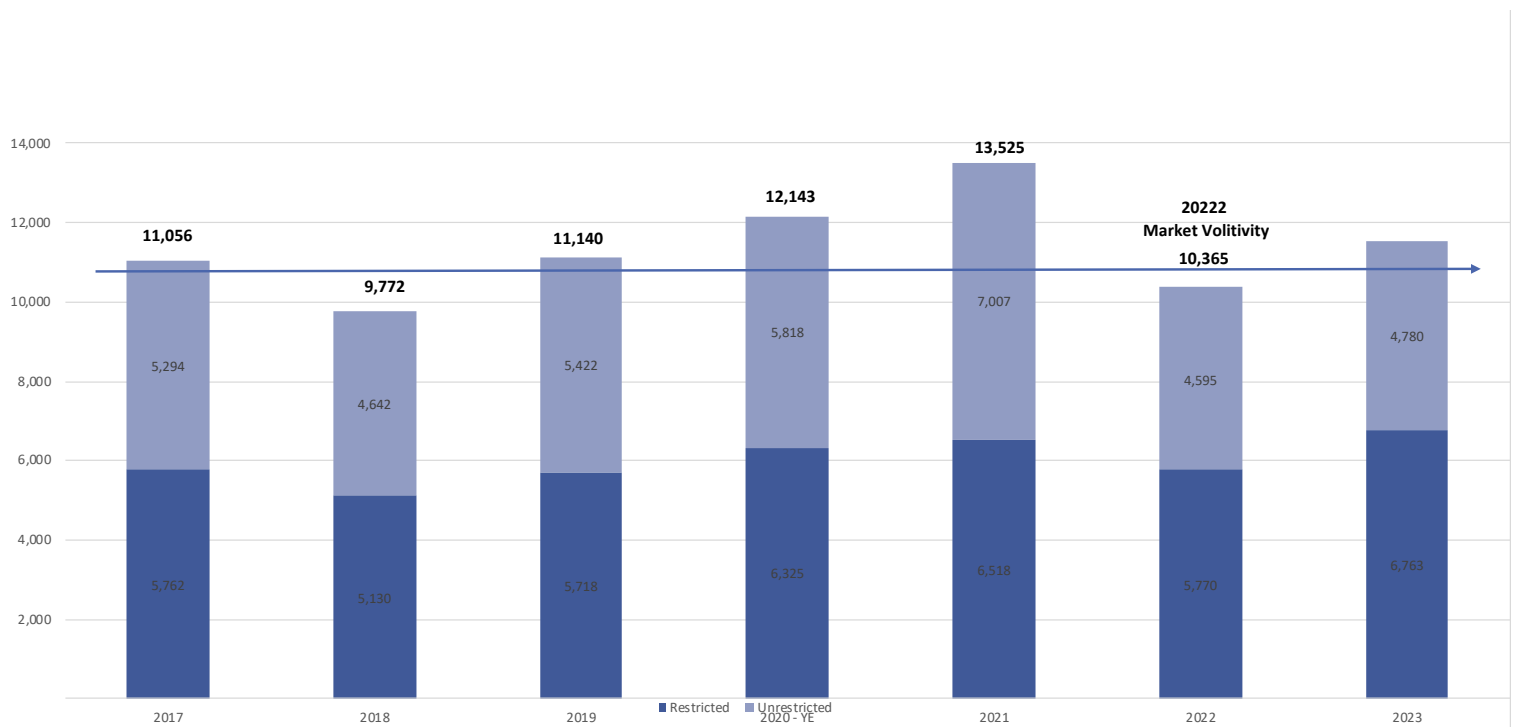


# Christ Church Financial Statements

Values in thousands	ACTUALS			BUDGETS	
	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
<b>Revenue</b>					
Pledges, Contributions, and Grants	832	825	913	900	990
Unrestricted Funds Used	879	1042	1,207	1,061	1,118
Programs and Services   Other Income	124	211	282	273	288
<b>Total Contributions and Funding</b>	<b>\$1,835</b>	<b>\$2,077</b>	<b>\$2,402</b>	<b>\$2,234</b>	<b>\$2,396</b>
SBA Payroll Protection Fund		150			-
Member Giving Shortfall					
<i>(Vestry Approved; Funded from Reserves)</i>	-	246	223	622	673
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,835</b>	<b>\$2,473</b>	<b>\$2,625</b>	<b>\$2,856</b>	<b>\$3,068</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
Compensation and Benefits	788	929	1022	1,343	1,537
General Expenses/Insurances	743	666	856	841	841
Travel, Meals, and Lodging	26	290	96	122	348
Professional Services/Communications	276	640	614	550	343
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,833</b>	<b>\$2,525</b>	<b>\$2,588</b>	<b>\$2,856</b>	<b>\$3,068</b>
<b>Net Revenue Less Expense</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>(\$51)</b>	<b>\$ 37</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>

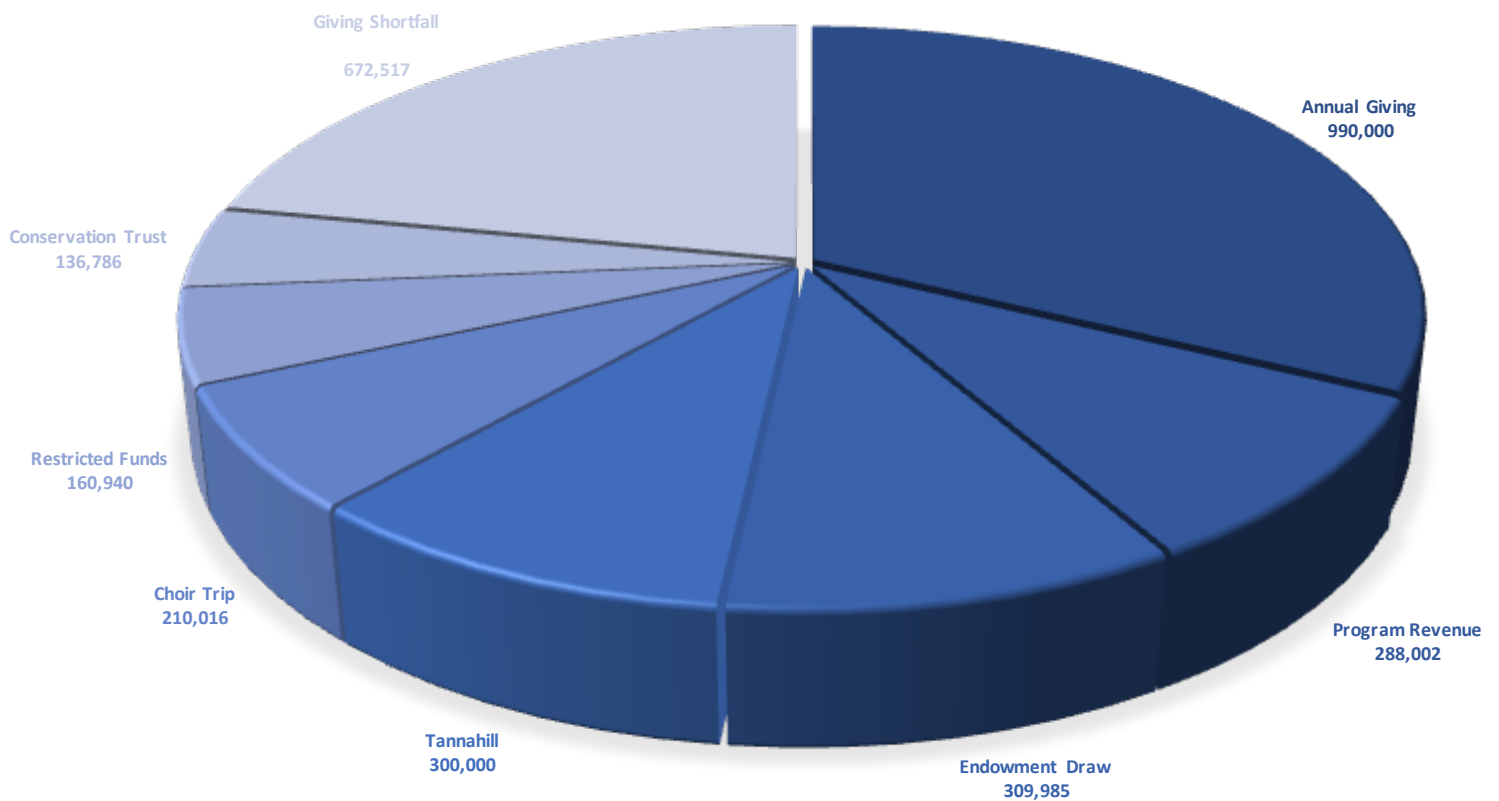


# Fund Balance: 2017–2023



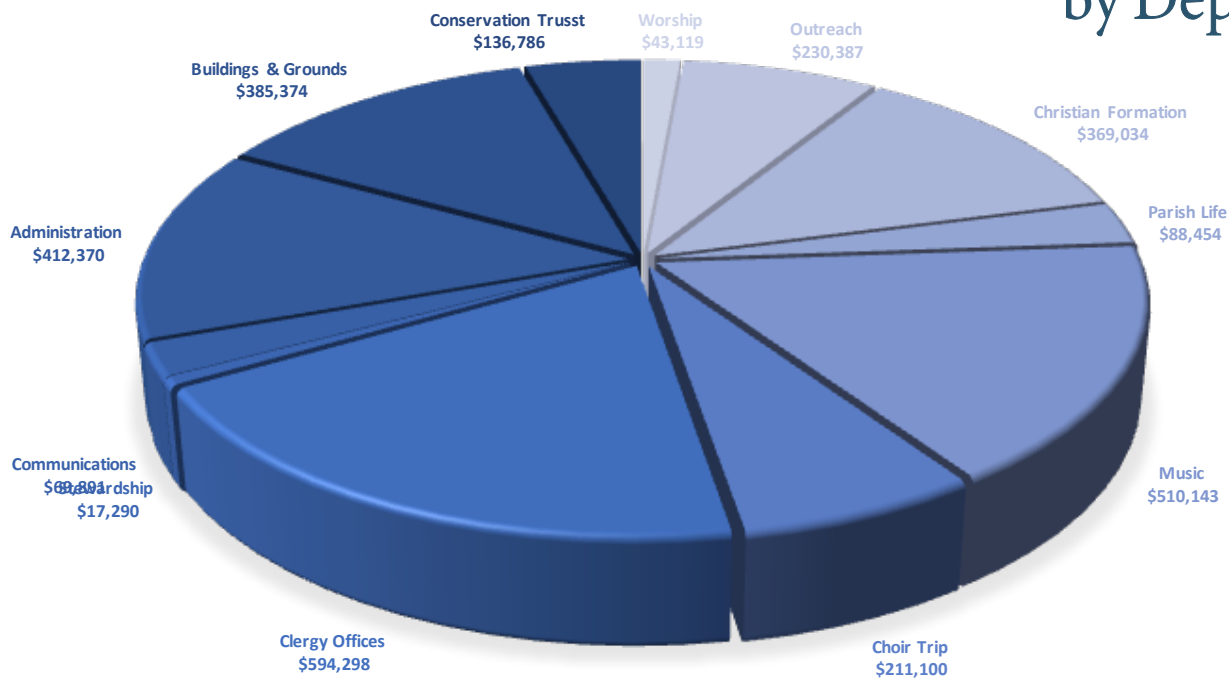
# 2024 Budget Revenue

\$3,068 (*in thousands*)

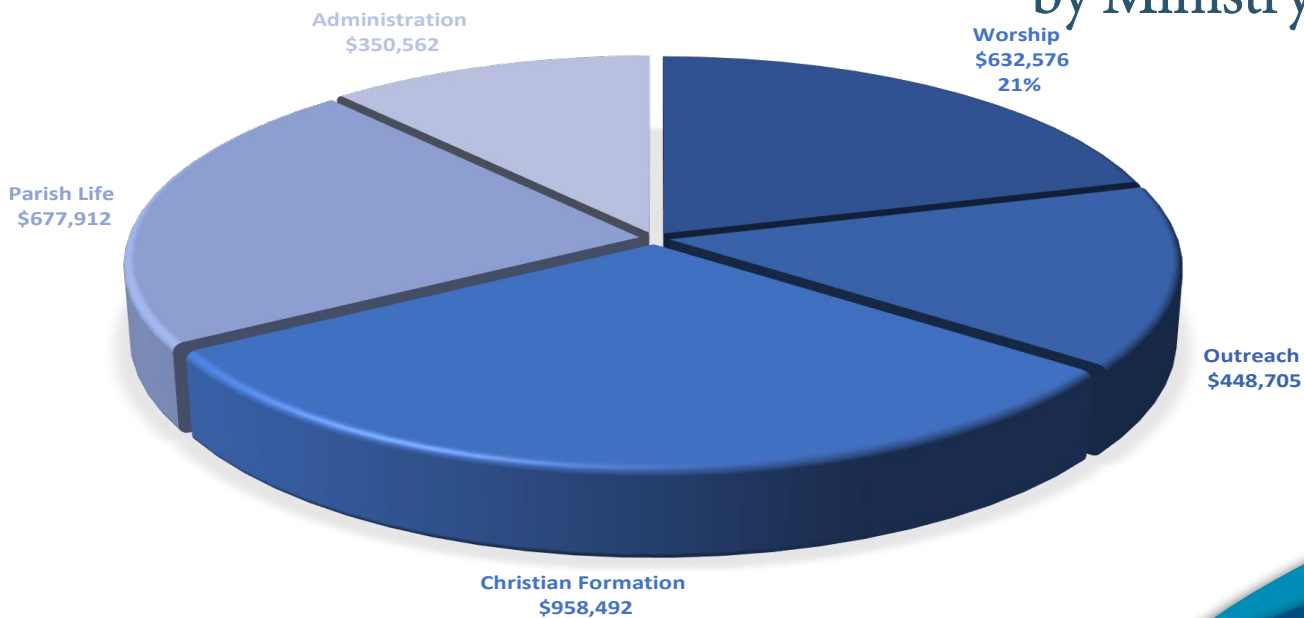




# 2024 Budget Expense by Department



## by Ministry Area



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## ***Pledging Families***

***[117 Families | \$696,732 Received]***

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alandt  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson  
 Ms. Lynn Anslow  
 Mr. Joel Anyim  
 Mrs. Barbara Arrigo  
 Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Arroyo  
 Dr. and Dr. Eric Ash  
 Mr. and Mrs. Len Azzaro  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bamford  
 Ms. Martha Bangs  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Baruah  
 Dr. Richard Baumgarten and  
 Dr. Cheryl Wesen  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Benson  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Best  
 Mr. and Mrs. Brad Blaine  
 Ms. Antoinette Book  
 Miss Terry Book  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bowe  
 Dr. Jerry Brackett and  
 Ms. Karen Kienbaum  
 Ms. Libby Candler  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Chaklos  
 Mr. and Ms. William Champion, III  
 Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Chesterton  
 Ms. Lauren Clune  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Collison  
 Mrs. Betsy Creedon  
 Mr. William Cudlip  
 Mr. Henry Darlington  
 Mr. Michael DeFillipi and  
 Mr. David Gerdis  
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Durand  
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Evans, III  
 Mr. Steven Fehniger  
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ferrara  
 Mrs. Martha Firestone Ford  
 Mrs. Hadley French  
 Mr. David Gaskin  
 Mr. John Gillooly and Mrs. Ebony Duff  
 Mrs. Carol Gove  
 Mrs. Christine Gretchko  
 Mr. Anton and Dr. Betsy Hall  
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hanoian  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hardwick  
 Mr. Mark Higbie and  
 Mrs. Gretchen Knoell  
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hubbard  
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Huebner  
 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hurley  
 Ms. Terri Lyn Huston  
 Ms. Lynnette Iannace  
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, Jr  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson  
 Mrs. Heather Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Jones  
 Ms. Barbara Kennedy  
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# Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting

## January 29, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. noting that a minimum of fifty (50) members were present and that we have a quorum by Fr. Drew Van Culin, Rector.

### Welcome and Opening Remarks

Fr. Drew opened with two prayers, one for the parish and one for guidance. Father Drew thanked the staff who helped make the annual meeting happen, and Jessica for all her ministry work in the community but, more importantly, as the greatest gift and best friend in ministry to Father Drew.

### Appointment of Secretary

Father Van Culin appointed Sue Chaklos secretary of the meeting.

### Approval of Minutes: Annual Meeting 2022

Minutes and the whole annual report were shared. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of these minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. Both motions were approved.

### Nominating Committee Report and Election of Vestry

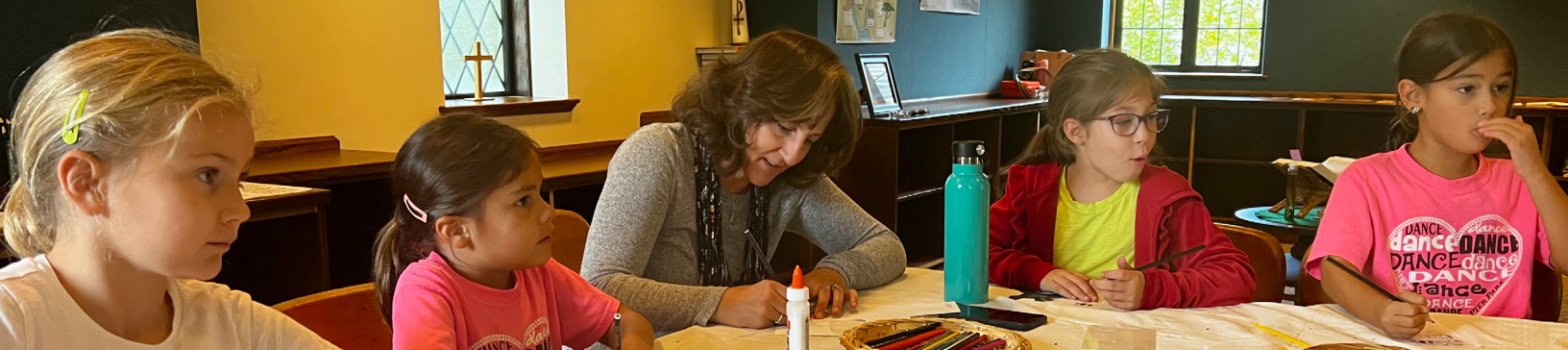
Ms. Betsy Creedon, Senior Warden, provided the Nominating Committee Report. (Email [rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org](mailto:rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org) for a print or electronic copy Ms. Creedon's remarks.)

Ms. Creedon thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work. She introduced the nominees for the 2026 Vestry Class: Lisa Baruah, Blair Osborn, Marisa Bennett, Sarah Teachey, and Anton Hall.

As per the Bylaws, Ms. Creedon called for the election of the Vestry by voice affirmation. The voice vote affirmed the slate as presented by Fr. Drew.

### Recognition of Written Reports

Fr. Drew recognized the written reports in the annual report and thanked all involved in the various ministries of Christ Church.



## To Excel in Love: Rectors Address

Fr. Drew offered the Rector's address, providing a report on To Excel in Love, including a short video. Email [rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org](mailto:rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org) for a print or electronic copy of Fr. Drew's remarks.

## To Excel in Love: Financial Commitments

Gregg Russell, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. Email [rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org](mailto:rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org) for a print or electronic copy of Mr. Russell's remarks or slides.

## To Excel in Love: Sustaining Our Vision

Ms. Lisa Valee-Smith, Task Force Chair, via video, launched the *To Excel in Love* Campaign. Email [rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org](mailto:rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org) for a link to the video.

## Appreciations

Betsy Creedon thanked the outgoing vestry for their leadership and the parish members for their ministry in 2022.

Fr. Drew announced his Rector's Appreciation for Lynette Iannance for her service as a lector and dedicated leadership as Director of the Altar Guild. Fr. Drew then shared his appreciation for Besty Creedon, outgoing Sr. Warden, for her three decades of service and leadership.

## Adjournment of Meeting and Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Fr. Drew.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane E. Ward  
*Associate for Finance and Administration*

Approved by:

Susan Chaklos  
*Secretary*

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to know and live the good news of Jesus Christ.*

