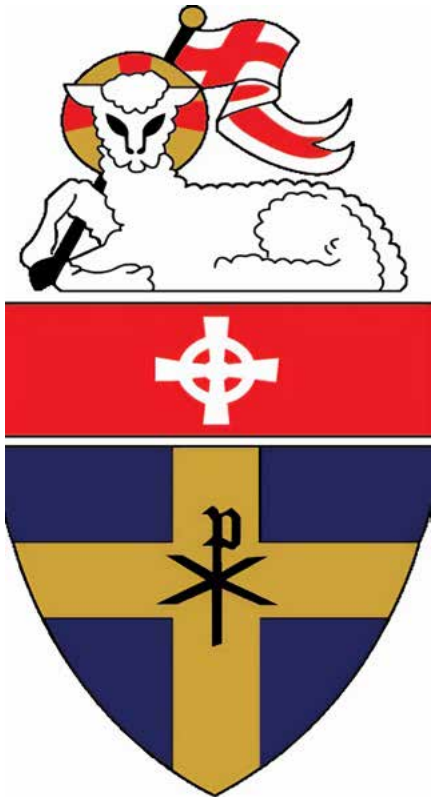
Annual Report for 2022



Christ Church, Georgetown

206th Annual Parish Meeting

February 5, 2023, at 10:00 am

STATISTICS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER
2011–2022

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
HOLY COMMUNIONS												
Sunday	218	219	205	218	203	194	201	186	192	76	144	209
Weekday	123	138	131	203	115	116	114	114	137	31	42	79
Private	102	36	76	49	43	65	67	48	42	12	23	47
ALL OTHER SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES												
Marriages	10	8	16	11	7	7	12	9	15	3	3	4
Burials	16	21	14	20	11	13	13	22	15	4	23	9
All Other Services	853	877	909	876	865	854	880	989	1095	318	272	47
TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICES	1,322	1.299	1,351	1,377	1,244	1,249	1,287	1,404	1,496	444	507	335
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	37,402	38.787	36,932	35,864	30,131	31,295	35,646	32,875	29,804	4,432	13,950	22,429
AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	529	500	502	469	420	485	497	444	423	391	190	306
TOTAL COMMUNIONS	22,815	23,660	22,529	21,877	18,380	19,090	20,081	19,744	22,167	2,761	7,608	13,099
CONFIRMED COMMUNICANTS												
Total at beginning of year	818	825	853	892	904	870	817	863	884	914	899	891
Added by Confirmation												
16 years and older	0	13	7	17	4	3	10	2	32	0	10	6
Under16 years	0	8	6	3	0	8	1	8	7	7	16	3
Reaffirmation	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reception	0	0	1	3	1	8	3	1	12	3	4	1
Reinstated from Inactive	0	1	0	0	2	4	20	0	0	0	0	0
Received by Transfer	32	30	58	18	5	15	43	22	4	2	3	7
Lost by death	7	10	6	6	7	13	14	18	11	9	12	13
Became inactive or left without transfer	2	2	17	18	22	66	2	0	11	14	23	37
Transferred to another parish	16	13	10	7	17	12	15	26	3	4	6	7
Total at end of year	825	853	892	904	870	817	863	884	914	899	891	851
Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing	819	841	880	895	857	808	851	817	884	863	776	890

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8. Other Business
9. Installation of Newly Elected Vestry Members
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205th Annual Meeting, Minutes

The 205th Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, February 6, 2022, with parishioners having assembled in the church, the Rector, Timothy A. R. Cole, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and commenced with prayers, including prayers for the faithful departed of the parish, twenty six in total, who had died since the 204th Annual Meeting.

Appointments

The Rector appointed Mrs. Cybil Roehrenbeck to serve as Secretary and Mr. John Rosenthal to serve as Parliamentarian. Senior Warden Chad Thorley was appointed Head Teller, with Bill Courtney, Chip Oat, and Al Troup appointed as Tellers for the election.

Presence of a Quorum

The Rector asked for a motion to approve a quorum. Chip Oat so moved, and Scott Campbell seconded. The motion was approved.

Minutes

The Rector asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 204th Annual Meeting and approve them as distributed, which was moved, seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote.

Retiring Vestry Members

The Rector thanked the retiring members of the Vestry, namely, Marilyn Sheneman, David B. Straut, Andrew J. Travers, and Kate Lluberes, for their faithful and dedicated service.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Ms. Isabel Kunsman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, delivered her report on behalf of the Committee during which she first announced the nominations of Brent T. Minor, Carolyn W. (Kit) Thomson, Michael Zampella, and Robert (Robby) Zirkelbach. After asking the nominees to stand, the Rector opened the floor for additional nominations. There being none, the Rector called for a motion to close the nominations, which was moved, seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote. The Rector then called for a motion to instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees to serve a three-year term as Vestry members, which was moved, seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote.

Reports on Finance, Budget, and Stewardship

The Rector introduced the speakers to address financial topics.

The Treasurer, Mr. Foster, began his report by noting that despite the ravages of COVID and the curtailment of parish activities on that account, Christ Church ended the year in sound financial condition. He emphasized some of the important aspects of the Parish's financial condition which have been achieved in the past year and which are not sufficiently highlighted in the financial statements.

First, the Church had, for the first time, an evaluation of the replacement cost of the Church's properties—the Church building, the Rectory, and the Parish hall. The replacement cost was established at $31 million. That is an enormous heritage of the generosity of the those who have gone before us which we all enjoy. As a result of that process, the insurance on these buildings and the stained glass windows—themselves a $2.1 million item—have been insured at a full replacement cost. Admittedly, the chance of a total loss is slight and the additional insurance premium to insure at full replacement cost was nearly $40,000 per year, but we would be poor stewards of these precious, museum quality worship facilities if we did not guard against any eventuality. That additional cost is included in the 2022 budget.

Second, the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry established, again for the first time, a dedicated fund for repairs and maintenance of the Church properties. That fund includes $90,000 per year from the endowment draw (about 11% of the draw), plus the depreciation contained in the operating budget—an additional $150,000 per year. These funds are deposited in a separate account from operating funds and are allocated to capital repair projects.

Third, in the past year, this repair fund was augmented by a further $100,000 from the endowment draw which was not needed in the operating account, which enabled us to devote a total of $340,000 to correction of deferred maintenance which had accumulated over the years. We are hopeful that we will eliminate deferred maintenance over 2022 and 2023.

Fourth, you will be reassured to hear that everyone involved in the governance of the Parish is extremely cost conscious. It's the best beady-eyed, green eyeshade crowd you can imagine. Mr. Foster assured the Parish that



the Church's money is being carefully husbanded and prudently spent.

Fifth, on the income side of the ledger, the Stewardship campaign has had an encouraging result this year, and its work is continuing. Stewardship is on an upward trajectory, which will enable us to make the increases to the operating budget which we need to maintain and, indeed, enhance the worship and ministry of the Parish.

Finally, Mr. Foster expressed his thanks to Paul Barkett, the Parish Administrator, for making his job easier, and his thanks to the congregation for their faithful support of Christ Church.

Ms. Rodgers and Mr. Crocker, co-chairs of the Stewardship Committee, provided a report about the Annual Campaign. First, Ms. Rodgers expressed thanks to the pledgers present at the Annual meeting and at home. The Christ Church congregation has responded very well to more transparency and determination to raise the level of pledging. Ms. Rodgers thanked the clergy and Vestry for their support, Tish Mills for helping to clean up the Directory, and Paul Barkett for tracking the pledging, as well as Harry Volz for valuable input. Ms. Rodgers also thanked Stewardship Committee members Newman Ainsley, Benjamin and Kim Dean, Rupert Hammond Chambers, Thomas Hardy, Rodney Hood, Charlie Ingersoll, Brent Minor, Chip Oat, Catherine Onnen, Anne Randolph, James Rojek, and Sally Squires Wilhelm.

Ms. Rodgers remarked that Christ Church is financially sound and well managed. Maintaining this requires broader participation in the pledge program and, for those who are able, more generosity. Strong pledging is how the endowment remains strong that and from the fantastic work from the Investment Committee Terri Collins, Paul Gambal, JD Lytle, Ellen Martin, and our church Treasurer, Allen Foster. The endowment is a great blessing and source of stability, but it is not best used for day-to-day expenses. The endowment has grown to its present state of strength for our church because of decades of pledging that allowed the endowment to focus on growing the parish and caring for our buildings. Enhancing the pledge program and increasing participation will allow endowment earnings to be more focused on our buildings and growth for the congregation. The 2022 pledge campaign has started the church on a healthy course to increasing pledge



participation and levels of generosity in support of our parish and its many important activities.

Mr. Crocker then summarized the success of the 2022 pledge campaign. Since before the pandemic, dollars raised and number of parishioners pledging were trending down. As a result, the share of the operating budget funded by endowment earnings was growing. The survey and conversations with Christ Church members last Summer showed that the congregation did not know about these trends or the low participation rate but is ready to financially support the Church and wants more transparency. The 2022 pledge campaign was designed to meet the congregation on those grounds. The congregation has responded very well, and we look forward to future pledge campaigns with great optimism.

For 2021, 341 pledges were received by the end of the third quarter. As of Friday, we have 361 pledges for 2022. The 2021 campaign included 37 "New" pledgers, and 88 "New" pledgers have stepped up for 2022. This year's campaign includes 123 regular pledgers who are increasing their generosity. That is 50 more increased pledges than were made for 2021. Even the number of pledge-makers who commit the same amount year-to-year declined, which is a good sign. In every year, there are prior-year pledgers who have died, moved away, or do not pledge again for any of innumerable reasons. The 2022 pledge campaign had fewer of those than the year before.

Mr. Crocker then provided further detail regarding dollars raised: At the end of last year, the 2021 pledge campaign totaled $1,358,110.00; as of today, the Vestry can rely on 2022 commitments for $1,371,086.00. That is $12,976.00 more. But experience teaches that CCG members will make "off season" pledges during the coming months and the 2022 end-of-year total will be several tens of thousands higher. Mr. Crocker also noted that if you have not yet pledged, your pledge will be welcome.

Report of the Senior Warden

The Senior Warden greeted the congregation and began his remarks by saying that, for 205 years, the faithful of this place have been gathering here to conduct the important business of the church and it's good to see the parishioners here as we do the same this year. With luck, by this time next year we will have a full house and the worst of the COVID crisis will be a memory.

Senior Warden Thorley remarked that it's been another eventful year in the life of this parish, and we remain a bright spot, in many ways, in the landscape of religious institutions in the Washington area. We have continued to keep our doors open—offering our reverent, traditional liturgies and outstanding music. Our guilds have continued to meet, our Sunday school soldiers on, and the bonds of community we enjoy have been maintained even beyond these walls. Most importantly, all this has been done in the face of great adversity caused by the pandemic. However, although we have been committed to doing as much as we

possibly can under the circumstances, we have been equally as committed to doing so safely and within the guidelines established by the Diocese and the city and we will continue to do so until this is well behind us—hopefully sooner rather than later.

The Senior Warden took a brief moment to thank our retiring members of Vestry—Kate Lluberes, David Straut, Marilyn Shenemen, and Andrew Travers. They have served this church under some clearly challenging circumstances and have done so with great dedication and clear sense of purpose. Their wise words will be missed. Thankfully the church has selected a well qualified group who will continue to do the same, and the Senior Warden looks forward to working with them. The Senior Warden thanked the outstanding staff and clery, as well as Junior Warden, Molly Peacock, who is a tireless worker, good counselor, and is never not upbeat. The Senior Warden also offered his thanks to the church's soon-departing Associate Rector, Andrew Kryzak. Andrew has simply been outstanding and a man of many talents. As a fellow son of New York's Hudson Valley, in the summer we always agree that Washington may as well be the deep south and in the winter, if that's what it can be called here at this time of year, we share our confusion over the inability of the vast majority of the population to understand how to properly shovel, plow, and drive in the snow. But, clearly the solution is the application of five pounds of rock salt per square foot. The Senior Warden said that the Associate Rector will be missed and wished him Godspeed.

The Senior Warden proceeded to describe some of the projects that have been ongoing around the church campus and a few more that will be undertaken during the next year. Many of these projects go unseen and unnoticed but they are important. As we know well, we are blessed to have a beautiful campus with historic buildings, the crown jewel of which is this sanctuary itself. However, as is the case with all such buildings, they require constant maintenance and upkeep and sometimes finding folks to do the type of work that many of these projects require is challenging. At the end of last year, the Vestry identified significant areas of deferred maintenance that needed to be addressed, and we employed a firm to conduct a study of our facilities to identify issues needing attention. A plan to tackle the vast majority of these projects over a two year period was developed. Over the past year we have completed significant roof repairs on the parish hall and repointed large areas of the parish hall and rectory. Windows in the classrooms above Keith Hall were reglazed and repainted and parts of the church were painted. The Senior Warden encouraged those present to take a look at the church's sign on the corner of 31st and O. It was fully restored and waterproofed using as many of its original materials. Just this last week, our sexton Henry Lemus rewired it and it looks great after dark as well.

Looking ahead, the Senior Warden forecast that we will be removing and replacing the dead and dying trees in our garden as well as refurbishing the gardens both within the courtyard and around the exterior of the church. The Rector has constituted a small garden committee that has been scoping this project for the past few months. More details will be forthcoming, so stay tuned. Additional repointing work will be completed on the church itself and on the walls around the garden this spring. The Senior Warden expressed his pleasure in saying that we have also contracted to have the crumbling stone ornamentation around the church's doors restored and replaced where necessary. The stonemason has identified materials that closely match what's there now and the results are sure to be outstanding. And finally, for the moment, we are also awaiting design specifications for a new HVAC system for the church. The current system is hanging on for dear life (note if Harry and Ellen are there) and we will finally have the ability to easily switch from heat to air conditioning as needed once the new system is installed. No more Sundays freezing in October and sweating in May.

The Senior Warden highlighted that we've been able to accomplish these projects within budget and will do so again this year—all while ending the year with a budget surplus. This is in no small thanks to the diligent and thoughtful management of our financial resources by Terry Collins and the Investment Committee as well as our Treasurer, Allen Foster, and our Director of Administration, Paul Barkett. We should be thankful. These are some of the things that lie ahead that we should all look forward to. The Senior Warden expressed that it continues to be an honor to serve as Senior Warden and thanked the congregation for their support. It is a great experience—and certainly isn't boring.

Report of the Rector

The Rector began his report by remarking that the church has weathered two years of the COVID-19 pandemic and our parish has been open throughout this year and maintained a more or less normal pattern of worship throughout. Numbers attending worship have continued to slowly grow and the 8:00 am, 11:15 am, 5:00 pm and Evensong numbers are getting close to precovid levels at times. The 9:00 am service and the Sunday School remains lower maybe 30% lower, as many families continue to be concerned about the risk of COVID. What has been very encouraging are the new people and families that have



been finding their way into the life of the Church this year. The fact that we have more than doubled the number of new pledges compared to last year supports this, and the presence of half a dozen new families with young children in recent weeks is a particularly hopeful sign given that this is the area where we have been hit hardest by the epidemic.

The Rector thanked those vestry members who have come to the end of their terms, namely: Kate Lluberes, who graciously stepped in to take Cynthia Effird's place when she moved away from town; Marilyn Sheneman who has been a tower of strength both on Vestry and particularly with the Altar Guild where she was one of the mainstays with Susan Foster and who were key in supporting the worship of the church through the most difficult times in COVID; David Straut has been a thoughtful and wise presence at all our Vestry meetings over the last three years; and Andrew Travers, who has had much to deal with health wise, but who was there when he could and has been a strong and thoughtful voice on our executive Committee.

The Rector recognized that all four of the retiring Vestry members have had to serve in some of the most challenging times this Church, and all Churches, have had to face in many years. He expressed his gratitude for that service and sincere thanks. The Rector also expressed his thanks to the Vestry for having stepped up in hard times to lead, particularly, our two Wardens, Chad Thorley and Molly Peacock, who have given just vast amounts of time and care and energy to the work, and been great ambassadors of the Vestry to the Parish and of the Parish to the Vestry. They have also been the greatest possible support and strength. More widely the Rector thanked all those who have been key in maintaining and putting back in place the main planks of our Church's life in a year where we have worked so very hard to keep all the areas of our life open and in place even when only a few people are taking part at times.

Important to the participation of families at Christ Church, Chrissy Casey and our Sunday School teachers have worked as hard as ever, said the Rector, and they did when three times the number of children were coming to Sunday school with some teachers only having one child in their class at times. Their sacrificial perseverance has meant that as new families have begun to trickle in, there is a vibrant and fully active Sunday School in place for them to join. We will also send our first Youth Mission trip since 2019 away this summer. Chrissy Casey, the chairs of the Youth and Family Committee, Michael and Amy Dean, along with some of the parents and teachers, have persevered to make that possible as they also did with the Christmas Pageant, the Hay Ride and other All Ins throughout the year. We have also seen a new thing in a session of music for the very young which was really enjoyed by toddlers and parents alike and which could easily be something that attracts families from the wider community and draws them toward the life of the Church.

Notably, the Rector said that our Altar Guild with Susan Foster and Mimsy Linder as Chair and Vice Chair, have supported services through the leanest of times, and it has been a delight to see others coming back and their ranks slowly swelling with old members, and some new ones too, as the year has gone on. Our Flower Guild, with Beth Collins and Blair Bourne as chairs also continued to beautify the Church and support worship throughout this strange year. Vicki Campbell and Anna Brook now take over the baton. Anna Brooke also continues to lead with the Flower Delivery Ministry, which has such a profound effect on those who receive flowers from Christ Church's altar week by week. You should see the notes they write in thanks. It is wonderful to see how such a small gesture can mean so much.

Dick Thompson, our most faithful and long-standing Chair of the Ushers Guild, handed over at the end of 2021 having helped our ushers manage a similar challenge to support worship with small numbers that are growing again now. We are lucky also to have Brent Minor and Alan Coker take over and lead as Dick steps back. Further, Debbie Nichols as chair of the Lectors Guild made sure that we have always had readers at the 11.15 and Evensong Services and her kindness and attention has kept that group strong too. James Rojek took over from Debbie's excellent work in this New Year. Sally Wilhelm and Max Wang have faced a similar challenge with the Acolytes Guild and have seen that support to worship continued regardless as well. Our new live stream facility which enables us to stream the 11.15am and other services, as well as this meeting today, is called the Gethsemane Guild which is a reference to the

window over there where Jon Alexander and those who help him in this ministry work. This has been a great gift to those who are unable to get to Church because of COVID or any other reason.

The Rector highlighted activities outside of worship where we have also seen other aspects of Church life come back and grow again. Rick Shewell and Andrew Kryzak have brought the Soup kitchen back to life again and doubled its output. It is also great to see some of our young people coming back to help with this important work. A new Hospitality Ministry has also blossomed during COVID led by Brent Minor and Doris Dixon. They are gathering volunteers to provide hospitality and fellowship at Evensong receptions and other Church events. This has really made a huge difference. Welcoming and hosting in this way helps us develop fellowship and a sense of being one body as a congregation, as well as drawing visitors and new people into the life of the Church in a really important way. Bill Courtney has kept us going with some excellent Faith and Foreign Policy forums on line and, more recently in person. It was great to see the Keith Hall full to hear the British Ambassador and Mike Pillsbury speak on separate occasions. Our Sunday Forum is back in person and it has been a delight to hear speakers from VTS, and Barry Seltzer again in person. The Rector said that Corky Stone and Andrew Kryzak have done a great job with this year's program. In another example, the new Pen of a Ready Writer series led by Sally Wilhelm and Eric Fraunfelter involves authors who are members of our congregation who share something of the experience of writing. These have been fascinating and we look forward to more this year. Our Thrift Shop is up and running again thanks to Millie Coleman and her faithful team of workers. They raise a significant amount of money each year for mission projects of various kinds.

The Rector also recognized that the Parish Groups have also persevered and are now meeting. The Women's Bible Study led by our own Melissa Hollerith, The Men's Group led by Tim Carrington, The Contemplative life Group led by Merrill Carrington and others, the New House group led by Tiffany Clark and Janis Buchanan, the Sunday Parish Bible Study led by our Seminarian Mike Alford and our Young Adults Group led by Andrew Kryzak and Julia Ainsley have all been meeting as much as they could and, as an example, the fact that there were 28 people at the last young adults meeting and 9 people at the last Parish Bible Study juts shows how far we have come.

All these people and organizations and all their members have been so important in ensuring that all the structures of our Church life are in place and ready to receive new and returning people as the pandemic eases. The Rector reminded those at the Annual Parish meeting that it is to them that we should all be most grateful as we see the Church grow over the coming months and years. If they had not held the ground in the thick of these last turbulent and challenging months, and been both agile and flexible in their deep commitment when service times and arrangements had to change at short notice, we would not be in the excellent position we are now in, despite the Rector unhelpfully bringing COVID to DC in the first place, the Rector quipped, has weathered, and will bounce back from, COVID as well as any Churches in our region, and better than most. My sincere thanks to all those I have just mentioned. Worship is the heart of all that we do at Christ Church.

In further discussion of giving, the Rector underscored that the generosity and sacrificial giving of the Church's parishioners to support the life of the Church ought to be recognized. This has been particularly important as we, like most Churches, have taken financial hits during the COVID years. The Rector noted his particular gratitude to Tom Casey, Shelley Rodgers and all those in their valiant Stewardship team. As you heard they really have done an outstanding job, particularly when such a significant proportion of the congregation have not been coming to Church. Building on their excellent work, the Rector is confident that our Stewardship will continue to move upwards in the years ahead. As important have been Terry Collins, JD Lytle, Ellen Martin and Paul Gambal on the Investment Committee whose steady and wise approach to our investments over many years have enabled our endowment to grow to the size it has and, with a little help from strong markets in recent years, have made it possible for the endowment draw to support the Church's operations very strongly just when we needed it, as well as help pay off a significant debt, and deal, in this last year, with a large quantity of deferred maintenance.

Such is our financial health that we are contemplating a Capital Campaign this Spring, and the generosity and tremendous response we have found so far, means that we are very hopeful that we will be in a position to launch one later in the spring. The Committee, led by Isabel Kunsman and Allen Foster, needs a few more very substantial gifts to get there, but the Rector expressed his confidence that the Campaign is going to be a great success. These committees, our financial Staff, Paul Barkett and Tonika Hillard, have all been excellent.

Sincere thanks to those who supported the Stewardship Campaign and pledged this year were expressed by the

Rector. We all have different means and circumstances, of course, but to those who have given 10, or 5 or even 2 or 1% of their income to Christ Church in this last year, the Rector expressed thanks. In some cases that has been a very great deal of money. In others it may be less money, but just as much sacrifice. To all of those of you whose names are in the Annual Report, the Rector extended gratitude on behalf of the whole congregation. We would never be able to do all the many things I have referred to so far, were it not for parishioners' willingness to give a portion of your precious substance to support the work of the Church. Your generosity also makes possible the money we give each year to our mission partners through our Mission Committee which is now led by Jon Alexander and Francis Symes. That diligent Committee does a superb job in making sure this tithe of our pledge income goes to important projects that help those in need near and far.

On the topic of the pledge list, the Rector noted that this is the first time that the Church has published it. One or two people were skeptical about it, but I think the vast majority understand that we should all be proud to support the Church in the fashion we can, be our ability to do so large or small. All the people on that list are what we call Communicants in Good Standing, in that they are baptized members, who make Christ Church their main place of worship on a Sunday when they are here, and who make a meaningful pledge according to their means. As most of you know, it is from this list that the Vestry has determined that we should draw all our leaders and members who serve on Guilds and Committees in the life of our Church. In case anyone has missed it, if you are on a Guild and Committee and are not baptized members who worship here on a Sunday or who do not pledge it is easy to fix. Just become a baptized member, come to church and pledge your support to the work of God in this place. It is, as the prayer book says, our thanks to God which is only our very meet right and our bounden duty to give Him.

The Rector offered a few words about the Church's plan going forward. We currently have a very small staff of six full time and four part time posts. Paul Barkett continues to be our excellent Director of Administration who has done a great deal of work to improve our parish administratively over these last few years and provided us with a clean audit last year and much of the work to produce the budget we just passed as a Vestry for this year. Tom Smith continues to run our top rate choir and to deliver outstanding music at all our services. He also produces all our excellent service bulletins, and supports the liturgy in every way. Chrissy Casey is currently our part time Youth and Family Minister. Chrissy is a hugely experienced teacher in both secular and ecclesiastical contexts and really has done a magnificent job nurturing and keeping strong our Sunday school teachers, children of all ages, and their parents in this really challenging time for families. She has nurtured a much-reduced Sunday school, and has been instrumental in helping it begin to grow again, despite COVID, and all the limitations that has brought for our young people. Tonika Hillard is our Parish Coordinator and supports our financial administration, keeps our registers and is a presence here on Sundays to support the Sunday School and the services. Tish Mills who is our Executive Assistant greets everyone who phones or calls the office, is a warm and welcoming presence, and supports my diary, and all of us in the office as well as the lay participants of all the services. Tyrone Moore is our head Sexton and with our great part timers, Henry, Day and Gee Gee, has continued to keep the church clean and to support all of us through this tough year. The Rector said that we are blessed to have excellent people who are willing to work with each other and for each other in the service of our Church.

The Rector then provided remarks regarding Andrew Kryzac, our Associate Rector who is moving on to pastures new. The Rector noted his sadness to be saying goodbye to Andrew, as he has been a wonderful, able and cheerful colleague and has made a significant difference here despite starting in the midst of COVID. The Rector expressed that, naturally, he had hoped we would have Rev. Kryzak for a longer period, but having heard about what he has been offered in his new post, from a ministry, personal and family perspective it really was an offer that he could not refuse. Our loss is certainly St John's Stamford Connecticut's gain, and this move only serves to underline the age-old truth that if you employ the best of people there is always a possibility that they will be sought after and drawn away to more senior posts before you would like them to be.

On the topic of ministry appointments and staffing, the Rector explained that as the history of this, and every parish, show, Assistants and Associates will almost always move on after a short time with us as they mature in their ministry, and we should expect that this will be the pattern going forward as well. Every few years new Assistants will come as others move on. The Church would rather we continue to have excellent people for short periods of time than less able people for long periods, even if this does mean regular readjustments. Although the timing of Andrew's opportunity and departure will be a huge loss, we had fortunately already been looking diligently and quietly for another priest to come here if this year's budget would be able to support one. Thus, we were already at



an advanced stage of considering some very qualified candidates to potentially engage as a new Assistant in the coming months. We are working hard at this, but we will only proceed if we find the right person that will thrive in the ethos we have here at Christ Church.

The Rector outlined additional ministry appointments and changes. Specifically, the Church has also for some time been considering adding an Assistant Lay Minister position. The Rector was delighted to announce that Tiffany Clark has agreed to serve in this role while she undergoes discernment for a vocation to the Priesthood. Tiffany has very extensive experience of ministry, Christian education and spiritual direction in a missionary context overseas, particularly in India. Many of our congregation, particularly at the 9:00 am service, will have met Tiffany and her wonderful family, Ernest, Sam, Anna and Drew. The Rector expressed his excitement due to her starting her ministry here in the coming weeks. Tiffany will be able to preach and will have a part in the liturgy as a lay person in all our services. Chrissy Casey already serves as our part time Youth Minister. The Rector went on to announce that she will be continuing in this role, and has accepted a position as full time Youth Minister for us beginning in June. Chrissy has 25 years of teaching experience with children of all ages, has a theology degree and has been deeply involved with youth Christian Education in other Churches for many years. We are also most fortunate to have Revd Melissa Hollerith as a part of our team. Melissa led an excellent Confirmation Course last year and will continue to lead the Women's Bible Study and preach for us on a regular basis. Melissa is a gifted preacher and, like Chrissy, a lifelong teacher and we are most fortunate to have her as part of our team here.

The Rector reminded us how fortunate we are to be part of this amazing congregation. A congregation that is a traditional, affectionate, non- partisan, community of faith that is committed to the service of the poor, exemplifies the best in the Episcopal tradition in music, liturgy, education, preaching, and theology, and, alongside all of these things, seeks to provide connection with God, each other and the wider community for people at every stage of life. We do not say that ours is the only way, just that this is our way, and the way we believe Christ is calling us to follow.

In 2022, the Rector reminded the parish that we will seek to emerge from COVID stronger, continue to revive and enhance all the main aspects of our common life. Today we commit ourselves once again to seeking the presence of Christ in the ordinary of our lives, in our worship, and we seek to be a place of healing and sanctuary for all who have been hurt or worn down by the challenges of the last two years. The Rector said that he deeply appreciates his role as Rector of Christ Church Georgetown.

At the request of the Rector, departing Associate Rector Kryzak gave remarks to the congregation. Rev. Kryzak expressed his sincere fondness for Christ Church Georgetown, stating that while he has only been at the parish for a few years, he had ample time to get to know the devotion and kindness of the parish and its congregants. He aptly noted, "While you may not know me, I know you!" and explained that the COVID pandemic has given him the opportunity to witness the Church in a great time of challenge, perseverance, and collegiality. He expressed his gratitude to the Vestry, the clergy, the lay leadership, the congregation, and especially the Rector, noting that he will take many lessons with him to his new appointment. He invited the church to visit him whenever they pass by Stamford, CT, an invitation that was met with much enthusiasm by those present at the Annual meeting.

Other Business

The Rector asked whether there was any further business to be brought forward, and there was no other business brought forward.

Installation

A service of installation was held for the newly elected Vestry members, who were presented by Mr. Thorley, Senior Warden.

There being no further business, the 205th Annual Parish Meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am with prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Cybil G. Roehrenbeck, Secretary

Senior Warden Annual Parish Address—February 6, 2022

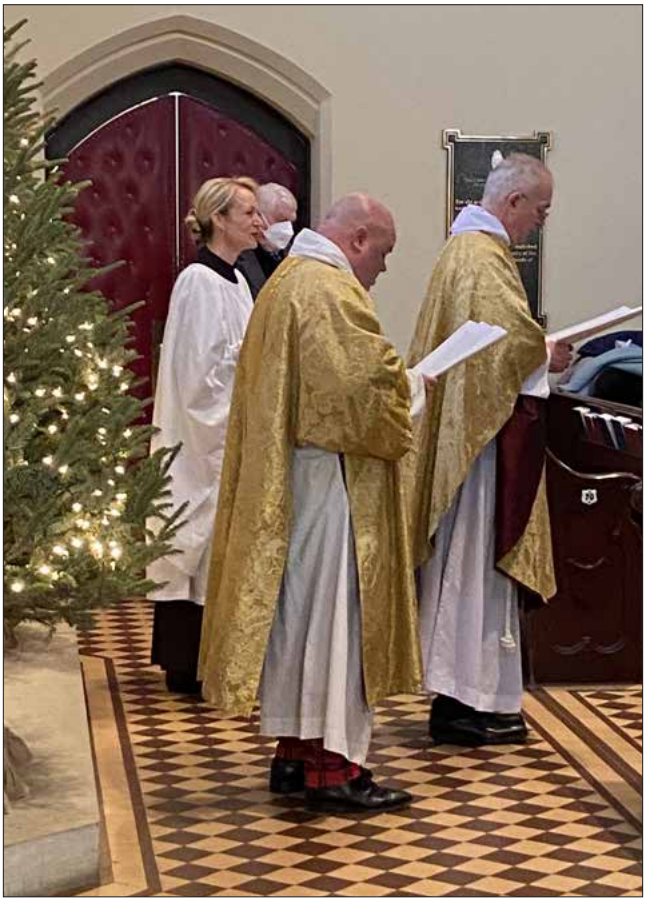
Good morning and once again, thank you for attending this morning's meeting. For 205 years, the faithful of this place have gathered here to conduct the important business of the church and it's good to see you here as we do the same this year. With luck, by this time next year we will have a full house and the worst of the COVID crisis will be a memory.

Well, it's been another eventful year in the life of this parish. And I think it's safe to say that we remain a bright spot, in many ways, in the landscape of religious institutions in the Washington area. We have continued to keep our doors open—offering our reverent, traditional liturgies and outstanding music. Our guilds have continued to meet, our Sunday school soldiers on, and the bonds of community we enjoy have been maintained even beyond these walls. Most importantly, all this has been done in the face of great adversity caused by the pandemic. However, although we have been committed to doing as much as we possibly can under the circumstances, we have been equally as committed to doing so safely and within the guidelines established by the Diocese and the city and we will continue to do so until this is well behind us—hopefully sooner rather than later.

I want to take a brief moment to thank our retiring members of Vestry—Kate Lluberes, David Straut, Marilyn Shenemen, and Andrew Travers. They have served this church under some clearly challenging circumstances and have done so with great dedication and clear sense of purpose. Their wise words will be missed. Thankfully you all have selected a well qualified group who will continue to do the same. I look forward to working with them.

As has been said, we would never be able to do what we have done over this past year if it weren't for our outstanding staff and clergy. Much of what they do is behind the scenes but it's crucial and I know you join me in thanking them for their hard work. And the same can be said for our Junior Warden, Molly Peacock, who is a tireless worker, good counselor, and is never not upbeat. Molly, thanks for everything. Finally, I'd like to offer my own thanks to our soon-departing Associate Rector, Andrew Kryzak. Andrew has simply been outstanding—a man of many talents. As a fellow son of New York's Hudson Valley, I will miss him. In the summer, we always agree that Washington may as well be the deep south and in the winter, if that's what it can be called here at this time of year, we share our confusion over the inability of the vast majority of the population to understand how to properly shovel, plow, and drive in the snow. But, clearly the solution is the application of five pounds of rock salt per square foot. Wow! Andrew, you will be missed. Godspeed.

I'd like to spend the final few moments here to tell you about some of the projects that have been ongoing around the church campus and a few more that will be undertaken during the next year. Many of these projects go unseen and unnoticed but they are important. As we know well, we are blessed to have a beautiful campus with historic buildings the crown jewel of which is this sanctuary itself. However, as is the case with all such buildings, they require constant maintenance and upkeep and sometimes finding folks to do the type of work that many of these projects require is challenging. At the end of last year, the Vestry identified significant areas of deferred maintenance that needed to be addressed and we employed a firm to conduct a study of our facilities to identify issues needing attention. A plan to tackle the vast majority of these projects over a two year period was developed.



Over the past year we have completed significant roof repairs on the parish hall and repointed large areas of the parish hall and rectory. Windows in the classrooms above Keith Hall were reglazed and repainted and parts of the church were painted. If you haven't noticed, I would also encourage you to take a look at the church's sign on the corner of 31st and O. It was fully restored and waterproofed using as many of its original materials.

Just this last week, our sexton Henry Lemus rewired it and it looks great after dark as well. Looking ahead, we will be removing and replacing the dead and dying trees in our garden as well as refurbishing the gardens both within the courtyard and around the exterior of the church. Tim has constituted a small garden committee who has been scoping this project for the past few months. More details will be forthcoming so stay tuned. Additional repointing work will be completed on the church itself and on the walls around the garden this spring.

I am also pleased to say that we have also contracted to have the crumbling stone ornamentation around the church's doors restored and replaced where necessary. The stonemason has identified materials that closely match what's there now and the results are sure to be outstanding. And finally, for the moment, we are also awaiting design specifications for a new HVAC system for the church. The current system is hanging on for dear life (note if Harry and Ellen are there) and we will finally have the ability to easily switch from heat to air conditioning as needed once the new system is installed. No more Sundays freezing in October and sweating in May. The best news regarding all of what I've mentioned is that we've been able to accomplish these projects within budget and will do so again this year—all while ending the year with a budget surplus. This is in no small thanks to the diligent and thoughtful management of our financial resources by Terry Collins and the Investment Committee as well as our Treasurer, Allen Foster, and our Director of Administration, Paul Barkett. We should be thankful. These are some of the things that lie ahead that we should all look forward to.



As we start another year, we have much to be thankful for—most importantly for the strong bonds of community that we are able to find in this special place. And so, as we move into the next months, our congregation remains strong despite all the challenges. In fact, I think it's fair to say that we are in much better shape in so many ways than the majority of churches both locally and around the country. My thanks to all of you for all you do to make this the reality. It continues to be an honor to serve as Senior Warden and I thank you for your support. As I often say, it's a great experience—and certainly isn't boring. Once again, we appreciate you coming this morning. I'm always happy to chat if you have comments or concerns.

Thank you.

Charles Thorley

Worship

Acolyte Guild

The Episcopal Church is a liturgical church that shares in a tradition of worship that goes back more than 1,000 years. The word liturgy comes from the Greek word meaning, "the work of the people." We are very intentional in our liturgy at Christ Church because it is the enactment of what we believe: it is our offering to God.

As part of the lay ministry of the Church, Acolytes offer their time and talent to God by assisting the Clergy during worship services and contribute to the spiritual life of the congregation. Our Parish is blessed to have, and I am honored to work with, a great team of 14 adult acolytes who appreciate their role as worship leaders and the responsibility that comes with that. An Acolyte's role is to serve, and as an integral part of the liturgies—our worship would not be complete without them.

Looking to the future, we will be working closely with groups such as the Altar Guild, Chalice Bearers, and others to share information and ideas so that all of us who are involved in the worship services can support each other effectively. Serving as an Acolyte is an extraordinary way of giving back to the Church, and we want to make it easy and meaningful for parishioners to serve. To that end, we will also be offering ongoing training and coaching opportunities to current acolytes as well as for those wishing to join the Acolyte Guild.

In recent months, there have been opportunities to invite some of our youth acolytes to serve in some of our principal services. This has been a wonderful addition to our worship, and the young people have been fantastic to help in this special way. We will be working to find more ways to include our youth acolytes in future services.

Finally, I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to several people who have made a big impact on our program: Sally Squires for her long-time leadership of the Acolyte Guild, Anne Grambsch and Max Wang who are serving as incredible deputies, Ana Clark for her willingness to help in many ways and for coaching the young acolytes, and Chrissy Casey for her great support in helping the youth acolyte program to be a success.

Marshall H. Ginn



Altar Guild

The members of the Altar Guild were busy once again, as we returned to a normal routine. We have the privilege of preparing the Altar for all services during the Liturgical year. This includes four Sunday services, weekday services, special services, weddings, and funerals. Our preparations included using the appropriate hangings, as well as caring for the linen and silver that we use. The Altar Guild has been blessed with new members joining our special group. It is an honor to be able to assist the Clergy and the Parish in our worship.

Susan Foster and Mimsy Lindner

Flower Guild

The Flower Guild has had a wonderful year as our church returned to a full and busy schedule. We began our year with an inspiring training session for our members, led by our own artistic Jane Matz, followed by a lively luncheon.

We are proud to report that Father Tim honored our committee by elevating it to the status of a Guild. He made the announcement in October at our Fall party for Guild members and guests held at a member's house. Tim reminded us of the importance of our contribution to the worship service celebrating the beauty of God's creation

with flowers. We are fortunate to have a committed group generously giving their time and talent.

We are delighted to announce that we welcomed four new Flower Guild members. Each week during the year teams of two of our 22 members arranged flowers for the altar (except during Advent and Lent). In addition, we worked with 13 families to make their loved one's funeral services beautiful. Also, our members worked together to realize memorable wedding flower decorations for six special couples. We hope that our Flower team's work for Easter and Christmas celebrations brought you seasonal joy.

We ended the year with the first joint Altar and Flower Guild Christmas Brunch which was enjoyed by many and we hope will become a tradition.

In 2023 the Guild will realize the design planned with the help of our valued member, Guy Martin, to refresh our Flower Room. The project was made possible through a very generous benefactor.

Our Guild will be led in 2023 by the talented and dedicated Doris Dixon and her assistant, Christy Thorley. We are very grateful for their leadership.

Anna Brooke and Vicki Campbell

Flower Ministry

After the last service each Sunday, the altar flowers are taken down from the altar and given to parishioners. Three or four Flower Ministry volunteers rearrange and deliver them to parishioners in the greater DC-Maryland-Virginia area. The Rector writes from 3 to 6 notes weekly to accompany the flower vases.



During the 10 weeks of Lent and Advent there were no altar flowers, but there were 13 funerals and 6 weddings, giving us more flowers to share. The church flowers bring part of the beauty of our worship services into people's homes.

I am grateful to my delivery assistant, Barbara Chang; to Doris Dixon and Christy Thorley who are talented flower designers; and to several other volunteers. In 2022, we made a total of 291 flower gifts: deliveries with and without notes, and some in person hand bouquets.

Anna M. Brooke

Lectors Guild

The Lector's Guild is a fellowship of readers who seek to grace our worship with the clear and thoughtful reading of the scriptures that play such a central role in all our services.

We have over 30 Lectors at the moment but would always welcome more. Each new lector completes a short training session to get the feel of the PA system and the space. As a Guild, we hope to gather in the Spring for fellowship and training.

Paige Sass, Prior

Livestreaming Gethsemane Guild

The parish's livestreaming service, affectionately called the "Gethsemane Guild" due to our desk's placement beneath the window depicting Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, has continued to arrange for livestreaming of Sunday services and major holidays this year. For Sunday services, we have a small but dedicated audience that watches our services live, with a few dozen more watching later on—perhaps to review a hymn or sermon if not to watch the entire service. We are also able to record and stream concerts, weddings, and funerals on request (sometimes for a small fee) for families that want to keep a memory of the day or to be able to share it with loved ones who cannot attend such services for whatever reason. Hopefully by now you have managed to tune into one of the online services to see what we are able to do with this simple and easy-to-use equipment.

We have been streaming Sunday services to YouTube and the church website since August 2021 on a volunteer basis, and I must mention my great thanks to the three parishioners, Alan Coker, Andy Sigler, and Jim Cannon, who have generously given their time to learn to use the equipment

and to keep this project going in addition to their other commitments at the church. If you are interested in learning more about this guild or to volunteer, please don't hesitate to get in touch or stop by the desk at the back of the church to speak with one of us. We have been actively updating the way we use the equipment based on feedback from parishioners, and we are still looking for parishioners who can volunteer to run it from time to time. No prior video or production experience is required. As with the other worship guilds, it does take a small group of dedicated parishioners to keep something like this running, and we are always open to participation from those who would like to contribute.

John Alexander

Music

The primary focus of the music program at Christ Church, Georgetown, is, as it has been for generations, the preparation and performance of beautiful, finely crafted music for the glory of God and the edification of the worshiping community week after week. With a strong choral tradition at its core, the music program continues to serve as a valuable tool for outreach, evangelism, education, and formation within the parish community, the diocese, and beyond.

The Choir of Christ Church

The Choir of Christ Church is composed of some of the region's finest professional singers. Drawing upon the very best the Anglican tradition has to offer, this group of 13 voices offers a broad array of choral literature spanning many centuries—from plainsong to the works of living composers. The Choir sings each Sunday at the 11:15 am service—Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer—and for special liturgies throughout the year: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Vigil of Easter, Thanksgiving Day, a Solemn Requiem Eucharist for the Feast of All Souls, services of Lessons and Carols for Advent, Christmas and Epiphanytide, and the various liturgies of Christmas Eve and Day. A quartet from the Choir sings at the 9:00 am Eucharist each Sunday. On occasion, additional singers are added as required by the literature at hand.

The Choir also sings the distinctly Anglican service of Choral Evensong on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month, October through May, at 5:00 pm Christ Church is one of a handful of parishes in the U.S. to offer this beautiful, contemplative liturgy with such frequency. Given the steady increase in attendance at Evensong over the course of the past few seasons, it is safe to say that Christ Church has one of the most robust and consistent Evensong congregations of any parish in the nation. The



service, which is followed by an opportunity for fellowship and refreshments in Keith Hall, draws dozens of parishioners, many visitors from other churches in the region, and even a goodly number of individuals who do not consider themselves church-goers, but who find beauty and peace within the liturgy.

Opportunities for Children, Youth, and Families

Christ Church's Youth Choir program is currently on hiatus as we explore various scheduling possibilities that will appeal to a larger contingent of families within the parish.

A New Endeavor

On the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 15, 2023, the combined choirs of Christ Church, Georgetown and Saint John's Church, Lafayette Square—some 26 professional singers in all—sang the inaugural Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphanytide. The ensemble was led by guest conductor Richard Webster, the recently-retired Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston. The liturgy, which was both well attended and well received, was followed by a festive reception in Keith Hall. It is our hope that the Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphanytide will be offered for years to come, alternating between Saint John's and Christ Church.

Words of thanks…

I extend sincere thanks, in particular, to two groups of dedicated parishioner-volunteers:

To those who participate in Christ Church's Livestream Ministry, especially John Alexander, chair: Thank you for helping us share the liturgical and musical offerings of the parish with a much broader audience. Your evangelism



through technology is bringing new people into the life of the Church week after week.

To those who participate in Christ Church's Hospitality Ministry, especially Doris Dixon and Brent Minor, co-chairs: Thank you for all you do to prepare such lovely post-service receptions. Your efforts, most of which take place behind the scenes, have furthered the parish's reputation as a place of Christian fellowship and warm hospitality.

It is a great joy and privilege to serve as Organist and Choirmaster in this parish. I am deeply grateful for the support of the clergy, my fellow members of the staff, and you, the faithful of Christ Church, Georgetown.

Thomas P. Smith, Organist and Choirmaster

Ushers Guild

January 2022 began as a transition year not just from the pandemic, but in leadership as well. Dick Thompson, who served as Chair of the Guild for five years, stepped down and Alan Coker and Brent Minor were named the new co-chairs. Fortunately, Dick continues to serve as a valued member of the Usher's Guild.

The Usher's Guild organizes coverage for most services including Sundays at 9 and 11:15 as well as Choral Evensong and the many additional services associated with Christmas and Easter. We also represent the church at any funeral liturgy held at the church. Ushers usually serve once a month depending on the service requirements.

The Vestry asked that members of the Ushers Guild be trained on the newly purchased Automatic Defibrillator in the case of a medical emergency. In the spring, a CPR and AED training was held with the Red Cross in conjunction with members from the Altar Guild. The AED is now stationed In Keith Hall next to the hallway telephone. (Look for the blinking green light).

The Usher's Guild held an Appreciation Dinner in the Spring. We discussed updating the Usher Guidelines and "lessons learned" from the pandemic. In late Fall, we held another meeting to present the newly updated Usher Guidelines which are now in use.

We have a strong core group of ushers and have been fortunate to welcome several new members to the Usher's Guild during the past year. We are blessed with their willingness to serve in this important role in the life of the church. We always welcome those who would like the opportunity to serve Christ Church in this capacity.

Alan Coker and Brent Minor

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Ministry Committee is now in its second year and remains very active. The Committee was created to help coordinate social gatherings after Choral Evensong services and other special events at the church. In 2022, receptions were coordinated for 20 Evensong services, one Race & Culture discussion, and two CCG Leadership dinners.

Those who attend the events seem to appreciate the opportunity to gather as a church family in a relaxed and casual atmosphere where they can meet new people and strengthen their bonds with fellow parishioners. Since many attendees of the Evensong services are often not members of Christ Church, these receptions offer a chance to engage visitors in a meaningful way.

The committee's primary role is to organize the refreshments, welcome participants to the event, help with cleaning up, and to "pass the hat." Church staff purchase the food, set up Keith Hall for the events, and assist with cleaning up. Not only have these events raised funds to offset costs through contributions, but they have also relaxed the burden of organizing events on already-stressed CCG staff. Doris Dixon and Brent Minor continued as co-chairs in 2022 and are assisted by a small group of volunteers.



Those interested in being a part of this ministry should contact Doris, Brent, or the Parish Office.

Doris Dixon and Brent Minor



Men's Ministry

The men of Christ Church have had a successful start to the program year and look to 2023 with continued growth. Men of all ages have found a community of fellowship, camaraderie, and spiritual growth through the events of this past year. We have engaged over 150 men in different events this past year. From monthly happy hours, college football tailgates, and an Advent Bible Study, there have been several avenues for our men to feel connected to the life of Christ Church. As we enter 2023, we have several things planned with the highlight being a men's retreat in April of this year. The men of Christ Church looks to continue to grow this year and find ways to help serve the Kingdom of God within and outside the walls of Christ Church.

Fr. Nathan G. Huddleston, Associate Rector

Young Adults Small Group

In the fall, a small group of young adults gathered at the home of Cabell Willis and Jack Newell to discuss the book *The Life We're Looking For: Reclaiming Relationship in a Technological World* by Andy Crouch. Over the course of five Sunday evenings between October and December, the group shared food and fellowship and discussed the ways in which digital technologies can both diminish and enable human flourishing. The book and the group's conversations covered a range of topics from the egalitarian relationship among early Christians in a class-stratified Roman world to how we relate to and care for the aging, and offered insights on how choosing to use technologies as tools by which we



enrich embodied human connection—rather than devices that reduce our agency or capture our attention as ends in and of themselves—is important to loving God and our neighbor with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:29–31).

Cabell Willis

Young Families Small Group

The Young Families Small Group meets monthly for an early potluck dinner with childcare provided and group discussion of a reading from a spiritual book. So far our meetings have centered on *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison, and the book's call to find holiness in the daily routines of family life has sparked honest conversations and helped us to encourage each other.

Megan and John Murton

Parish Groups

In an initiative to rebuild community in the wake of the pandemic, new parish groups were formed in 2021, each hosted in the homes of different parishioners and designed to suit the particular interests and life season of its constituent members. The groups met regularly to mingle around drinks and nibbles, to discuss the readings selected for their deepening in life with God and each other, and to support each other through sharing and prayer.

Contemplative Life Group

During 2022, the Contemplative Life Ministry offered several opportunities for the parish to learn and experience various forms of contemplative practice. During Lent 2022, our seminarian, Mike Alford, led a 6-week series on Centering Prayer. Each week, participants learned about and discussed the practice of Centering Prayer and engaged in a 20-minute silent prayer together with the intention of opening ourselves to God. Interest reached beyond the parish and drew in several members of the local community. For Advent 2022, we offered a four-week series using the practice of *Lectio Divina*, a centuries-old approach to praying with scripture. This series drew from a different voice of Christmas each week—Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary, and Simeon and Anna—to enter into our own experience of welcoming Christ within. Look for us in 2023 to continue to work with the clergy to support individual and congregational spiritual growth using contemplative forms of prayer under the new name "Spiritual Life Ministry." For more information about the Spiritual Life Ministry, contact parishioner Kelly Storrs.

Kelly Storrs

The Gathering Group

The Gathering Group meets monthly and is currently studying the book "Discovering Our Spiritual Identity" by Trevor Hudson. Tiffany Clark facilitates our discussions. Our group has its roots in the original "Events Committee" from the CCG Bicentennial celebrations. Its membership has since evolved to include others and welcomes any who would like to join in.

Janis Buchanan

The Newlyweds Group

The initial members of the newlywed group met each other during the Winter 2022 membership class and decided to pursue continued fellowship as we all prepared to marry, or had recently married, in 2021/2022. We met bi-weekly at one of our homes and often began with dinner, followed by a Bible study, and finishing with prayer. We first read Hebrews using N.T. Wright's study guide through the spring and summer, and began our study of the gospel of Mark this past fall. We look forward to 2023 together as our group continues to expand!

Cristina Leibolt and Lincoln Foran

The Seekers Group

The Seekers Group met every other week during Fall 2022 in a home in Falls Church, VA. Participants came from different seasons and walks of life with the uniting intentions of being in community and deepening our lives of faith. As the group members got to know one another over successive meetings, our time together became a safe and welcoming space for wresting with the fundamentals of our Christian faith and how this faith permeates life and its challenges. We used the Scriptures from the preceding Sunday as the fodder for our conversation each time. We welcome new members of all ages and have a robust play group for children and teens (ages 2–20 were there this fall) going on simultaneously downstairs for those with children.

Kelly Storrs

Young Adults Ministry

The growing number of young professionals at Christ Church bonded this year over monthly happy hours at various Georgetown establishments, as well as over several cookouts and potlucks in homes of various members of the group. Besides being great fun, these casual gatherings provided natural integration points for friends and newcomers to get to know other members of the church and establish a stronger sense of community. Multiple volunteering opportunities and a more focused parish group were natural offshoots of this vibrant community. The Young Adults continue to infuse fresh energy into the life of Christ Church, and for that we are deeply grateful.

Tiffany Clark

Education and Formation

Seminarian Lay Committee

2022 was a "getting back to normal" year for our committee. In 2022, our committee welcomed three new members and one member departed. Since the academic year started in September 2022, our committee members have attended a Contextual Ministry Orientation at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) and met in person four times. This year we've had all our seminary committee meetings in person.

Our new seminarian, Gregory Cross, is a middler at VTS where he is a Postulant for Holy Orders from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. At VTS, he is pursuing his Master's of Divinity. Gregory is in the class of 2024. As a middler, he is required to balance his time between studies, duties assigned to him at VTS, and work at Christ Church. His work at Christ Church involves preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. I am happy to report that Gregory has shown himself more than capable in handling all three roles with poise and ability. If you have not heard him preach, I would recommend his sermon from October 16th on the Christ Church YouTube channel.

Gregory is a thoughtful and precise seminarian who excels at everything he does. If you have not met Gregory in one of his many roles at Christ Church, I recommend you seek him out. He is engaging and compassionate. As the academic year progresses in 2023, we will continue to meet with Gregory monthly and welcome any feedback.

Fioroze Rao

Sunday Forum

The Forum continued the tradition of exploring various topics at an advanced level with speakers from various seminaries and universities. In the first half of 2022, the general theme was "A Faithful Life" with talks varying from "Reading Scripture as Anglicans" to "The Kingdom of Heaven is Like..." to "After the Resurrection." In the Fall, the Forum continued with "Christian Identity", exploring topics such as "What Defines Us as Christians?" and "Faith and Ethics: Are We Called to Make the World a Better Place?"

Crawford Stone

Littles and Life

In 2022, families with children ages 5 and under, now known as "Littles and Life," enjoyed many opportunities to meet and celebrate both the joy and chaos of this stage in



the life of a family. Several parents partook in conversations over the summer about how to raise children in a post-Covid and often post-Christian world; little ones used their voices and small instruments to join in song together over multiple Saturday morning music classes in the church auditorium; families gathered at Carolina Park, Butler's Orchard, and in the church garden for Halloween fun; and all shown on Sundays when families at the 9 o'clock service enjoyed the care of the nursery, the instruction of Sunday School, and the fellowship of the 10:00 am coffee hour. We look forward to expanding our group and creating more opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship in the year to come.

Julia Ainsley

Women's Bible Study

A robust and dedicated group of women met both over zoom and in person this year to delve into Scripture and into the movements of God within their daily lives. In the spring, the group was led by Rev. Melissa Hollerith, who walked with them through their reflections on Henri Nouwen's Lent devotional *Show Me the Way.* In the Fall, the group was led by Tiffany Clark, who dialogued with them through their study of Luke's Gospel with the help of N.T. Wright's companion volume *Luke for Everyone.* The diversity and investment of this group have produced a stimulating environment for women from all levels of familiarity with the Bible to contribute and grow. New members are always welcome!

Tiffany Clark

Youth and Family Ministries

Youth and Family Ministry Committee

This energetic and caring crew of parents provide essential support to the Youth and Family Minister and programs for our youth and families. This year's co-chairs Ronnie Carter and Catherine Onnen, and their committee members John Korsmo, Megan Murton, Christy Thorley, and Amy and David White have been and continue to play an instrumental role in making many fabulous Youth and Family activities a grand success! Thank you all for generously sharing your kind hearts, fine minds, and helping hands!

For Youth and Family Ministries, 2022 was a year of bright lights- true beacons of hope- shining in our many activities and all the dear people who made them possible!

Lent found our children learning much about Jesus and his great teachings on love, prayer, forgiveness, and his sacrifice, death, and Resurrection. Good Friday's reenactment of the Stations of the Cross for Children and Families brought us right to the heart of Jesus and all that we would soon give thanks for, celebrate, and honor.

On Easter Sunday morning, we celebrated Christ's victory and Resurrection with a beautiful Holy Eucharist in the Church followed by a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt at the home of nearby parishioners.

Mother's Day gave us a wonderful opportunity during the 9am Holy Eucharist to bless our mothers, offering our prayers and presenting them with mini- floral bouquets.





The Sunday School Year wrapped up mid-May with Youth Sunday. During the 9am Holy Eucharist, students and teachers shared what they enjoyed most about the year. Following the service, we celebrated with a picnic at the home of nearby parishioners and thanked our dear clergy, teachers, Youth and Family Ministry Committee led by Co-Chairs Amy and Michael Dean, and all the parents who helped to make a wonderful Sunday School year possible.

Summertime saw 16 Christ Christ members participating in a Mission Trip to Central Appalachia. We spent a week living, learning, serving, and growing in Faith and friendship while repairing homes in Dickenson County, Virginia. This Mission Trip was our first one since 2019. Heaps of gratitude to all our Mission Trippers for being part of a truly amazing week!

In July, we held our first ever Children's Summer Bible Camp. Our 6 campers (ages 3-6), 2 Youth Assistants, and I had a great week discovering, learning and growing in Faith and community through music, movement, story, art, and play.

This 2202-23 Sunday School year kicked off in September. With the great assistance of this year's Youth and Family Ministry Committee, a myriad of marvelous events—from Homecoming Sunday through Christmas—have come to joyful fruition.

Fall brought us our Pumpkins & Prayers All-in followed by a festive and faithful All- Hallow's Eve open to our Georgetown neighbors. The two culminated in the composition of

a Child Friendly Necrology ('Dear God, Thank you for the Saints We Have Known').

As Thanksgiving approached, we gathered for a bonfire, hayride, and fun fellowship at Butler's Orchard. All enjoyed a beautiful night that concluded in the most perfect way: Fr. Nate Huddleston leading us in Compline. With our hearts and voices joined in prayer, we were reminded how very great God is and truly how blessed we are to have one another.

Advent began with our festive and prayerful Advent All-in. Decorative Advents Wreaths were made, and meaningful Advent Prayers were shared and given out to families to take home and pray. It was a wonderful way to begin our Advent journey!

Our Children's Christmas Pageant—as it does in such a special way every year- reflected the peace, hope, joy, and love that is Christmas. We had a great number of children participating, and loads of parents, relatives and friends attending this year.

My great and heartfelt thanks to our clergy, Sunday School teachers, Youth Group Leaders, Youth and Family Ministry Committee, parents, and all our children and youth- from our Littlest to Biggest Kids- who make all things Youth and Family at Christ Church 'bright lights' and 'beacons of hope.'

Nursery Care

Our nursery is open Sundays from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm for children 4 months and above. Our Littlest Parishioners love this space and the kind people who care for them in it!

Sunday School and Youth Education

Our developmentally and grade appropriate curriculums foster 'heart and head' knowledge of our Faith and what it means to be a Christian. How do we walk the Way of Love today, the Way that Christ showed his first followers so long ago? In 2022, responding to that very question, several members of our Youth Group joined our Sunday School and Nursery Care teams as Assistants. The children and teachers love having the Big Kids working with them!





Godly Play (Age 3 through Grade 1)

Godly Play introduces children to the seminal stories of the Old and New Testaments and to the parables with small figures and objects that illustrate the teacher's narration.

Spark (Grades 2–4)

Our Spark class is based on the lectionary for the week, with reading, discussion, and a worksheet or craft.

Connect (Grades 5 & 6)

The Connect class is a two-year course of the major arcs of the Old and New Testaments. In the first trimester our Connect students have learned through reading, video, discussion, and various activities about the "Beginnings" of our relationship with God in Genesis, and God's "Promises" to Abraham and his descendants.

Youth Programming (Grades 7–12)

'Confirmed in Faith' (Grades 7 & 8) meets our middle school students where they are, which allows teachers to guide their students to deeper understanding of the Nicene Creed, Liturgy, Church History, Sacraments, Prayer & Spirituality, and growth in their Christian Identity.

Our High School class (Grades 9–12) is a student-led and Youth Group Leaders -guided discussion of topics of the day and what it means to live as a Christian in our daily lives. Youth Acolyting, Lectoring, Assisting in Sunday School Teaching and Nursery Care, participation in Soup Kitchen/Grate Patrol, and leading Youth & Families making of "Lunches to Go" for our neighbors in need are highlights for this age group.

Worship Ministries

Our youth serve as acolytes—crucifer, torchbearers, and altar servers—lectors, and Greeters during our 9am Sunday services. Families serve as Gift Bearers, and they provide snacks to support the 10am Coffee Hours. We are delighted and grateful to now have so many of our youth and families serving on Sundays in so many ways!

In addition to 9am Sunday services, our youth also participate in special liturgies, including the Christmas Pageant, Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas, and the Christingle service.

Youth Confirmation

Our Youth Confirmation program invites all youth ages 12 and older to explore their faith and engage in fellowship through a series of classes in the following areas: sacraments, mission, worship, Episcopal tradition, church history, and prayer. While education is a large component of each class, the true focus is on creating sacred community and promoting healthy engagement with personal faith. In May 2022, 4 youths were confirmed at The Washington National Cathedral.

Chrissy Casey, Youth and Family Minister



Outreach

Mission Committee

In the 2022 program year, the Mission Committee was allocated a total of $133,000 from the church's budget to distribute to non-profit mission partners nominated for support by Christ Church parishioners.

The committee followed a few "guiding principles" in its review. It prioritized funding applications it believes are closely connected with the mission of the church, with a special focus on caring for the "least of these" in our community and across the world. It preferred local organizations over national organizations—especially those local organizations that are ministries of the Episcopal church and/or in which more than one member of the parish is meaningfully involved. It took a serious look at the operating budget of the organization and prioritized organizations where our funding is making a significant impact in terms of their ability to further their mission. Finally, the committee prioritized organizations where we see a potential for increased involvement from a volunteer and engagement perspective going forward.

The applications this year again fell into 6 rough categories: Animal Welfare; Historic Preservation; Food Security, Housing and Homelessness; International; Job Training and Life Skills; and Local Schools. The committee considers the amount of funding for each category of application in an attempt to reflect the feeling of the parish toward different aspects of mission and ministry. Our giving was on par with prior years, and this year we allocated 34% of our funds to Local Schools, 27% to Food Security, Housing, and Homelessness, 18% to Job Training and Life Skills, 15% to International Aid Organizations, and 5% to Animal Welfare.

The partners and funding levels recommended by the committee were:

Afghan Stray Animal League (Animal Welfare): $2,000

Bishop Walker School for Boys (Local Schools): $40,000

Breadcoin Foundation (Food Security, Housing and Homelessness): $3,000

Build Metro DC (Job Training and Life Skills): $3,000

Capital Clubhouse (Job Training and Life Skills): $4,000

Free Minds Book Club and Writing Workshop (Job Training and Life Skills): $5,500

Friends of Honduras USA (International): $8,000

Georgetown Ministry Center (Housing and Homelessness): $22,000

Georgetown Senior Center (Housing and Homelessness): $3,500

Humane Rescue Alliance (Animal Welfare): $4,000

Innocents at Risk (International): $4,500

Jubilee Jobs (Job Training and Life Skills): $7,000

Mpambara-Cox Foundation, Inc. (International): $8,000

New Futures (Job Training and Life Skills): $5,000

Pets with Disabilities (Animal Welfare): $1,000

Seabury Resources for Aging (Animal Welfare): $7,500

St. Philip's Child Development Center (Local Schools): $5,000

The recommended funding levels listed above represent the unanimous opinion of the committee following thorough review of the applications and hearty discussion, during which we were fortunate to have the input and guidance of the Reverend Nate Huddleston. The committee membership includes: Frances Symes (Chair), John Alexander (Outgoing Chair), Mike Applin, Marlin Dohlman, Cristina Liebolt Foran, David McKnight, Liz Nibley, David Shepard, Nancy Sidamon-Eristoff, Maureen Straut, and John Van Voorhis. If you are interested in joining the committee, please speak with the Rector or Rev. Huddleston.

In addition to grantmaking, the committee organizes the Advent Angel Tree, which this year supported Seabury Resources for Aging, St. Philip's Child Development Center, Pets with Disabilities, and the Afghan Stray Animal League. We committed to providing 200 gifts or contributions to the organizations and, thanks to the generosity of Christ Church parishioners, all of the wishes were fulfilled in December.

If you are interested in recommending a mission partner, please look for notices regarding the application process in September 2023. In the meantime, the committee is working to organize more opportunities for engagement

with our mission partners throughout the year, and we hope you will join us.

Frances Symes

Saint Francis Guild

The Saint Francis Guild (SFG) was relatively dormant in 2022 but was active after September and had a busy fall. The group conducted most business via email and had no in-person meetings.

Several members attended and assisted with the October Blessing of the Animals, which marked the 11th anniversary of the group's founding. On this occasion we launched a month-long pet supplies drive for the benefit of Christ Church Mission Partner Humane Rescue Alliance, Washington, DC's animal shelter. One truck load and one car load of donations were collected and delivered to the shelter in November for HRA's Pet Pantry Program, which provides free pet food and accessories to needy pet owners in DC.

Humane Rescue Alliance staff and a dog adopter pose with pet supplies donated and delivered by Christ Church parishioners in November.

Also during the month of November, the SFG, in conjunction with the Thrift Shop, sponsored coffee hour by providing vegetarian snacks following the 11:15 service.

The SFG was honored that Christ Church Mission Partners Afghan Stray Animal League and Pets With Disabilities were once again chosen to be among the beneficiaries of the Advent Angel Program. Parishioners donated 25





specifically requested gifts to each of those organizations prior to Christmas.

Thanks to requests filed by SFG members, in December the church's Mission Committee announced its decision to give a total of $7,000 to Mission Partners HRA, ASAL, and PWD.

The SFG hopes to be more active in 2023 and planned an online, one-hour Bible Study for January 28. Everyone is invited to join SFG activities (normally announced via the group's email list and the church's weekly emails and service leaflets). For more information about the group or to join its mailing list, write to sheilaward@fastmail.fm.

Sheila Ward

Feeding Ministries

We get to love our neighbors because of the love you give so generously. It is because of your love and the incredibly kind, faithful, and generous hearts of each one of you, supporting us wholly and intentionally in thought, word, and deed, that we carry out the work of these vital ministries, new and old. We deeply thank you for your prayerful and steadfast support as we navigate forward in the way of God's commandments. Thank you, from all of us, from the depths of our hearts.

Soup Kitchen

On the second Sunday of every month, volunteers from the Christ Church Soup Kitchen, in partnership with the Salvation Army Grate Patrol, prepare and deliver nearly 1,000 meals annually to vulnerable women and men living on the streets of Washington, DC. Volunteers prepare soup, make sandwiches, and assemble lunch bags that are



distributed by even more volunteers riding on the Salvation Army Grate Patrol van. Our ability to serve is limited only by the number of volunteers we can attract so we hope you will join us to serve the less fortunate in the coming year. No cooking skills are required, just a warm heart and a willingness to serve others.

Georgetown Ministry Center Lunches

Christ Church volunteers prepare over 2,000 lunches annually for distribution to Georgetown Ministry Center guests. Each Sunday, one of our four teams makes sandwiches and assembles lunch bags that are picked up on Monday by GMC. Keeping our pantry stocked with the proper supplies for this undertaking has proven quite a challenge and that challenge has been met by the support of our diligent and frugal "shoppers" who purchase and deliver the soup, groceries, and supplies needed for all the Feeding Ministry activities.

Rick Shewell

Winter Shelter

For over 25 years, Christ Church parishioners welcomed vulnerable neighbors into our parish home where they were provided food and shelter. In 2020, the pandemic forced the Georgetown Ministry Center (GMC) to make the difficult decision to suspend the Winter Shelter for the 2020–2021 season to protect the safety of the staff, guests, and volunteers. In its place, GMC developed "GMC Extends," which provides food and essential items during the winter season, but without overnight accommodations. In the first year, partner churches raised money to provide the meals. In the last two years, Christ Church volunteers prepared home-cooked meals for 40 guests and delivered those meals to GMC. Other generous supporters provided money to purchase meals from local restaurants to supplement the home cooked meals. This past year, we had the perfect balance of volunteers and donations to purchase meals. We are truly grateful to both the many cooks that prepared home cooked meals and the extraordinary generosity of the donors that made it possible for us to feed GMC guests for three full weeks. We hope you will support this important mission with a donation to the Winter Shelter. To contribute, visit our website at www.christchurchgeorgetown.org. Select Donate at the top of the screen, enter the amount, and select Soup Kitchen from the Fund dropdown box. Please include "Winter Shelter" in the memo field.

Homework Club

In the Fall of 2022, in response to the academic struggles and mental health challenges brought about by the pandemic, Christ Church began hosting a drop-in Homework Club in Keith Hall.

All children and youth from the parish and beyond are invited to stop by for assistance with schoolwork in a friendly, safe environment.

This thriving and growing group continues to meet in Keith Hall on Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The more learners and helpers, the better!

For more information, please contact Chrissy Casey, Youth & Family Minister.

Thrift Shop Guild

2022 was a busy and productive year for the Christ Church Thrift Shop. Donations to the shop increased and were sorted and priced by seven hard-working volunteers. We have continued our relationship with The Salvation Army, a wonderful organization staffed by friendly and helpful people, and we are happy to be able to support it.

The shop staff and I are deeply grateful to the many parishioners who have donated so generously to the shop. Your support is invaluable.

Millie Coleman



Creation Care

In May, we participated in the Friends and Family Gardening Day at N Street Village, a leading rehabilitation center for women in our District. The volunteers planted flowers and greenery in the center's courtyard. A special thank you to Marcia Mayo for contributing on the committee's behalf.

In October, the committee organized a volunteer clean up at Oak Hill Cemetery, the final resting place of many of our parishioners and founders.

We have identified serious improvements that need to be made to our founders' gravesites and ask for contributions to assist.

Please contact Stephanie Green at slgreen9577@gmail.com for details.

Stephanie Green

Finance Reports

Third Century Campaign

For over two hundred years, Christ Church has served as a vibrant community of faith here at the corner of 31st and O Streets. As we looked ahead to our next century, we knew it was time to make a bold move forward, and we were so happy when the Rector announced in September the launch of the "Christ Church Georgetown Third Century Campaign"—a capital campaign to raise $13.5 million—which had been approved by the Vestry last summer. The $13.5 million goal comprises $7.2 million for the renovation of the Parish Hall, $1.3 million for the installation of a new organ, and $5 million to establish two new endowment funds, one to support mission work and one to support future capital maintenance.

Throughout the early part of 2022, a small committee explored options to bring forward this campaign as a faithful effort that will launch the parish into its third century. The Vestry had known for some time that we needed to renovate the parish hall, replace the organ, and endow funds to increase our mission outreach, and support major maintenance of the physical plant. We all knew these were going to be necessary if the parish was to truly fulfill its potential.

The Capital Campaign Committee worked with architects and experts to develop a plan and gather cost estimates. We also benefited from professional fundraising advice and have engaged specialized project management as we move towards the construction stage. Thanks to the early and generous support by several Christ Church families, we were able to make the launch announcement in September with $8 million already committed.

Since that launch, families have continued to step forward and respond to the opportunity to play a part in this once-in-a-generation effort. As we head into 2023, the Campaign's total is now more than $8.9 million, representing gifts from nearly 100 Christ Church families and friends. Exciting as this is, however, there is still work to be done if the Parish is to achieve the $13.5 million goal.

Throughout the first part of 2023, the Capital Campaign will be reaching out to all parishioners to provide them with an opportunity to participate. The Campaign Committee will be expanded to include additional volunteers who will reach out to parishioners, tell them about the Campaign, and invite them to support the endeavor. Gifts of all sizes are welcome and needed—from $1,000 to $10,000 to $100,000—and all are important.

To learn more about the Campaign, you can visit the special page on the Parish website: www.christchurchgeorgetown.org/capital-campaign.

Marshall Ginn, Isabel Kunsman, Allen Foster

Investment Committee Report

The Christ Church Georgetown Endowment Fund had a total return of (17.7%) in 2022 and was valued at $14,847,594 at year end. The year was characterized by negative returns from stocks, bonds, and real estate caused by the war in Ukraine, high inflation, tight Federal Reserve monetary policy, COVID and fears of a weakening economy.

The Endowment Fund is managed by the Christ Church Investment Committee through investments in low-cost index funds and actively managed mutual funds. The portfolio is broadly diversified among all asset classes and investment styles.

Each year, the Endowment Fund transfers funds to the Church's Operating account in support of all programs and building maintenance. The amount transferred is determined by calculating 5% of the average of the Endowment Fund's last three year-end values. In 2022, $578,351 was transferred from the Endowment Fund to the Operating Account.

Since 1982, the Endowment Fund has grown in value from $776,753 to the current $14,847,594. Also during this time period, a total of $13,631,463 has been transferred from the Endowment Fund to the Operating Account.

Terence W. Collins

Treasurer's Report

The following chart contains comparative figures for key metrics[1] of CCG financial statements for 2021, 2022, and the 2023 budget:

Operating Budget	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
REVENUES					
Plate	$222,500	$277,722	$226,000	$234,396	$233,000
Pledge	$1,245,000	$1,254,349	$1,400,000	$1,479,572	$1,431,003
Endowment Draw	$744,097	$669,279	$829,966	$536,320	$842,371
Other Revenues	$22,600	$37,379	$36,100	$48,903	$68,850
Transfer to Reserves	($237,500)	($347,500)	($232,500)	($232,500)	($229,000)
Total Revenues	**$1,996,697**	**$1,891,229**	**$2,259,566**	**$2,066,691**	**$2,346,224**
EXPENSES					
Ministry	$818,884	$809,289	$921,684	$854,925	$1,045,098
Administration	$459,122	$416,135	$500,462	$489,575	$465,781
Property	$401,765	$384,516	$500,758	$375,680	$527,018
Outreach	$132,400	$130,989	$136,000	$131,215	$153,300
Diocesan Pledge	$113,275	$113,275	$113,275	$113,275	$113,275
Total Expenses	$1,925,446	$1,854,204	$2,172,179	$1,964,670	$2,304,472
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	$71,251	$37,025	$87,387	$102,021	$41,752

As you can see, in **2021**, we achieved a budget surplus largely through expenses being lower than budget. In **2022**, however, the surplus resulted from pledge revenues being greater than budgeted *and* expenses being under budget. Further, the surplus in **2022** was achieved without taking the entirety of the authorized endowment draw. And the **2023** budget projects a modest surplus based upon the excellent results of the Stewardship Campaign. Thus, the Parish is well positioned to pay for the HVAC replacement in the Church and Rectory ahead of schedule, without sacrificing any of the worship, music, pastoral care, outreach, and mission to which you are accustomed.

Further, over the last three years, we have retired all debt, have increased our insurance significantly to provide replacement cost protection in case of fire or vandalism to our buildings or stained glass windows, and have virtually eliminated major items of deferred maintenance. Your Parish is in excellent financial condition.

You may ask: in the light of this excellent financial performance, why is the Church seeking to increase pledging and pledge income? There are two reasons, one theological and one practical. The theological reason is, of course, that each of us has the responsibility to support financially Christ's call to us as reflected in the work, witness, and ministry of this Parish. The practical reason is that, despite sound financial performance, there are still many unmet needs facing us:

- Inflation requires that the budget increase by about $180,000 in 2023, just to stay even with 2022's costs and buying power.
- Despite being based upon historical three-year averages of value, the endowment draw is necessarily going to decline in future years because of the stock market decline this year.
- We still rely too much on endowment income to support what are actually annual operating expenses which should be covered by annual stewardship pledges.
- We are still understaffed by one full-time clergy person. We can't expect Frs. Tim and Nate to fill three sets of

1. Because the numbers are merely key metrics, rather than complete financial statements, they are not intended to add or balance.

shoes with only four feet. The 2024 budget is going to have to include a third clergy.

- We still need to fund the remaining cost of the HVAC replacement from the operating budget.
- We need to increase our support for those who need our help, both in our community and in the wider world.

So, when you hear questions about "why are they always asking for money," you need to understand, and patiently explain to others, these facts.

Finally, I can say without reservation that the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry have consistently guarded and spent your funds wisely and conservatively. Your continued, indeed, increased, financial support is essential to the work and witness of this Parish.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer for the past three years.

Allen Foster

Stewardship Committee Report

The Stewardship Committee charged with securing commitments to participate in funding the 2023 operating budget included veterans Newman Ainsley, Rupert Hammond-Chambers, Thomas Hardy, Rodney Hood, Charles Ingersoll, Brent Minor, Chip Oat, Anne Randolph, and Sally Squires Wilhelm joined by new members Laura & Harrison Baker, Emory Cox, Lincoln Foran, Terrell Fuller, Brian Quintenz, David Roehrenbeck, David Shepard, Ed Stewart, and Dick Thompson. Shelley C. Rodgers and Thomas D. Casey served as co-chairs for the second year of a three-year term.

Key objectives for the Stewardship Committee during the annual pledge campaign running from Homecoming Sunday 2022 through the end of January 2023 were to build on the success of the previous year, educate the congregation on distinctions between the capital campaign and annual pledge effort, continue to improve transparency and awareness of parish finances and the importance of pledging, recruit more new pledge-makers, and encourage regular pledgers to consider increased gifts to help offset rising costs.

One innovation was creation of the St. Margaret of Scotland Society which recognizes pledges from families with children participating in Nursery Care, Sunday School, or the high school-age and Confirmation preparation classes, or children soon to be eligible for these programs. As of



publication, forty-four pledging households are members of the St. Margaret of Scotland Society.

A focus for the next pledge campaign is expected to be further growth in the number of pledging households. As part of this effort, we will explain to the congregation that broadening of the base of annual support is necessary as costs continue to rise and many of the most generous and loyal pledgers age or move to residences outside the Washington area.

As of January 30, 2023, three hundred and sixty-eight pledges for 2023 have been made, totaling $1,508,838. This result includes 128 pledgers who committed more for 2023 than they did for 2022 and 62 first-time pledgers or parishioners returning to the habit after a break. At this time in 2022, 360 annual pledges were in hand totaling $1,371,086.

On behalf of the congregation, the Stewardship Committee extends sincere and deep gratitude to the Christ Church members named below, whose pledges were received as of 7:00 pm on January 30, 2023.

Tom Casey and Shelley Rodgers

Pledgers for 2023

Ms. Susan D. Adams
Mr. Stephen Adkins
Ms. Catherine Ahmad
Mrs. C. Lee Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Amling
Mr. Will Andersen
Mrs. Krista Anderson
Dr. & Mrs. John Duke Anthony
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Applin
Mr. Robert Carter Arnold
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Arundel
Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Baker
Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Bartlett, III
Mr. & Mrs. George Bavin
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Beall
Ms. Lesly Bell
Mr. Edward Bentley
Mrs. Jane Berkeley
Mrs. Ronda Bernstein
Mr. & Mrs. David Berry
Mr. Timothy Berry & Ms. Lisa Barclay
Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Best
Rear Admiral & Mrs. David Bill
Mr. Thomas L. Birch
Ms. Suzanne Block
Dr. Elizabeth Bluhm
Ms. Sandra Bogan
Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Bourne
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Boyse
Miss Edith Brewster
Ms. Anna Brooke
Mr. William Brubeck
Ms. Nancy Bubes
Mrs. Wiley T. Buchanan, III
Mrs. I. Townsend Burden
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher J. Burn
Mr. William R. Burns & Reverend Catherine Ballenger Burns
Ms. Mary Byrnes
Mrs. Nora Cameron
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Campbell
Mr. & Mrs. James Cannon, IV
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Carlsen
Mrs. E.A. Carmean
Ms. Mary Carrick
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy T. Carrington
Mr. & Mrs. Blaine Dawson Carter
Mrs. Veronica Carter
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D. Casey
Mr. & Mrs. James Caughman
Ms. Faya Causey
Mrs. Britta Chambers
Dr. Barbara Chang-Wai-Ling
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher K. Chapin
Dr. & Mrs. Alexander Chester
Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Clark
Mr. & Mrs. John Cochran
Reverend & Mrs. Timothy A.R. Cole
Miss Millie C. Coleman
Mr. Dylan Colligan
Mr. & Mrs. Terence Collins
Ms. Adriane Connerton
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Connolly
Mr. & Mrs. David Copenhaver
Mrs. Roger Cortesi
Mr. & Mrs. James M. Costan
Mr. Henry Courtney
Honorable & Mrs. William Courtney
Mr. R. Emory Cox
Mrs. Warren J. Cox
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Crocker
Ms. Katherine Culpin & Mr. Anil Cabraal
Mr. David H. Cunningham
Mr. Christopher Cushing & Mr. Stan Kelly
Ms. Martha Dale
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Debevoise
Ms. Johanna DeBonte
Ms. Deborah de Gorter
Mrs. Doris Dixon
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dohlman
Mr. & Mrs. Paul C. Dougherty
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Dower
Mrs. Robert W. Duemling
Mr. & Mrs. James Earnest
Mr. George Eatman
Ms. Elizabeth L. Elser
Dr. Christine Emery
Mrs. Anne Livingston Emmet
Miss Anna-Stina Ericson
Mr. Jack Evans
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Falatko
Ms. Natalia Fominykh
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Foster
Mr. Eric Fraunfelter & Mrs. Harriet Sweeney
Mr. & Mrs. John Frerotte
Ms. C. Terrell Fuller
Mr. James Fuller, III & Ms. Catherine Porter
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Galvin
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gambal
Mrs. Francesca Gamondi
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gibson, III
Mr. Philip Gignoux & Ms. Mary Alice Kleinjan
Mr. & Mrs. John Gilstad
Mr. Marshall Ginn
Mr. & Mrs. Ian Glenday
Mr. William Gould & Ms. Michele Flournoy
Ms. Anne Grambsch
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Grappone
Mrs. Temple Grassi
Mr. & Mrs. John Graubert
Honorable C. Boyden Gray
Dr. & Mrs. Richard J. Green
Miss Stephanie Green
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Gross
Ms. Ann Haas
Ms. Lydia Hackert
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Hadley
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Hague
Mr. Newman T. Halvorson, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. James Hamilton
Mr. Rupert Hammond-Chambers
Mr. Ray Harry & Mrs. Sheila Ward
Mr. Jie He
Mr. Neal B. Herman
Mrs. Anita Herrick
Mr. & Mrs. F. Eugene Hiigel
Mr. & Mrs. John Hodges
Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Holliday
Mr. Rodney E. Hood
Ms. Laura Hornbuckle
Dr. Stephen T. Hosmer
Mrs. Rebecca Houston & Mr. Russell Porter
Reverend & Mrs. Nathan Huddleston
Mr. Byron Hurst
Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Ingersoll, Jr.
Dr. Kay R. Jamison
Mr. Olivier Jeanne & Ms. Jianping (JP) Zhou
Mrs. Lois Jecklin
Ms. Pamela A. Jenkinson
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin I. Johns, Jr.
Mr. Michael Johns-Hennessy & Mr. Bowman Johns-Hennessy
Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Johnson
Admiral & Mrs. Jay Johnson
Major John Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Peter H. Jost
Honorable & Mrs. Robert W. Kasten, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Frederic R. Kellogg
Mr. Adam Kemerer & Mr. Josiah Osgood
Reverend Canon & Mrs. Stuart Kenworthy
Ms. Beverly Kirk
Mr. & Mrs. Kipp Kranbuhl
Mr. & Mrs. John R. Kroeger
Mr. William Lake & Ms. Morgan Hodgson
Mr. & Mrs. John D. Lange
Mrs. Helen Large
Ms. Diana G. Laurie
Honorable Janice Law
Mr. Sidney S. Lawrence, III
Ms. Deborah Wells Leach
Ms. Joanne Lee
Mr. Derek Leebaert
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Leisersohn
Mr. & Mrs. William J. Lenyk
Mr. & Mrs. Russell C. Lindner
Mrs. Kathleen Lluberes
Mr. & Mrs. David Lockwood
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Lonergan
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