

DEEP ROOTS BIG DREAMS

+ CHRIST CHURCH +

*... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.*

- EPHESIANS 3:17



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Dear Christ Church Family,

Every one of us has our own story of how Christ Church became more than just the place we go on Sundays. For some, it began with a worship service that brought peace in a difficult season. For others, it was finding lifelong friends in a small group, watching children grow in faith, serving alongside neighbors, or discovering a place where we were welcomed exactly as we are. However our stories began, they now share something in common: Christ Church has become our spiritual home.



That doesn't happen by accident. It happens because generations before us invested in this community with their prayers, their time, their gifts, and their generosity. Those deep roots have grown into a place of beautiful worship, meaningful formation, compassionate outreach, and genuine community. Now it is our turn to carry that ministry forward.

As this year's Annual Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs, we invite you to make a pledge for the coming year. A pledge is more than a financial commitment. It is an act of faith that helps nurture the deep roots that sustain this community while making possible the big dreams God is placing before us. Every pledge, regardless of size, strengthens our ability to worship, serve, welcome, and grow together.

Thank you for all the ways you already share your life with Christ Church. We hope you will prayerfully consider how God is calling you to participate in our shared ministry through your annual pledge. Whether you've been here for decades or have only recently found your way here, you are part of this story. Together, with deep roots and big dreams, we can continue creating a church that transforms lives today and leaves an enduring legacy for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Hatcher Williams, Preeti Matkins, and David Kern

Annual Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs



EVERY PLEDGE MATTERS.

A pledge is more than a financial commitment. It is a statement of faith, gratitude, and hope. It allows Christ Church to faithfully plan for the year ahead while continuing to care for one another, serve our neighbors, nurture the next generation, and welcome everyone seeking a spiritual home. **Every pledge matters because every person matters.**

No two pledges look the same, and they aren't meant to. Each one reflects a prayerful decision about how God is calling us to participate in our shared ministry. Together, over 1,300 commitments become something far greater than any one pledge alone. They make possible the worship that inspires us, the relationships that sustain us, and the ministries that extend Christ's love throughout Charlotte and beyond.



We're back with Season Two of the With Generous Hearts podcast series. This season we will explore what it means to be rooted – in faith, community, service, and more. Episode One, featuring Annual Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs Hatcher, Preeti, and David, is available now!



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OUR GENEROSITY MAKES

Financial commitments make ministry possible, and the *With Generous Hearts* podcast shares the real stories behind that generosity. Every pledge offered in faith is inspired by a person, a relationship, a moment of welcome, or an opportunity to serve. These stories remind us why generosity matters.



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- MARY KLUTZ

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- MARK LANDERS



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THAT SEASON."

- TAYLOR MCCLURE-SKELTON

"I love being able to
participate in the
Discovery Service.
The programs are
awesome. And the
people also, they
listen really well."

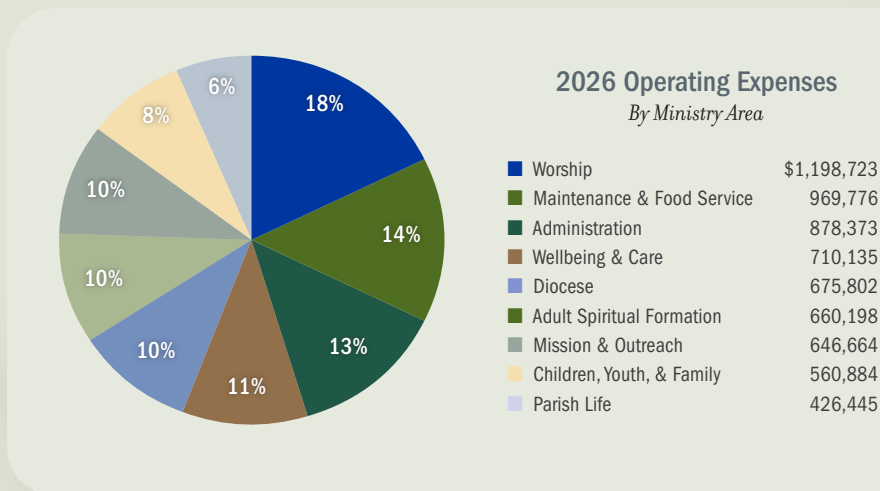
- CAMPBELL, 4TH GRADE



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MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Did you know that 98% of our budget is provided by fulfilled pledges made as part of the Annual Stewardship Campaign? Our giving has grown to over \$6.5 million, and this year we have a goal of increasing that by 5%. How are we going to get there? Together.



OUR GOALS

This year, we have set a goal to have at least 60% of our parish participate in the Annual Stewardship Campaign by making a pledge. Every pledge allows us to enrich ministry and support our remarkable clergy and staff. We continue to tend each gift with care and efficiency under the pressure of inflation.

Increased and new pledges will allow us to:

- Build on the momentum of the opening of The Commons and the Youth Center,
- Be intentional in our ministry among those who are aging in our parish, and
- Invest more deeply in community partnerships that ensure students in Charlotte have a chance to learn and grow.

Together we know we can continue to be a spiritual home for all.

**AS YOU CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE THIS YEAR,
SPEND A FEW MOMENTS IN PRAYER AND REFLECTION:**

*How has Christ Church helped you grow in faith,
find community, or experience God's love?*

*What role is God inviting you to play in helping this community
continue to flourish for our neighbors and the next generation?*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a pledge? A pledge is a commitment or promise to give a specific amount of money to the church during a calendar year.

Is there a suggested amount? Giving is a personal expression of faith and discipleship. For reference, the average pledge is \$5,060.

What if I'm anxious to make a commitment because I'm unsure of my income for the year? Pledging allows us to make a budget that is wise for the parish. We encourage

you to make a thoughtful pledge. We understand life circumstances may affect your ability to fulfill your pledge. You can update your pledge anytime by notifying the Generosity Office.

If you know you will be unable to make a pledge for 2027, or if you plan to submit your 2027 pledge after the first of the year, please let us know by using this QR code. This will allow us to communicate with you in the most helpful ways.



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