

2025 Parish

REPORT

The Cathedral of St. Philip





LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!

(AND YOUR HANDS, YOUR EYES, YOUR HEAD, YOUR SOUL!)

“Lift up your hearts,” prays the priest at the altar every Sunday in our eucharist services. Some of us hear it every day. In my 2025 Annual Report, I am heartened to report that people are lifting up their hearts! We are a place that lifts people’s hearts. Thank you for a holy and heartening year!

We pray in this church. And we gather for holy moments, both joyful and sad. We gather for baptisms and funerals, celebrations and laments, education and mission, music and contemplation. The Cathedral of St. Philip stewards those moments with grace, excellence, and hospitality; and God blesses all those moments here. I bless them, too!

Every one of the presentations and photographs in this 2025 Annual Parish Report is describing holiness and witness of the past year. In my own report, I summarize our witness as a year of lifting up. We have lifted up hearts, and hands, and eyes, and heads, and souls!

“Lift up your hands!” Psalm 10:12 prays, “Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed.” And we are God’s hands in this world. We have not forgotten the poor and the oppressed.

In an amazing transaction this year, we completed the transfer of our physical Cathedral Towers ministry to an organization who is far more able and efficient in the details of that service. While we continue our good pastoral care in that facility (now named Parish Grove), we have also received over \$40 million for the lease (not sale) of the property, money which we have committed to the continuation of our ministry in low-income senior housing. Our new Cathedral Towers Fund, whose first meetings were ably chaired by Susan Graham, will commit annual distributions to a wider network of ministries.

In other outreach and mission efforts, “Cathedral Giving By Design” raised over \$330,000 for Wellspring Living! Canon Julia Mitchener helped shepherd our new relationships with intown ministries such as Intown Cares. Beautiful parishioners and friends served our Homeless Dinner and requiem. And so many parish groups have lifted up hands with the Church of the Common Ground. The Cathedral Farmers Market, the Cathedral Preschool, the Cathedral Counseling Center, also continue to be integral parts of our mission and outreach.

Yes, we have lifted up our hands in mission this past year (more details are in the other pages of this Annual Report). However, each of us has our own particular vocation of lifting up our hands in mission, too. Each of our daily vocations is service in the world. Thank you!

“I lift up my eyes” prays Psalm 121:1, and we have been thrilled this past year to lift our eyes to the ascension of the new Good Faith Chapel. Just over a year ago, we prayed Psalm 121 as we broke ground. “Levavi Oculum,” begins that psalm; “we lift our eyes up to the hills, from which comes our help.” We have been lifting up our eyes ever since, lifting up the structural outlines of the building, then lifting up a massive steel beam, with many of our signatures and names written on it! (That beam is now installed in the oculus.) We now lift up our hearts and eyes in the eager expectation of a beautiful new and creative space for prayer, contemplation, service, and imagination. Yes, the Cathedral of St. Philip is about lifting up. It is about lifting up eyes and hearts, in new and imaginative prayer. Oh, how I look forward to more prayer in this holy place, and in this holy community.

Lift up your heads! Psalm 24:7 says, “Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.” In my mind, “Lift up your heads” means be attentive and hopeful; but it also means “Use your minds!” Thus, we continue to lift up a new identity in this church. We are stewards of a careful, thoughtful, theological tradition here, a tradition built upon both scripture and reason.

We are a different and new identity in the world. We are not just a political party at prayer, no matter what that party is. I remember sermon after sermon in which I have said this very thing: We are bigger than any political party. We are larger than any civic identity. We are Christians, and part of a Christianity that has been navigating culture and politics for over two thousand years. We did not just begin our theological study yesterday. We depend upon the tradition of centuries of theological and biblical scholarship! With such a strong tradition, we welcome beauty and truth in such people as the poet Pádraig Ó Tuama, who was our excellent Spirituality Conference speaker.

Many of us teach and study here. Personally, in the past year, I preached and spoke at:

The University of the South, Sewanee, All Saints Chapel; several churches in Canada; the Atlanta Rotary Club; The Buckhead Coalition; and the Diocese of Atlanta clergy Renewal of Vows service (I preached on Melchizedek!).

I delivered an invocation at the blessing of The Interfaith Chapel of the new Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. I spoke at The Four Pillar Award Ceremony for parishioner Tommy Holder (and we continue to give thanks to him, his family, and his company, for their ministry and service in our spectacular Good Faith Chapel project!)

I love to teach the Bible, over and over again. And I delivered several more historical and theological presentations of the Episcopal Church titled, “Angles



of Anglicanism.” And I continue to love the weekly discipline of sermon delivery; I like to preach!

I also delivered piano presentations (which I consider are expositions on the world and on faith!) at Chill on the Hill, Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras, the Homeless Requiem dinner, St. Anne’s Terrace, and throughout the church at various times of the day and week!

“Lift up your soul!” Psalm 25:1 prays, “To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.” And so we do. We lift our souls to God in this holy community, throughout the holy moments of our lives, from baptisms to funerals. I pause to remember all manner of Cathedral saints who have died in the past year, but in particular I mention: Terry Dornbush, Harry Pritchett, Carolyn Vigtel, Larry Burns, Bill Kelly, Pamela Isdell, Joan Gilbert, Shelby White, and so many more.

Finally, I give thanks for this parish, who lifts up my soul! Thank you! Thank you to this most excellent staff, clergy and lay, who lift up my soul, and who lift up the souls of faithful parishioners. Thank you to George Maxwell, my longtime friend and talented vicar. And thanks, in conclusion, to my lovely wife, Boog, who lifts up my soul even as she lifts the souls of so many others in this holy community. We love you!

Lift up your hearts!



The Very Reverend Samuel G. Candler
Dean of the Cathedral of St. Philip
December 2025



FROM THE WARDENS

Dean Candler has simple but profound goals for the Cathedral of St. Philip. He frequently reminds the Chapter that everything we do at the Cathedral should be filled with grace, excellence, and hospitality. To us, grace means God's forgiving love for humanity. Excellence means everyone at the Cathedral—clergy, lay staff, members of the parish—strives to perform every task at the Cathedral, large or small, with diligence, integrity, and wholehearted effort. Hospitality demands that as a parish we are genuinely and equally open and welcoming to old friends and strangers, the rich and the poor, the powerful and the powerless.

We have had the privilege of serving as Junior and Senior Warden this past year. In these roles, we have seen up close the tremendous effort that goes into being sure the Cathedral carries out its work with grace, excellence, and hospitality. From our perspective, the Cathedral has been extraordinarily faithful to these qualities over the past year. We are pleased to report that we are a thriving parish always looking to the future for ways to improve and live into these values more deeply.

Every entity within the walls of this holy place offers ways to grow spiritually, form a deeper relationship with God, and build a community that sustains us as individuals as we navigate our lives. When we meet as a Chapter, before any business is contemplated, we read scripture together and discuss it. The scripture reading and discussion is followed by prayer requests of thanksgiving and for the needs and concerns of anyone present for our meeting. This tradition of prayer and community is the basis for all our deliberations.

Thinking back on this time last year, we were very excited to welcome new faces to our exceptional team. And now we are amazed at how quickly all those new faces have become an integral part of ministry at the Cathedral. Canon David Boyd, Canon Ashley Carr, Deacon Linda Rosengren and Lynn Wilmoth have brought tremendous talent and energy to an already stellar staff. And in the music department, Chase Loomer is a consummate musician and organist. Every day, in big ways and small, they are each contributing

a great deal toward our values. The newest members of our staff are very talented organist, Nolan Anthony, and middle school youth minister, Riley Dugan. If you have not met Nolan or Riley, seek them out and give them a big welcome.

Having an opportunity to reflect on the past year is something that gives us hope for the future and allows us to see all the good works that have been accomplished. It is impossible to chronicle all that happened at the Cathedral over the last calendar year, but we are pleased to report on a few highlights. Over the last year, the Chapter has received very positive reports from the departments within the Cathedral, all of our parochial entities, the Cathedral's finances, and our ongoing outreach efforts. As we prepare and look forward to the completion of the Good Faith Chapel, we are energized with the thought of a modern chapel dedicated to prayer.

In January of this past year, we celebrated another successful Cathedral Giving by Design. Each year this organization has a significant financial impact on a chosen beneficiary, while also building community for the many volunteers that participate. In January, David Rocchio shared the good news that the basement walls for the Good Faith Chapel would be poured and the steel structure would be evident very soon. As detailed in other parts of the annual report, this extraordinary space has been made possible because of your generosity. Thank you! We also want to say a special thanks to David Rocchio for his work on the Good Faith Chapel, while also mounting another successful annual stewardship campaign. The chapel is now coming to life before us. We are also pleased to report the Cathedral Endowment ends the year on a strong footing and is well-positioned to support the capital needs of the Cathedral in the years to come. There are many dedicated funds that have a positive impact on much of our life at the Cathedral. We also received the final escrow payment for the Cathedral Towers fund established within the endowment to support low income housing needs in the metro area being led by a committee chaired by Susan Graham.

In March, we were thrilled to once again open the Cathedral Farmers Market for the season. This continues to provide opportunities to purchase organic produce from local farmers as well as prepared food and even art. As the Dean frequently says, it is the largest coffee hour in the city. In its own unique way, the farmers market is an important way for the Cathedral to engage the wider Buckhead community.

The reports on our Youth and Young Professional Ministries, Children's Ministries and the Cathedral Preschool show that we consider our children a top priority. Although numbers aren't everything, the many children who participate and the volunteers who make it all happen continue to impress. We are also blessed with a vibrant program of Christian education and formation that offers something for everyone. And, as always, the Music Department offers amazing music for all our regular services as well as many special events that include visiting choirs, orchestral concerts, and even more special services featuring our own Cathedral Choirs.

As spring and summer approached, the Chapter continued to move at a fast tempo with reports from other entities. We heard from the managers of the Cathedral Bookstore and the Cathedral Thrift House, both of whom are leading with skill and devotion. Our Hispanic Ministry, led by Deacon Juan Sandoval, is making a huge impact on the lives of many of our Hispanic parishioners. We are also proud of the continued impact we are having at Parish Grove, formerly Cathedral Towers, both with financial support as well as many volunteers who are there on a regular basis.

The report of the Wardens is just a brief overview of how much the Cathedral has to offer each of us. Every day, we are constantly reminded of the generosity of current members and those who have gone before. As long-time members of the Cathedral, we can say with confidence that Worship, Spirituality, Outreach, Pastoral Care and Christian Education have never been stronger. We encourage you to read this entire report for more details regarding all that is happening at the Cathedral.

Geoff DeLong, Senior Warden
Mary Perrin, Junior Warden



WORSHIP

The Cathedral of St. Philip serves as a spiritual home for all people—a “house of prayer for all people,” as inscribed on the doors of this sacred place. Derived from the Greek word *leitourgia*, liturgy literally means “the work of the people.” At St. Philip, liturgy is truly the work of the people—all of you. Our volunteers are the backbone of our liturgical life. We are deeply blessed to have over 750 volunteers and worship leaders serving in this sacred space.

As the cathedral of the Diocese of Atlanta, we joyfully serve the wider diocesan community by offering our space for confirmations, ordinations, funerals, annual council Eucharist and other major liturgical services. In 2024-25, we have hosted and welcomed eight episcopal diocesan services. In addition, the Cathedral also hosted baccalaureate services for various schools in our Nave.

The Cathedral is a communal and welcoming space, open to people from every walk of life. Each of our worship services is sacred, and people are drawn to different services at different times. Whenever you come, and whichever service you attend, you enter holy ground. Each Sunday, the faithful gather at the Cathedral, and every service includes the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. During the program year, we offer five Sunday services. Beyond these regular services, we come together on sacred occasions such as baptisms, confirmations, ordinations, weddings, and funerals. All of our worship services are beautiful and holy, but some of the most cherished—aside from Easter and Christmas Eve—include Lessons and Carols, the Children’s Christmas Pageant, St. Francis Sunday, the Homeless Requiem, and the All Saints’ Choral Requiem Eucharist.

I would like to highlight a few services from December 2024 through November 30, 2025.

- Our Christmas celebrations included a joyful Children’s Pageant and the Festival Holy Eucharist, welcoming more than 3,000 people to the Cathedral and reaching over 50,000 viewers through the WSB broadcast.
- In April 2025, our Easter services welcomed more than 2,700 people of all ages, with thousands more joining from around the world.

- We also celebrated a powerful Youth Sunday in 2025, with four gifted youth preachers: Lillis Davis, Peter Davis, John Overend, and Stan Watkins. We give thanks for our youth, who under the steady leadership of our Director of Youth Ministries, Keith Dumke, are an essential part of our worship life.
- On St. Francis Sunday, we worshiped with our pets in the Nave and offered blessings to many animals. This year, 131 pets joined us at the 8:45 a.m. service.
- We held a Homeless Requiem service, welcoming hundreds of our unhoused neighbors as we remembered those who died on the streets of Atlanta. That service, in particular, offered a living glimpse of the kingdom of God.
- All Saints’ Sunday was marked with baptisms of infants and adults in the morning, followed later in the afternoon by a Choral Requiem Mass for members and friends of the Cathedral who died this year. We prayed for 181 names during that service.

The Cathedral of St. Philip is a blessing church. We bless all who come through the doors of this sacred space. The largest blessing each year takes place outdoors on Peachtree Road, where the Dean and clergy bless nearly 50,000 runners during the Peachtree Road Race on July 4. The Cathedral serves as a destination for many pilgrimages in the heart of this city.

We hold a daily weekday service at 12:15 p.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel. This intimate and contemplative gathering offers a holy and restorative pause in the midst of the day. Each morning at 8:45 a.m., the faithful gather in Mikell Chapel for Morning Prayer.

The Cathedral of St. Philip is blessed with many guilds that help prepare the way for our worship. We are supported by a large number of lectors, intercessors, and lay chalice bearers and many other worship leaders who serve with faithfulness. Each quarter we offer trainings for these ministries, and we warmly invite others to join and share in this work.

I would like to highlight two guilds in particular that are either newly formed or have recently taken on a renewed shape:

Under the leadership of our Director of Children's Ministries, Lynn Wilmoth, we revived the Baptism Guild. Twelve dedicated women now help coordinate our seven annual baptism Sundays.

The Flower Guild continues to beautify the Cathedral through a new team-based model. Team leaders Sara Twardy, Mindi Wilson, Barbara Johnson, and Shana Bassett, with Shanthini Abeyesundere as coordinator and advisors Laura Iarocci and Grace Foster, offer steady guidance and support to the teams.

It is a joy to share that the number of people worshipping with us has been steadily increasing over the past few years, especially compared with post-pandemic figures. Our Chief Usher, Rod Bunn, uses several methods to track and verify these numbers. Among all of them, the most heartening is the growing group of children who process to Children's Chapel each week during the 8:45 a.m. service. Fun fact: We currently have about 25 junior ushers, ranging in age from 8 months to 89 years.

This year's Cathedral confirmation services celebrated 56 youth and adults who were confirmed into the Episcopal Church.

As of November 30, we have held 85 baptisms, 15 weddings, and 31 funerals.

To conclude, I would like to express my gratitude to Hillary Jones. With grace, excellence, and hospitality, she supports our clergy and volunteers, quietly sustaining much of what makes our worship life possible. Thanks to Dan Murphy, Sara Craig-Goodell, and the media team, our worship reaches hundreds around the world. A moving example of this was my mother's memorial in February 2025, which was watched live in England, Australia, Pakistan, South Africa, and the United States.

We appreciate all of our saints who serve in any capacity at the Cathedral, helping to nurture and grow this holy community. Together, living out the spirit of *leitourgia*—the work of the people—we're building a place where faith, hope, and love can grow.

The Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir
Canon for Liturgy and Ecumenism



SUNDAY WORSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL:

- 7:45 a.m.—Mikell Chapel
- 8:45 a.m.—Cathedral Nave*
- 11:15 a.m.—Cathedral Nave*
- 11:15 a.m. (Spanish)—Mikell Chapel
- 4:00 p.m.—Choral Evensong or Choral Eucharist*
(Holy Eucharist is offered after the Choral Evensong service at 5 p.m.)

**Also streamed online.*

MUSIC

Worship is the core purpose of the Cathedral’s music ministry. We aim to facilitate prayer and, through the holy gift of music, open “thin spaces” between heaven and earth, where the presence of God may be sensed, and the divine becomes palpable. Our music ministry has continued to thrive in 2025 due to the goodwill and extraordinary dedication of more than a hundred volunteers and staff, who devote their time, talent, and resources to enable the excellence of our musical offerings.

Our four Cathedral choirs continue to lead worship year-round. The Cathedral Choir currently has 50 active members, 32 of whom also sing in the Cathedral Schola. Both ensembles are supported by a core of 14 staff singers and a choral scholar — the Cathedral Singers — who also provide choral leadership for many of our 8:45 a.m. Sunday Eucharists on their own. Many singers are capable of musical accuracy, but it is the high level of commitment (eighty percent *minimum* attendance at rehearsals and services) which enables us to maintain the standard of interpretive nuance at which they routinely sing, which we hope enlivens the sacred texts we sing beyond mere technical accuracy and brings them to more profound life. We constantly add new compositions to our choral repertoire — sometimes unearthing old treasures, but most often works by new composers — to ensure that our tradition of liturgical music continues to be a living one.

In addition to their liturgical duties, the Cathedral Choir and Schola periodically present sacred concerts. This year’s epic undertaking occurred in March, when we joined with the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra and a world-class roster of professional soloists to present Claudio Monteverdi’s *Vespers*, in its first Atlanta performance in more than twenty years. The 1,250 people who attended were enthralled by the magnificent performances of this transformative music and, speaking personally, I will forever remember them as two of the most profound experiences of my professional life.

The Cathedral Schola is the chamber ensemble of the Cathedral Choir. These dedicated folk sing our 4 p.m. Sunday choral services in addition to the morning services sung by the Cathedral Choir. This means that — every week from September to May — they typically prepare 3-5 times more choral repertoire than any other church choir in Georgia (some 550 different works every year). Our adult singers alone contribute a combined total of 22-25,000 people hours per year to rehearse and lead worship at the Cathedral, not including the significant commutes many of them endure to be present minimally twice per week during full choir season. A deep bow of gratitude to you, our choir family, for your extraordinary commitment!

The Cathedral Chorister program (grade 3 through high school) is led by Chase Loomer, who brings



tremendous skill, energy, and love to the musical and Christian formation which occurs in that ministry. Our Choristers join with some of our Cathedral Singers several times monthly during the program year to lead Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m., and they sang a beautiful Evensong with the Schola this fall. Sarah Cauthen assists, and brilliantly oversees our Allegro, Music for Young Children program (preschool to grade 2). The Allegro Choir sings an 8:45 a.m. Song of Praise 4-5 times a year and, together with the Choristers, leads the music during what is certainly one of the most delightful Christmas Eve pageants anywhere.

Week by week our magnificent Aeolian-Skinner organ in the Cathedral Nave provides inspiration during worship. In addition to the wide breadth of organ repertoire our talented organists offer, we have been blessed in 2025 by Chase Loomer and Herb Buffington's uncommon improvisational abilities. Upon Herb's retirement in August, we reimagined his artist-in-residence post to become, instead, an internship for a talented young organist to be mentored for the duration of a program year. Nolan Anthony is eagerly soaking up many aspects of liturgical musicianship. Karen Bunn continues her devoted service as organist for our Spanish-speaking congregation, and Timothy Gunter deploys his diverse talents as our departmental administrator with steadfast dedication and love. As choir librarian alone, Tim distributes, collects, organizes, and refiles more than 22,000 individual copies of music each year.

Our music ministry is funded by people's pledges to the annual operating fund of the Cathedral. The purpose of our Friends of Cathedral Music organization is to provide resources to support those profound musical occasions which exceed the normal bounds of the Cathedral's rich liturgical life. In addition to the Monteverdi *Vespers*, our Friends sponsored concerts by the Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge, England, in its first USA tour since adding women and girls to its historically renowned Choir of Men and Boys; *Polyphony*, in its first ever tour of North America; another delightful June concert by our own Cathedral Singers; and the 8th annual Holiday Concert by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's brass and percussion sections. Our wonderful board and concert volunteers assisted with several self-sponsored concerts by the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra, which entered its tenth

season as artists-in-residence here. Together with funding from a generous music donor, the Friends' annual offering to the Atlanta Summer Organ Festival featured a breathtakingly magnificent recital by Nathan Laube, and the weekly Cathedral pre-Evensong recitals presented talented organists from across the USA and occasional solo instrumentalists. Using funds donated in memory of Kirk Lee, new festive postludes for organ, brass, and timpani were commissioned from composers Craig Phillips and Richard Webster for premiere on Christmas Eve 2024 and 2025, respectively, and Kerensa Briggs wrote us a numinous *Messe Solennelle*. We brought her to Atlanta for its world premiere by the Cathedral Choir in May. Our Friends also underwrote the orchestra for the annual liturgical offering of a *Requiem* on All Saints' Sunday afternoon, this fall by Gabriel Fauré.

In the context of the wider church, the music we are blessed to experience at the Cathedral of St. Philip is truly extraordinary, and it reaches far beyond our walls via our livestreams and the Cathedral's YouTube channel. All this is possible because of the incredible support and good will of our clergy, staff, choir members, and parishioners. Thank you! As Johann Sebastian Bach put it, *Soli Deo gloria!*

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Adelman, PhD FRSCM

Canon for Music



SPIRITUALITY

When we use the word “spirituality,” we mean life in the Spirit of God. Our spirits are always being shaped by our experiences, thoughts, feelings, habits, and desires.

There is a way, though, to have more influence over who we are becoming. Rather than letting the world treat our spirits like modeling clay, we can use spiritual disciplines to create space in our inner lives for the grace of God. If we let it, the grace of God will transform our lives into a shape more fully alive than any we could have imagined.

You might think of this process as like that of a piano player practicing her scales. She isn't practicing her scales just to become a better scales player. She is practicing her scales to build up the muscles and timing that she needs to become a better piano player. At the Cathedral, we offer a variety of spiritual disciplines that are designed to help you, with the grace of God, to become more fully alive. We describe this as developing a Christlikeness and growing in our participation in what Jesus calls the Kingdom of God.

One set of spiritual disciplines that we focus on falls into what we call prayer. The Cathedral of St. Philip strives to be “a house of prayer for all people.” We pray through worship, Bible studies, educational series, and our life and ministry together.

With the support of our Spiritual Formation and Nurture Committee, we are able to offer many other opportunities to enrich your spiritual journey and prayer practice.

One of this year's opportunities was our sixteenth annual Spirituality Conference on October 18, with Pádraig Ó Tuama, called Poetry, Prayer & Place. We have booked British author, public speaker and coach, Elizabeth Oldfield, for October 17, 2026.

In February we held a Common Ground Immigration workshop led by Braver Angels, as part of our Faithful Politics programming. Braver Angels is the nation's largest bi-partisan organization dedicated to courageous citizenship. In May, the Cathedral Bookstore collaborated with Braver Angels to present an evening with Sarah Bauer Anderson, author of *The Space Between Us: How Jesus Teaches Us to Live Together When Politics and Religion Pull Us Apart*.

The Cathedral's EfM (Education for Ministry) program resumed with another group starting in January, led by

Rick Tyler. Most members will graduate at the end of this year, and they would like to continue their studies. Therefore, Rick and I designed a new offering on the mystics, which we will lead for this continuing group. Meanwhile, a new EfM cohort will begin in January 2026 with new mentors: Haven Long and Susan Gantt.

This fall, Dr. Lindsey Hardegree began leading the Second Wednesday Spiritual Practice Series. This monthly offering is designed to explore how we encounter the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives through examining our own lives, learning from the traditions of the Church, and exploring our spiritual journeys as they intersect with everyday culture. It will continue for the entire program year.

Our monthly Taizé service (every third Monday at 8 p.m.) continued. Taizé is a contemplative form of prayer and worship that combines light, simple chants, scripture readings, and silence. Sandra Carey, Barbara Bazzel, and Buddy Weston consistently tend to this service, along with dedicated volunteer musicians.

The Cathedral's labyrinth ministry remains faithful. The third Monday facilitated walks indoors continued, just before the Taizé service. The outdoor labyrinth is always available for walking but continues to be an oft-used holy space for many Cathedral groups and activities. We also have a high quality, portable labyrinth, which we loan out to other organizations. We are blessed to have a Veriditas-trained volunteer labyrinth facilitator, who tends this ministry and provides outreach to groups requesting presentations and labyrinth walks.

Our Advent Quiet Day last December was led by George and Mary Hunter Maxwell, and the Lenten Quiet Day was led by the Rev. Lynnsay Buehler. Canons Julia Mitchener and Ashley Carr led the Women's Lenten Retreat in March, at St. Mary's Sewanee.

The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith has been leading a dedicated group of parishioners in watching and discussing *The Chosen* video series.

Many thanks to Jeannie Mahood, the Program Coordinator for Spirituality, and to the Spiritual Formation and Nurture Committee, for their support of our spirituality offerings.

The Rev. Canon George Maxwell

Vicar



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian education is, above all, the steady and hopeful work of forming a people who can recognize God's presence in the world and in one another. It is not chiefly about acquiring information, but about shaping a way of seeing—a way of inhabiting reality with the attentiveness and compassion of Christ. In the classes, conversations, and liturgical life of this Cathedral, we are learning to behold the world truthfully and to respond with generous hearts.

To be educated in Christ is to learn attention. In a culture crowded with noise, Christian formation teaches us to attend to what is real: to God's call, to the dignity of our neighbor, and to the beauty and fragility of creation. It nurtures a patience that allows us to see beyond surface appearances and to recognize the image of God where we might least expect it.

This education is also a work of freedom. The gospel frees us from the anxious stories we tell about ourselves—stories that say our worth is earned or that

we stand alone. Christian formation roots us instead in the truth that we are beloved, called into a life shared with others. Out of this freedom grows the capacity to forgive, to imagine alternatives to fear and division, and to serve without seeking reward.

And all of this unfolds within the community of the parish. We grow into the likeness of Christ not in isolation but through shared learning, mutual questioning, and the rhythm of common prayer. Christian education prepares us to interpret both Scripture and the times with clarity and hope, equipping us to witness to God's justice and mercy in a restless world.

At the Cathedral of St. Philip, this is our calling: to form disciples whose lives reveal, in word and action, the generous and transforming love of God.

The Rev. George Maxwell

Vicar



ADULT EDUCATION

Clergy and parishioners work together to create a variety of excellent, engaging educational offerings for adults, which allow us to grow in community; engage theologically the questions of our time; and reflect together on our faith, scripture, and tradition.

On Sunday mornings, we have both ongoing classes and special series that meet for just a few weeks. This year, we enjoyed the following classes:

- Old Fashioned Sunday School: (Canon George Maxwell) Epiphany Series; “The Angles of Anglicanism” with Dean Candler; “What Do We Believe” using Rowan Williams’ *Tokens of Trust*; a series on Benedictine Spirituality; and “How to be an Episcopalian.”
- Living Faith: (Canon Julia Mitchener) Book discussions on David Brooks’s *How to Know a Person*; *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt; and *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr.
- Continuing Biblical Greek (The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith)
- Adult Confirmation Class (Canon Ashley Carr)
- Young Professionals: Baptism, Spirituality, Christianity, and other topics (Keith Dumke and others).

Outside of Sunday morning, parishioners gather to learn and grow through regular Bible studies and book groups, Education for Ministry seminars, confirmation classes, and seasonal offerings and special lectures. This year, we enjoyed the following offerings:

- The Dean’s Men’s Bible Study (Dean Sam Candler)
- Women’s Early Morning Bible Study (Canon David Boyd)
- The Dean’s Women’s Bible Study (Dean Sam Candler)
- Eat Your Word Bible Study (Canon Salmoon Bashir)
- EFM: Education for Ministry (Rick Tyler)
- Thursday Morning Men’s Group (Canon George Maxwell)
- Parish Grove Bible Study (Canon Julia Mitchener)
- Community of Hope (Mary Chase Mize)
- Several Book Studies (Canon Julia Mitchener)

During Lent, dinner, four adult programs, and a children’s program were offered for parishioners to choose from. Adult offerings were: Good Faith Restorative Practices; a book study on refugees with Canon Julia Mitchener; Aging Issues (with Triff Cook, Susan Troutman, Terry Vawter, and others); Exploring the Paschal Vigil with David Pacini; and *The Chosen* watch party.

The Rev. Canon George Maxwell
Vicar



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Our Cathedral's Youth and Young Adult Ministries continue to flourish, growing in both participation and in the ways our members experience faith, fellowship, and spiritual development within our parish community.

YOUTH

Our youth, in grades six through twelve, have numerous opportunities to engage, learn, and serve. Weekly programming includes Sunday morning formation, Sunday evening Episcopal Youth Community (EYC), and our Tuesday evening Bible Study—complete with thoughtful discussion and Fellini's pizza!

Beyond weekly gatherings, our youth take part in special events such as local mission week, our annual Homeless Requiem, whitewater rafting trips, and diocesan retreat weekends. These experiences nurture faith, friendship, and leadership in a fun and supportive environment.

Our Tuesday Youth Bible Study provides a space for middle and high school students to explore how scripture connects to their daily lives while enjoying fellowship and community.

On Sunday evenings, EYC brings youth together for food, fun, games, service projects, and meaningful conversation, helping them grow in faith and community.

During Sunday morning formation, we are exploring content offered through *The Bible Project* series of videos. These videos help us initiate conversations that allow our youth to experience the Bible in a way that is relevant, approachable and transformative. Our dedicated adult leaders enhance these discussions by sharing their own faith journey stories and by expanding the video content with relevant activities and practices.

Youth are also encouraged to serve in various ministries, including as acolytes—where more than 40 middle and high school students participate regularly—as lectors, and as members of our excellent choristers (youth choir) program.

This year, over 30 middle school youth joined our confirmation classes and retreat, supported by high school mentors and dedicated adult leaders.

Our youth ministry continues to grow as we emphasize the inclusive, unconditional love of Jesus and invite all youth to participate fully in the life of our Cathedral parish through worship, service, fun, and fellowship.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YP)

Our Young Professionals Ministry serves the spiritual needs of adults in their 20s and 30s, offering opportunities for faith formation, fellowship, and service. Guided by a dedicated leadership team, this community creates space for connection, reflection, and growth.

The group meets for Sunday morning faith formation during the Sunday school hour and gathers monthly for social events and outreach projects.

This growing community of young professionals is committed to exploring faith and building meaningful relationships within an inclusive and supportive environment.

Both the Youth and Young Professionals ministries publish a weekly newsletter with the latest schedules, events, and opportunities. We invite you to connect with us to learn more—or to get involved as a volunteer!

Keith Dumke

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries



CHILDREN

Children's Ministries is a great example of how our parish continues to grow and flourish. Our sacred spaces continue to be filled with the smiling faces and the joyful sounds of our little saints.

Each Sunday, our children attend the Nurturing Center, Children's Chapel, and Sunday School. Our Nurturing Center is supported by six caregivers and hosts about 20-30 children weekly. We have three full Children's Chapels during the 8:45 a.m. service, with on average 65 children weekly. Children who are ages three through fifth grade are invited to participate. We enjoy music and an age-appropriate version of our liturgy. This fall, two and three-year-olds in the Nurturing Center also began attending their own chapel. Sara Chapman continues to lead a wonderful team of chapel and music leaders which includes nearly 20 volunteers. We owe a huge amount of gratitude to all who participate and share their time and talent with our little saints.

Godly Play continues to be our curriculum in Sunday School and the core of all our teachings for children. We have about 60-70 children weekly and added a fifth Sunday School classroom this year. Each class is led by two teachers. Our rooms provide a sacred space that belongs to the children, where we share stories, responses, work, and a feast. Our Godly Play team is growing with nearly 40 volunteers, and we are thankful to each volunteer who shares their time with us on Sundays.

EYSeedlings is our youth group for our fourth and fifth grade friends. We meet once a month for fellowship, feast, competitive games, and prayer. We also engage in service activities and expeditions, like the annual ice-skating trip coming up in January.

PJs, Sippy Cups, and Bible Stories is a new program this year. It is directed to our youngest members in the Nurturing Center (with big siblings always invited). We meet in Child Hall for a simple supper before walking into the Nave to hear Bible stories with Deacon Linda. Through engaging stories, hand motions and songs, families of this age group are growing together in their faith and fellowship. This program meets monthly and always ends with a special feast in the Narthex.

The LaAmistad after-school tutoring program for Latino students from Garden Hills Elementary continues and has expanded to include Kindergarten. The students participate in Godly Play sessions, and we also host seasonal celebrations.

We've had a great year full of our traditional liturgical events. The Shrove Tuesday celebration known as the first annual Pancake Party was back and better than ever. We had pancake races and a talent show. During Holy Week, we hosted our first Stations of the Cross service for children. Families walked through the Nave and heard stories of Jesus' final days on Earth. Week of Wonder (Vacation Bible School) was a beautiful week featuring Godly Play, free play, silly games, music, and meaningful wondering with the theme, "Trust in Jesus." We blessed backpacks in August. We blessed our pets, our lovies, and our Halloween costumes in October. We collected money for the United Thank Offering in November. Our annual Advent Wreath Making and Spaghetti Supper gathering was as big as ever. In addition to crafting wreaths, we enjoyed caroling with the Dean and a special liturgy to light the first candle of Advent together. Lastly, St. Nicholas visited the first week of December and left special treats in shoes. Our Christmas Eve Pageant will continue our tradition with a performance at 4 p.m. including a full cast of sheep, shepherds, angels, stars, Herod and his army, the holy family, and of course, the donkey.

We look forward to continuing to welcome children and their families on Sunday mornings as well as during special liturgies and events in the new year.

Lynn Wilmoth

Director of Children's Ministries



OUTREACH

This has been a year of both growth and challenge for Cathedral Outreach. New programs and service opportunities are burgeoning, but so is the need faced by many of our neighbors, including parishioners. As always, I am grateful to share ministry with you.

Highlights of the past year include:

The founding of **Buckhead Cares**, a satellite office of our long term outreach partner Intown Cares designed to address the gap in emergency and triage services among the growing community of unhoused individuals in Buckhead. Buckhead Cares is funded by the Cathedral in conjunction with Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, the Cathedral of Christ the King, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, and the United Way. Currently, one case manager, Tanya Davenport, meets with clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays at PRUMC as well as on Friday mornings. Her work includes help with documentation, benefits applications, transportation, housing, healthcare, and food support. The Cathedral refers multiple individuals to her each week. Plans for 2026 include adding a second social worker to the Buckhead Cares team and perhaps starting a Buckhead area food pantry.

Development and expansion of two **endowed funds** totaling over \$50 million and representing the parish's most significant ever financial commitment to Outreach: the Cathedral Towers Fund, which will support ministries among low income seniors, and the Plummer Fund, which will support general outreach programs.

Continued expansion of ministries at **Parish Grove**. In addition to weekly Bible studies and monthly Eucharists, parishioner Dianne Otwell serves as volunteer chaplain to the community. St. Anne's Guild hosts a monthly birthday party for residents and provides refreshments for special events such as the annual Blessing of the Animals, the Christmas Carol Sing, and the Spring Garden Party. The creation of a special fund by the Cathedral Towers Board has allowed us to provide free tickets to many of the Cathedral's musical events such as the recent concert by *Polyphony*. Over 50 Parish Grove friends attended the Parish BBQ this year, again free of charge. On November 23, parishioners joined residents in decorating Parish Grove for the holidays.

Our Cathedral **LaAmistad** groups have grown significantly this fall, with 32 elementary school aged children and 9 kindergartners participating in this after school program. In September, the Cathedral received an award from LaAmistad for our long term commitment to Latino students and families in the community. Parishioners continue to assist in this ministry by providing snacks, playing the piano for chapel, organizing holiday parties, and teaching hobbies and skills such as music, fiber arts, and sports.

The **Summer of Hope** outreach education series took place during the Sunday School hour throughout July and August and was well received. Speakers from many of our partner agencies reported on their work and on how parishioners can get involved through donations of time, talent, and treasure.

In February, the Cathedral hosted a **new 5k run** benefiting our partner agency PCCI (Project Community Connections, Inc.) designed to raise awareness of homelessness and housing insecurity. The event was well attended and included a fun run for children and a festive race village. Next year's 5k is scheduled for Saturday, February 21.

A number of parishioners with medical expertise are now volunteering at **Mercy Care**, metro Atlanta's premier source of free and reduced rate healthcare. Others are augmenting our monthly ministry at **Church of the Common Ground** by providing nutritious lunches and a listening ear at CCG's weekly foot clinic. Still more have organized a group called **COOP** (Community of Outreach Partners) to offer consistent volunteer support for both our regular and our occasional outreach events. The **Godly Play Parents** group has begun volunteering once a month at the Bashor Night Shelter.



Several ECW guilds have expanded their ministries in the wider community. In addition to their engagement with Parish Grove, St. Anne's Guild has become increasingly involved at Emmaus House. St. Monica's Guild volunteers each year at The Ansley School and organizes the Cathedral toy drive for Christmas in Peoplestown. St. Clare's Guild helps with the Christmas Habitat basket drive, and St. Veronica's Guild continues its quarterly provision of toiletries to four community-based ministries. Numerous guilds have contributed money to buy gifts for the women at Arrendale Prison this Christmas.

Participants in **Youth Mission Week** this summer achieved their goal of engaging in relational ministries with neighbors. Youth played Bingo with residents at Parish Grove and served a meal at the Church of the Holy Comforter. They also continued their involvement with the Homeless Requiem and organized the annual Souper Bowl of Caring.

Quarterly **intergenerational outreach events** now take place on Sundays when Christian formation programs are not scheduled. The first of these, a kit build for clients of Intown Cares, took place over Labor Day Weekend and was especially enjoyed by families with young children. On November 30, a group of parishioners assembled 400 care packages for our neighbors living on the streets.

The **Cathedral Scholars** program helps make possible the education of 21 students pursuing college, graduate/professional, and vocational degrees. Besides financial aid, incidental support during the past year ranged from interview coaching to the purchase of a winter coat and support for a student whose mother suffered a catastrophic medical event.



The outreach department continues to expand its footprint at the **Cathedral Farmers Market**, offering market clients opportunities to engage in meaningful service to the community and world. On Saturday, November 29, outreach hosted the market's first Advent wreath making event. In December, several holiday "giving trees" will help promote service among the most vulnerable.

The 37th Annual Homeless Requiem took place on Monday, November 3, with approximately 300 of our unhoused neighbors in attendance, our largest turnout in many years. In addition to a hot meal, guests from local shelters had access to basic medical care, a foot clinic, a clothing closet, documentation assistance, and other services.

Last but not least, Cathedral parishioners and groups have responded with great generosity to the hunger crisis prompted by recent cuts in SNAP benefits. As a result, the parish has been able to send substantial checks to Emmaus House and Intown Cares to help alleviate food insecurity. We are also providing grocery cards for our neighbors at Parish Grove and LaAmistad.

The Rev. Canon Julia B. Mitchener
Canon for Mission

PASTORAL CARE

The Cathedral cares! The Cathedral community, clergy, and staff care about you, and we are here to support you in times of difficulty and transition as well as celebrate with you in times of joy.

We do this in many ways, including offering pastoral liturgies like baptisms, weddings, and funerals, as well as a Blue Christmas service; visiting those who are sick or isolated; providing a pastoral-care emergency line; and holding gatherings and services at neighborhood retirement communities (Canterbury Court, Cathedral Towers, Corso, Lenbrook, and Peachtree Hills Place). We are grateful for the fellowship we have there. We are grateful also for our relationships with the Cathedral Counseling Center, Hospice Atlanta, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), 12-Step programs, and others. With these partners and lay leaders at the Cathedral, we look forward to offering:

- A 5-week Grief Support Group in January through Hospice Atlanta
- A Caregivers Support Group through the Counseling Center
- Applied Suicide Interventions Skills Trainings
- Four weekly 12-Step meetings

The most significant and far-reaching pastoral care is the care that parishioners offer one another, individually and through various small groups. We are all pastoral caregivers! Every time you reach out to a friend, welcome a newcomer or stranger, invite someone to participate in one of your small groups, listen, or simply pay attention to whoever is around you, you are offering important pastoral care. In recognition of this, we have a Cathedral “Community of Hope” program, currently in its seventh year, to support lay leaders in their existing pastoral ministries through education, community, and principles and practices of Benedictine spirituality. This is not just for “professional pastoral caregivers!” Everyone can benefit from participating in Community of Hope; I encourage you to contact Mary Chase Mize, Rick Tyler, or me for more information.

We care for one another also by praying for and with one another, both privately and publicly. Our services of Holy Eucharist include “Prayers of the People,” where we pray by name for members and friends on our prayer list and leave space for the congregation to lift up other prayers, silently and aloud. These “Prayers of the People” and the prayer list are symbols of our ongoing ministry of loving prayer for one another, for the church, and for the world. (To add someone to the prayer list, contact any of our clergy or Hillary Jones.)

In addition to the important pastoral care that happens within the community, we have dedicated volunteers who minister through the Funeral Guild, Wedding Guild, and Eucharistic Visitors. Thank you to our faithful volunteers! Thank you to our dedicated clergy and pastoral care staff! And thank you to Hillary Jones, Program Coordinator for Liturgy and Pastoral Care, and all who support the good administration that makes for good pastoral care!

Please support our ministry by letting us know if you or someone you know would benefit from pastoral care or Eucharistic visits.

The Rev. Canon David E. Boyd III

Canon for Pastoral Care

12-STEP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m., Lanier House

New Beginnings: Family Al-Anon

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Room 120

Families Anonymous

Thursday, 7 p.m., Lanier House

PAROCHIAL ENTITIES

A Cathedral parochial entity is usually a long-established ministry of the Cathedral community that grows into an organizational entity of its own.

CATHEDRAL GIVING BY DESIGN

Benefits a designated charity each January through a two day festival celebrating the joy of Home and Hospitality. The 2025 beneficiary was Wellspring Living. The 2026 beneficiary is the Global Village Project.

Jane Griffin and Pam Melton
2026 Co-Chairs
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CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

Serves the Cathedral, the Diocese of Atlanta, and the community at large with books, gifts, music, and more.

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CATHEDRAL COUNSELING CENTER

Offering counseling and pastoral care to individuals, couples, families, and groups.

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CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Solicits giving commitments, manages the investments, and administers the grant making of the Cathedral Endowment.

Scott Rhodes, Chair

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Supports the efforts of all members of the Cathedral in order to help people find Christian community through service, study, and worship.

Chris Cann, 2025 President

CATHEDRAL FARMERS MARKET

Serves the Cathedral parish and broader community as the largest producer-only farmers market in Georgia.

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CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL

Fosters the development of the whole child, age 2–Kindergarten, through a well-balanced age-appropriate curriculum.

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CATHEDRAL THRIFT HOUSE

Serves the community by offering clothing and home goods at modest prices, with all net profits benefiting local nonprofits.

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CATHEDRAL TOWERS FUND

The Cathedral established the Cathedral Towers Fund for the purposes of (1) improving access to and the affordability of housing and support services for low-income seniors, and (2) continuing to support the staffing and operations of the low-income senior housing facility that is owned by the Cathedral and leased to National Church Residences which operates the facility under the name of Parish Grove.

Susan Graham, Chair

FRIENDS OF CATHEDRAL MUSIC

Facilitates the presentation of major sacred masterworks and other sacred musical encounters that exceed the normal bounds of the Cathedral's music budget and rich liturgical life.

David Fishburn, President

HISPANIC MINISTRIES

The Hispanic Ministry has remained consistent over the past year. The Sunday services are held at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Juan Sandoval. There has been an increased number of families who attend consistently on Sundays. We have five acolytes who assist on Sundays: Adrian and Leonardo Borjas, Leslie and Osiris Gatica, and Edith Baños. Karen Bunn continues to be our organist.

During the past year we have had fifteen baptisms, three presentations of a three-year-old, and three quinceañeras. We continue to have monthly birthday celebrations that are well attended. Pastoral care continues to members of the Hispanic community. We had four completed in spring, and currently ten children in the informed first communion class offered this fall in Spanish.

During Holy Week, we provided an outdoor walking version of Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) starting in the labyrinth and ending around the church in the Memorial Garden. We will celebrate the Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe on December 13 with the youth and adults playing various parts in the story of Juan Diego.

We will continue to serve the community with baptisms, quinceañeras, weddings, presentations, confirmation classes (those wishing to be confirmed have begun attending the English language confirmation classes), and adult education. All are welcome to attend these Spanish-language services.

The Venerable Juan Sandoval

Deacon for Hispanic Ministries and Pastoral Care







PARISH LIFE

This parish is full of life! 2025 was another vibrant year full of love, joy, grace, excellence, and hospitality. The year began, as always, with the Epiphany party on January 6, and only a few weeks later, Child Hall was alive with the buzz of the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, complete with a talent show! We spent Lent in deep spiritual togetherness with a wide array of programming that helped to enrich that season. After Easter we Chilled on the Hill with great tablescapes and dancing. In the fall, we welcomed everyone home with the steamy Parish BBQ with more excellent dancing. At the ministry fair we kicked off a myriad of ministries and social events including the new mahjong groups that are sweeping the parish.

ECW, Foyers Groups, All God's Children, and many other guilds continue to gather for prayer, outreach, and socialization. This place is truly alive! I've been struck throughout my first year here that members of the Cathedral enjoy being together so much. We welcome all kinds of kinds in so many ways that there truly is something for everyone.

Thank you for being together. Thank you for seeing the value in community. Thank you for taking the lead on new groups and ministries. Together we are more than the sum of our parts.

The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr
Canon for Parish Life



MEMBERSHIP

The Cathedral of St. Philip continues to grow—we welcome new members each month! Our wonderfully dedicated Newcomers Committee does so much to make this a sacred space and spiritual home for all who enter our doors. We invite new members to get together every month throughout their first year here, recognizing that it takes time to build community. From there, we encourage people to find meaningful connections in Foyers Groups, guilds, and volunteer opportunities. If you see an unfamiliar face at the Cathedral, please welcome them! You are what makes this place a church home.

The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr
Canon for Parish Life

TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES: 8,692

	MEMBERS		ASSOCIATES		TOTALS
INCREASES	New members	249	New associates	+68	+329
	Reactivated members	<u>12</u> +261			
DECREASES	Deceased members	46	Deceased associates	14	-115
	Members made inactive	14	Associates made inactive	<u>2</u>	
	Members transferred out	<u>39</u> -99		-16	
NET		+162		+52	+214
	Total Active Members	7,096	Total active associates	1,596	8,692

STEWARDSHIP

ANNUAL FUND

“Growing Holy Community” was the theme for the 2025 Stewardship Campaign. As Dean Sam Candler wrote to parishioners:

“Holy Community is the reason people love and belong here! And there are all sorts of holy communities here, all sorts of smaller holy communities within our grand Holy Community, from children to all ages. We find holy community in our worship services, in our Christian Education classes for all ages and groups, in our outreach missions, in our bible studies, in our choirs, in our parish fellowship gatherings, in our parochial entities, in our preaching and teaching. And there are so many more daily occasions of holy conversation and connection.”

We were blessed to have chairs Bob Gilbert, Trish Lewis, and Katie and Brent Rosengren lead the campaign for the second year in a row, with the wonderful “Saint” Joan Gilbert guiding us from heaven. Parishioners continue to be so supportive of their parish! Of note for 2025:

- 363 households increased their pledge in 2025, a net increase of \$378,767 from 2024.
- 178 households pledged this year who did not pledge in 2024, totaling \$336,480.
- 305 households pledged the same amount in 2025 as they did in 2024.
- 55 households decreased their pledge from 2024, a net decrease of \$205,976.
- 82 households that pledged in 2024 have not pledged for 2025, though most are giving.

Altogether, more than 900 households have generously pledged more than \$4,236,000 to the 2025 Stewardship Campaign.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund serves a crucial purpose by providing for the care and repair of large capital systems that are vital to the operations of the Cathedral. Increasingly, the Endowment also supplements the operating budget through designated funds like the Gilham Grounds Fund and Canon for Music Fund. In addition, the Cathedral Endowment Fund supports the flower guild ministry, covers the cost of maintaining the stained-glass windows, provides substantial financial support to numerous Atlanta social service organizations, and underwrites college scholarships. Of significant note, the Cathedral established two new funds. The Cathedral Towers Fund will be used to improve access to and the affordability of housing for low-income senior citizens and to supplement supportive services and activities at Parish Grove. The Hellen Plummer Fund, established through the Hellen Plummer Foundation, will be used exclusively for outreach opportunities.

As of September 30, 2025, the fund had a market value of \$86,610,705. Funds available for distribution are based on a percentage of the value of the fund over the trailing twelve quarters. As of the end of October, roughly \$650,000 has been distributed to the Cathedral for support of the Canon for Music, the new Curate position, clergy education and housing expenses, computer and server replacements, stained glass repair, care of the grounds, and grants to HIV/AIDS related ministries, and replacement of the elevators in Child Hall and Lanier House.

The trustees of the Endowment Fund continue to actively solicit gifts in life and add members to the Cathedral Arbor Society, which now counts 201 members on the rolls.

The chair of the Endowment Board of Trustees is Scott Rhodes. Bryan Kibler, John McCollum, Tavia McCuean, and Holly Sims also serve as trustees. Dean Sam Candler, Senior Warden Geoff DeLong, and Junior Warden Mary Perrin serve as trustees by virtue of their office.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND GIFTS

The Good Faith Chapel campaign, launched in 2024, continues to grow. As of November 10, 2025, we are less than \$750,000 away from our goal of \$31,000,000, with 300 families pledging or giving. We have already received \$21,217,500 in contributions from parishioners and supporters.

Installation of the 20-foot oculus on July 30 was a pivotal moment in the construction of the Good Faith Chapel, when we could really see the vision for the Chapel. The most recent work included the installation of final windows and doors, the start of air handling systems, millwork installation, and low-voltage wiring for LED walls. Construction remains on schedule, with a targeted completion date of early summer 2026.

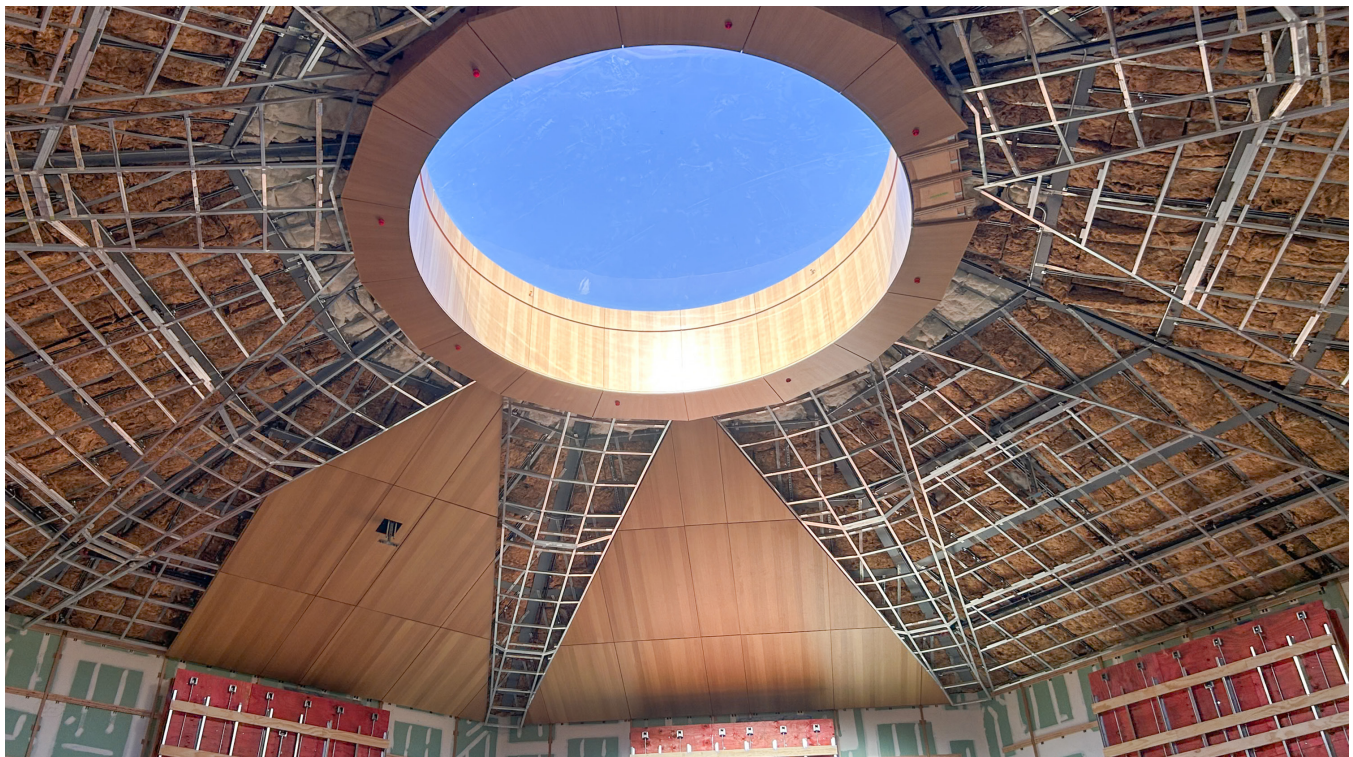
Also in 2025, a new, state-of-the-art sound system was installed in the Nave, and several improvements were completed on the buildings, around the campus and grounds, and at Fisher House.

IN GRATITUDE

Finally, I would like to extend my deepest and sincere gratitude to Beth and Tommy Holder, who care for the Cathedral as well as they do their own home. The Good Faith Chapel would not be possible without their vision, input, and financial contributions. They consistently look out for the best interests of the Cathedral community (and beyond) and are a great sounding board. They are both part of our Holy Community and they help Grow Our Holy Community! Thank you!

David Rocchio

Director of Stewardship and Gift Planning





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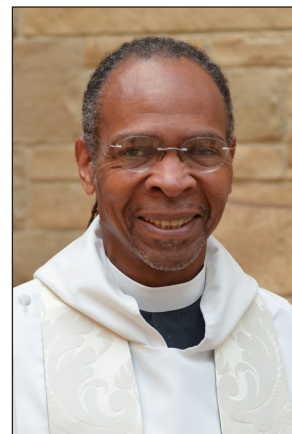
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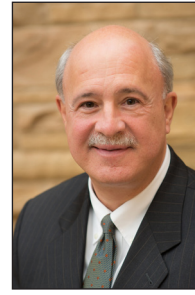
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CHAPTER

The Chapter is the governing body of the Cathedral that determines policy issues, sets goals, and provides stewardship of the Cathedral's complex operations. The Chapter reviews the activities of each of the Cathedral's parochial entities and ministries on an annual basis, and reviews the church's financials on a monthly basis. Unlike the vestries of smaller parishes, the Chapter does not usually get involved in the day-to-day activities of the Cathedral; instead, the Chapter of the Cathedral functions similarly to a board of trustees.

Each year, a nominating committee identifies a slate of six candidates for the Chapter. Members are elected at the annual parish meeting in December for a three-year term.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Geoff DeLong, *Senior Warden*

Mary Hall Perrin, *Junior Warden*

Margaret Poe, *Secretary*

Bronson Smith, *Treasurer*

Haven Long

CHAPTER CLASS OF 2025

Geoff DeLong

Anne Matthews

Coby Nixon

Margaret Poe

Janie Sager

Abby Schultz

CHAPTER CLASS OF 2026

Andrea Block

Michael Carrin

Mike Martin

Mary Hall Perrin

Bronson Smith

Daisy Starr

CHAPTER CLASS OF 2027

Susan Gantt

Doug Hall

Trish Lewis

Haven Long

Mary Chase Mize

Fred Rose

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	ACTUAL 12 MONTHS ENDED <u>DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>	ACTUAL 12 MONTHS ENDED <u>DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>	BUDGET 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
OPERATING FUND			
Support and Revenue:			
Contributions and pledges	\$4,715,149	\$4,594,029	\$4,950,828
Facilities usage and other	<u>\$608,368</u>	<u>\$757,079</u>	<u>\$724,320</u>
Total support and revenue	\$5,323,517	\$5,351,108	\$5,675,148
Expenditures and Costs:			
Diocesan support	\$433,932	\$452,520	\$491,184
Mission and outreach grants	\$197,806	\$206,299	\$209,421
Pastoral care	\$157,417	\$135,698	\$155,804
Christian formation	\$519,783	\$479,211	\$451,429
Liturgy and music	\$730,317	\$746,236	\$738,641
Leadership	\$1,450,180	\$1,406,259	\$1,492,587
Facilities and services	\$1,189,596	\$1,240,341	\$1,258,918
Finance and administration	<u>\$722,250</u>	<u>\$792,013</u>	<u>\$877,164</u>
Total expenditures and costs	\$5,401,281	\$5,458,577	\$5,675,148
Excess/(deficit) of revenues over expenditures	-\$77,764	-\$107,469	\$ -
Operating Fund Beginning Balance	\$443,901	\$366,137	
Operating Fund Ending Balance	\$366,137	\$258,668	
ENDOWMENT, SPECIAL & BUILDING FUNDS			
Support and Revenue:			
Endowment fund bequests and contributions	\$752,889	\$47,423,153	
Capital campaign pledges and contributions	\$638,924	\$26,234,472	
Net operating pledges, restricted for future years	\$301,729	-\$2,020,865	
Other contributions and revenue	<u>\$1,510,418</u>	<u>\$1,538,759</u>	
Total support and revenue	\$3,203,960	\$73,175,519	
Expenditures and Costs	\$3,856,321	\$4,936,070	
Net Earnings/(Losses) on Endowment Fund Investments	<u>\$3,704,900</u>	<u>\$4,806,663</u>	
Excess/(deficit) of revenues over expenditures	\$3,052,539	\$73,046,112	
Endowment, Trustees, Special & Building Beginning Balance	\$47,125,673	\$50,178,212	
Endowment, Trustees, Special & Building Fund Ending Balance	\$50,178,212	\$123,224,324	
Combined Funds Ending Balance	\$50,544,349	\$123,482,992	



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