

To Excel In

# Love

Christ Centered

Future Driven

Community Focused



Annual  
Meeting  
& Report

2022





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## *Annual Meeting Agenda*

### OPENING MATTERS

#### **Call to Order and Welcome**

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*,  
*Presiding Officer Chair*

#### **Appointment of the Secretary**

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

#### **Approval of Minutes: 2021 Annual Meeting**

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

#### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Mr. Richard Best, *Junior Warden*

#### **The Vestry Election**

Mrs. Betsy Creedon, *Senior Warden*

#### **Acknowledgment of Written Reports**

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

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FUTURE DRIVEN**

#### **Rector's Address**

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

#### **To Excel in Love: *Rooted in the Past; Looking to the Future***

Mr. Richard Best, *Junior Warden*

#### **To Excel in Love: *Vestry Commitments***

Mrs. Betsy Creedon, *Senior Warden*  
Mr. Gregg Russell, *Treasurer*

#### **To Excel in Love: *Member Engagement***

Mrs. Betsy Creedon, *Senior Warden*

#### **Renewal Works: An Invitation**

Mtr. Maureen Martin, *Associate for Parish Life &  
Community Engagement*

### CLOSING MATTERS

#### **Appreciations**

Mrs. Betsy Creedon, *Senior Warden*  
The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

#### **Closing Remarks and Prayer**

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

#### **Adjournment**



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## *Our Mission*

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

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## *The Christ Church Vision Statement*

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





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## Rector's Message

Dearest Friends,

Just over nine years ago, I was called to join you in a wonderful work – a work that has gathered us all together through the years. The work, in fact, precedes us all; for it is the same work that gathered the first members and ministers of Christ Church some ninety years ago. It is, at its root, the same work that has called countless Christian communities together through the ages and the first followers of Jesus so long ago.

And what is this wonderful work that calls us together even now?

To Excel in Love

We have not been called together to build grand monuments to ourselves or, even, to God. Nor are we called together to solve the ancient problems of human civilization or to overcome the current divisions of American society.

No, we have been called simply, yet profoundly, **to Excel in Love**, for God, for one another, and for the world. From the first intrepid steps of Peter beside Lake Gennesaret to the humble dinner with friends in Jerusalem, Jesus has called disciples to his side with one simple command: to love one another as he has loved us.

At its heart, such love is always **Christ Centered**. For it is the *Love of Christ* that calls us to his embrace, and it is the *Love of Christ* that sends us out to the world, and it is the *Love of Christ* that we carry.

Love, especially Christ's Love, is always **Community Focused**. For Love, at its core, always draws us out and toward another with gratitude and generosity, with appreciation and care. Of course, at times such love must be directed toward God from whom all good flows. At other times, our love is naturally directed toward one another as brothers and sisters in the *kingdom* of God. At times, too, Christ's Love so wells up within us that it cannot but overflow into the world around us. But ever is it drawing us out in love for another.

Finally, such love is always **Future Driven**. That is, the Love of Christ is always looking to the horizon for new bonds to break, new lives to transform, relationships to forge, new hearts to set free with his



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Love. Such Love is not only looking to new children to reach, but for new friends to welcome, and old friends to support.

While this call ***To Excel in Love*** has remained constant through the years, we stand now at a pivotal point in our lives together. In 2030, we will gather to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. What began as a little summer church school has grown to be a center of Christian formation and worship marked by beauty and excellence and care. And as much as this anniversary will be a point of celebration of all that has been, it will also be a launching point for the next century of our lives in service to God's love.

With that in mind, the Vestry and I have committed ourselves not only to preparing for the celebrations that will mark our founding, but to preparing our community – preparing our heart, mind, and spirit – for the next century of ministry to which we are called.

In the pages that follow and in the meeting (and months!) to come, you will read and hear of the commitments and investments that we will undertake in this next epoch in our life and ministry together.

Throughout it all, throughout this year to come and the decades that lie ahead, our purpose and call remain unchanged: ***To Excel in Love: Christ Centered, Community Focused, Future Driven.***

With all love and affection,

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*



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## *Planning for our future:*

### **Parish Life**

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

### **Children, Youth, and Family Ministry**

- Appoint an Associate for Christian Formation
- Appoint a Church School Director
- Recruit and develop a team of youth ministers from area colleges
- Develop a comprehensive children and youth ministry program for newborn children and families extending through college graduation

### **Christian Formation**

- [Appoint an Associate for Christian Formation]
- Explore program opportunities to expand and enrich our knowledge of God's grace and our call as Christian disciples
- Restore the Sweeny Lecture Series

### **Worship and Music**

- ✓ Develop a part-time position for Audio/Video production.
- Expand the position of Assistant Organist to a full-time residential Music Scholar

### **Outreach and Community Engagement**

- ✓ [Appoint an Associate for Parish Life and Community Engagement]
- Expand our ministry partnership with Carstens Academy and SOAR Detroit
- Explore new opportunities for Early Childhood Education here at Christ Church
- Explore the development of a literacy program to support Grosse Pointe students

### **Buildings and Grounds**

- Appoint a part-time Facilities Manager

### **Stewardship and Administration**

- ✓ Expand graphic design and production development for internal and external marketing
- Expand administrative support for stewardship



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## Senior Warden's Letter

Traditionally the Warden's letter in the annual report has been a report of our accomplishments and the work of the vestry, very often a timeline of events. This has not been a normal year, so this will not be the usual letter.

We could have shut down and bid our time until we were able to be together, fully in person – but that's not the way this community operates.

*"We have to choose between what is right, and what is easy."*

—Albus Dumbeldore

The Vestry made the decision to fully outfit the church with cameras to broadcast services, enabling those who still feel safer at home to continue to worship with us every Sunday.

We could have put our donations to Crossroads on the back burner – instead we put bins outside to make our monthly requests easier to fulfill.

We could have left the blood drives, the COVID vaccine and testing clinics to the hospitals, and clinics, but instead we hosted them in our parking lot.

Just as we were ready to hit our stride and with an in-person parish Christmas Party and Gifts and Greens, Omicron reared its ugly head and set us back to a virtual event – where we still managed to raise over \$20,000 for SOAR Detroit and Carsten's Literary Initiative.

Thankfully we were still able to gather for our traditional Christmas Services – from the Chorale concert to Lessons and Carols to all our wonderful Christmas services.

*"Friendship is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others."*

—C. S. Lewis

I am grateful to everyone in this community that surrounded me

and my family with love during Gaylord's final days, and then as we mourned his passing.

I am grateful to my fellow Vestry members, Father Drew, Diane, Scott, Joseph and the rest of the staff for finding a way and keeping us going through the pandemic, always looking ahead to the next move, the best way to move forward and take care of each other. And now, we're expanding that view as we approach our Centennial in 2030 – reflecting on our history and planning for our next 100 years.

—Betsy Creedon,  
Senior Warden





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## Community Norms

### THE CHRIST CHURCH WELCOME

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

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

### RESPECT OTHERS

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

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

### SEEK AND SEE THE GOOD

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

### LISTEN

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

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

### DIRECT COMMUNICATION

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

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

### USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

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

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

### AVOID JUDGING OTHERS

We are not judgmental.

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

### PRAYERFUL IN ATTITUDE AND WORD

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

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

### STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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

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

### CONFIDENTIALITY

We respect the confidences that have been entrusted to us .

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

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



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*Vestry Candidates*



*Amie Sweeney*



*Brittany Russell*



*James Kastner*



*Lisa Niscoromni*



*Lynette Iannace*



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## *Voting Requirements*

### **Who is eligible to vote?**

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

### **Who is a Communicant in Good Standing?**

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

### **Voting Instructions**

Voting for membership of the Vestry shall be by written ballots cast by the eligible

voters present at the annual meeting. No ballot shall be counted unless it shall have been voted for the same number of nominees as there are vacancies to be filled on the Vestry.

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

candidates receiving a majority of votes shall be declared elected. Additional ballots shall be taken until all of such vacancies shall have been filled.

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





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## Worship Ministries

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

Scott Hanoian, *Associate for Worship and Liturgy*

It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important and conduct tests it

—William Temple

At the heart of our common life together rest our worship of God. As a community, we gather throughout the week to worship and to pray, offering ourselves in common voice to God and our hearts to the wisdom and grace of Christ.

Beyond our principal worship services on Sunday morning, a daily commitment to prayer is maintained via Zoom with weekday services of Morning and Evening Prayer, and the

celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday evenings in Saint Margaret's Chapel.

### Ministries:

Acolytes  
Altar Guild  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Flower Guild  
Lectors  
Ushers and Greeters  
Vergers

### Highlights

Our worship of God in 2021 was marked again by adaptability as we sojourned through another year of COVID. We began the year limited to virtual worship conducted with the clergy and choir on-site and volunteers reading from home. Fortunately, by Easter we were permitted to gather together in person to lift a joyful (though somewhat muffled) song to God.

The return to in-person worship, also brought us together for numerous funerals (and a joyous wedding!) with families who had grieved quietly alone in 2020.

Wonderfully, our “Zoom Morning and Evening prayer”, using the simply devotions of Hour by Hour, has nurtured a rich community of prayer and friendship.

### Volunteers Utilized:

Our worship of God would be nearly impossible without the countless volunteers that offer their time to support our worship services. And while many of our worship ministries still wait to return (we haven't forgotten about you EMs—we all miss the common cup!), we were blessed by the ministries of our Altar Guild and Vergers, Acolytes and Ushers, Lectors and Intercessors, Greeters and Flower Guild, throughout the year -- and many even when we worship virtually! Even now, over 50 people volunteer in the critical worship ministries.

A particular thanks must be shared with Mary Trost, Director of the Flower Guild, and Lynnette Iannace, Director of the Altar Guild, and Deb Champion,





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Head Verger. Together, their quiet leadership of these important ministries assists the prayer worship that we enjoy.

### 2022 Priorities:

In 2022, we look forward to welcoming home parishioners who have not been able to worship in person over the past many months due to concerns associated with the pandemic.

Additionally, we will reignite our pursuit of excellence in worship with renewed vigor in our preparation and training of volunteers and growth in our core of Adult worship ministers serving as readers, ushers, greeters, and members of the Altar Guild.

### To Volunteer:

If you are interested in

volunteering with any of our worship ministries, please contact Joseph Daniel ([rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org](mailto:rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org)) or any member of the Christ Church clergy.

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## *Parish Life and Community Engagement*

Over the summer and while warm weather allowed, we held monthly Wednesday night dinners outside, culminating in a fall harvest dinner/chili cook off, a bonfire and s'mores. Families enjoyed checkers, giant Jenga and cornhole on the front lawn.

It was wonderful to be able to once again gather in person to kick off our program year with our Homecoming event. With a putt-putt course, a giant rock wall and a roaming balloon artist, we were reunited—at a safe distance, of course! Chef Brian Abner provided box lunches, and everyone enjoyed Frios gourmet ice pops.

We were set to hold Gifts and Greens and the Parish Christmas Party in person in December but concerns about the Omicron surge pushed us on to Zoom. Lisa Niscoromni hosted the

live broadcast featuring a silent auction, a homemade marketplace, a gift card Advent calendar and a wine pull. The event raised upwards of \$20,000 for SOAR Detroit and Carsten's Literary Initiative.

Our traditional December advent wreath workshop was made possible with eight distanced tables and lovely greens trimmed and provided by our fabulous flower committee.

*"Dear Friends,*

*I am super excited to begin our work together here at Christ Church and I look forward to the day next year when I have many good things on which to report. Plans are underway, so stay tuned and pray for all the ways in which God will richly bless us through our connections both new and old in the months and years to come."*

*—Mother Maureen*

In 2021 we hosted 8 mobile COVID-19 events, 5 blood drives with over 150 units of blood donated. 60 volunteers helped out at Crossroads and over 100 gifts of books and uniforms were donated to Carstens students for the Christmas gift project.



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## Music

“Southeastern Michigan has a great treasure in the choir program at Christ Church, which is open to the entire community. Choristers learn not only great music, but also teamwork and commitment, and grow intellectually and emotionally. My three children all were choristers, and they cherish the experience with the fondest of memories and are involved to this day in making music.”

—Dave Wagner  
*Morning Host, WRCJ-90.9 FM*

**Purpose:** The principal mission of the music program at Christ Church is to offer, at the highest standard possible, praises to God through leadership in music and liturgy. The program also supports the education of children through intensive musical tuition.

### Ministries:

Choir of Men and Boys  
Choir of Men and Girls  
Christ Church Chorale  
Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space Series of Concerts and Special Services

### Highlights:

The choirs have spent this past year emerging from an extraordinarily disruptive period for singers and the music industry as a whole brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Having spent over a year in relative isolation from one another, the choristers resumed in person activities at Choir Camp towards the end of August to prepare for the year that was ahead. While the professional singers had continued to lead worship for our various online worship offerings through the COVID-19 pandemic, they also resumed full activities with the boys and girls beginning with homecoming Sunday in September.

While the choir returned to regular worship, we also relaunched our series of concerts and special services, Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space with live, in-person events. Since then, the Christ Church choirs have offered evensongs, our All Souls' Requiem, Advent Procession, and Christmas Lessons and Carols. The series also presented the return of the Christ Church Chorale and orchestra in a performance of Antonio Vivaldi's Gloria and Johann Sebastian Bach's Magnificat as well as the newly established Christmas Concert featuring excerpts from Handel's Messiah and a Christmas carol sing-a-long.

In October, we welcomed 5 new girl choristers and two boy choristers into the program. We began the Fall season with 4 boys, 16 girls, and two young men.





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## *Music (continued)*

### **Priorities:**

Our principal thrust for the near future will be to re-build the choir community in both numbers and personal connection following a very turbulent period. The challenges created by the pandemic will continue to demand a methodical, creative, and swift response to recruitment and community development and engagements. Now that in-person activities have resumed, we continue to look for opportunities to come together as a community and foster the formation of our choristers and their families in their discipleship of Christ. As

always, we will seek to do this while sustaining our Anglican heritage through genuine, committed musical offerings.

We continue to look for girls and boys with a hearty appetite for singing and a level of talent and commitment appropriate to the musical rigors of the Christ Church music program. In addition, we will continue to offer programs during the coming year which look to energize our current membership roster as well as encourage visitors to Christ Church.

### **Celebrations:**

Thank you to all of those who sing in the choirs, the families and friends who drive our choristers to rehearsals and services, the ushers and greeters that serve during concerts and special services, our pledging families and concert patrons who donate to and attend the events on the Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space series.

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## Children and Family Ministries

“Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven.”

— Henry Ward Beecher,  
minister and social activist

The past year has been challenging to say the least! As we attempt to safely navigate COVID and develop new leaders we remain committed to our children and youth's Christian formation and spiritual journey.

### Ministries:

Nursery  
Children's Chapel  
Church School (3 y/o to 5<sup>th</sup> grd.)  
Youth Ministry (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grd.)  
Confirmation  
Parent's Day Out

### Highlights:

We were delighted to see our in-person ministry to our children and youth resume this fall.

Formation for our youngest members returned and we welcomed back our veteran **nursery** staff, along with a new staff member, Allison Ames, who

recently graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood formation. If you get a moment, stop by on Sunday morning to welcome her.

The fall also saw the return of our **Parent's Day Out** program and the joy of tiny voices (and an occasional cry!) to our Education Wing halls.

In November, a small team of parents and committed leaders came together to form the **Children, Youth and Family advisory group** to help support this ministry as we create a a “third home” for our kids.

In December, our **Church School** resumed Christian offering sunday formation for our Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. A group of young people consistently participate in **Children's Chapel** each Sunday where they gather for a short hymn and psalm, join together for a children's creed, prayers, and confession, and engage an age-appropriate discussion related to that Sunday's Gospel

reading. (The children are forming a vibrant community and have much to share with each other about their past week, so forgive us when we return to the service a bit late!).

As with the big kids serving as acolytes and choristers, our younger children are invited to assist during the service by carrying the Children's cross and collecting the children's offering, and when they are old enough, as Jr. Acolytes.

Our Pre-K3 thru 1<sup>st</sup> graders are following the **Godly Play** curriculum, where they are introduced to a foundation of God's story, acknowledging and confirming their spiritual journey.

Children in grades 2-5<sup>th</sup> have been combined in a new class using the **Shine** curriculum. *Shine* calls children to “experience the transforming power of God's love and walks with children as they learn to express their faith through a life of compassionate peacemaking and service.” *Shine* aligns with



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the mission of our church and provides a user-friendly platform for our ministry leaders.

With the exception of our Confirmation class, formation for our **Middle and High School** students has taken a pause again this year as we lack leadership volunteers for this vital ministry.

Our **Confirmation** group of eight youth in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade began on the Rectory patio with a kickoff BBQ, games, and casual conversation over dinner about “what is confirmation?”. Since then, our youth and leaders have come together to tackle an indoor low and high ropes course. The low ropes initiatives challenged the group and helped them to develop trust and effective communication with one another and the high ropes initiatives challenged individual endeavors, risk taking and encouraged comradery among the group. Everyone had a lot of fun! Among the highlights of our time together are the simple and profound questions that our kids put to Fr. Drew!

*“Why does the font change in the bible for the word ‘LORD’ (v. ‘Lord’)?”*

*“Why is God so forgiving?”*

### Thanksgiving:

I am grateful for our always welcoming nursery staff, our dedicated PDO team, the compassionate and caring leaders that have stepped forward to be greeters and storytellers in our Godly Play and to our burgeoning team of youth leaders.

### Priorities:

**Leadership development** — there is nothing more important.

From the pandemic to gun violence, the pressures of social media and uncertainty of the impending conflict in Ukraine, and the ever-present demand of Grosse Pointe, our children and youth are living in a difficult world.

And we have something profound to offer — which our kids desperately desire: **a more excellent way** — a way of kindness and respect, a way of peace and gentleness, and way of joy and generosity.

**But they need you** — us, together — to lead them and to love them and to help them.

### Opportunities:

We are seeking passionate ministers for all ages of our children and youth, but especially 6th-12th grade youth. My heart breaks when I see a child roaming the education wing without a class or community to join while his sister may be sitting in our 2nd-5th grade formation class. Do I welcome the 6th grader and 7th grader to this class as well? Believe me, I’ve been tempted. Yet, we all know that our children and youth need -- and deserve -- ages appropriate spaces and classes. Dr. Miller, a prominent psychologist states in her book, *The Spiritual Child*, “children and youth benefit when [adults] serve as ‘spiritual ambassadors’ simply by being available and interested in them and their spiritual journey.”

I hope you, with prayerful discernment, choose to come alongside our youth on their wonderful journey!

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## Building and Grounds

### Purpose:

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

### Membership:

- Ross Miller
- George Sutton
- Tim Whims
- Betsy Creedon
- Richard Best

### 2021 Improvements:

#### General

- IT Networking Switches and Wi-Fi upgraded

#### Original Building

- Boiler replaced
- HVAC operating system replace

#### Education Wing

- Handicap antry added to parking lot doors
- Fire Suppression Updated
- Sump Pumps Updated
- Air Handler Refreshed for COVID
- Heat Pump Lobby Replaced

#### Rectory and Parsonages

- Water heaters replaced at the rectory and Neff house
- Plaster repair at Neff
- Rectory HVAC replacement

#### Columbarium and Grounds

- Major clean-up and pruning of the Columbarium grounds and Rose Garden
- Rectory overgrowth removed and fence replaced.

*Thank You to an anonymous donor who paid for a much needed pruning/cleanup of the Rose Garden.*

### 2022 Priorities:

Upcoming projections ***pending approval by the Buildings and Grounds Committee:***

- Landscape Pruning and Clean Up
- Complete Undercroft repairs: New Carpet | Labyrinth
- Doors Restorations
- Neff: New Carpet | Painting
- Quotes for Neff 3rd floor remodeling
- Front Sign Lights replacement
- Undercroft AV System
- Carpet Upgrades

### Acknowledgments and Thank You:

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

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## *Stewardship 2021: Journey to Generosity*

In thousands

	2018 Actual	2019 <sup>3</sup> Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual
<b>Contributions</b>				
Unrestricted Contributions <sup>1</sup>	827	859	881	832
Restricted Contributions <sup>2</sup>	76	182	145	163
Total Contributions	\$903	\$1,041	\$1,025	\$995
<b>Contributing Households</b>				
Unrestricted Gifts	323	300	258	260
Restricted Gifts	230	305	200	267
Total Contributing Households	392	424	338	380

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 2019 Unrestricted adjusted from 2020 annual report.





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## Balance Sheet

### Assets (in thousands)

	2018 Audited	2019 Audited	2020 Audited	2021* Unreviewed
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	379	477	6101	1,035 <sup>1</sup>
Investments	9,503	10,819	11,711	13,020
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$9,882</b>	<b>\$11,296</b>	<b>\$12,321</b>	<b>\$14,055</b>

### Liabilities and Fund Balances (in thousands)

#### Current Liabilities

Unrestricted Investments	4,642	5,422	5,818	6,518
Restricted Investments	5,130	5,718	6,325	7,510
Interfund Copier Loan	29	17	17	-
SBA Loan	-	-	195	-
Accrued Pension Obligation/payroll withholdings	80	139	(34)	27
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$9,882</b>	<b>\$11,296</b>	<b>\$12,321</b>	<b>\$14,055</b>

#### Fixed Assets:

Property and Equipment	17,447	17,507	17,507	17,633
<b>Total Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>\$27,329</b>	<b>\$28,804</b>	<b>\$29,828</b>	<b>\$31,688</b>

<sup>1</sup> Cash includes the 150k in reserves from the SBA grant and a 500k gift to support *To Excel in Love* (which was 500k to the Baird investment account in January).



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## *Christ Church Financial Statements*

Values in thousands

### ACTUALS

### BUDGETS

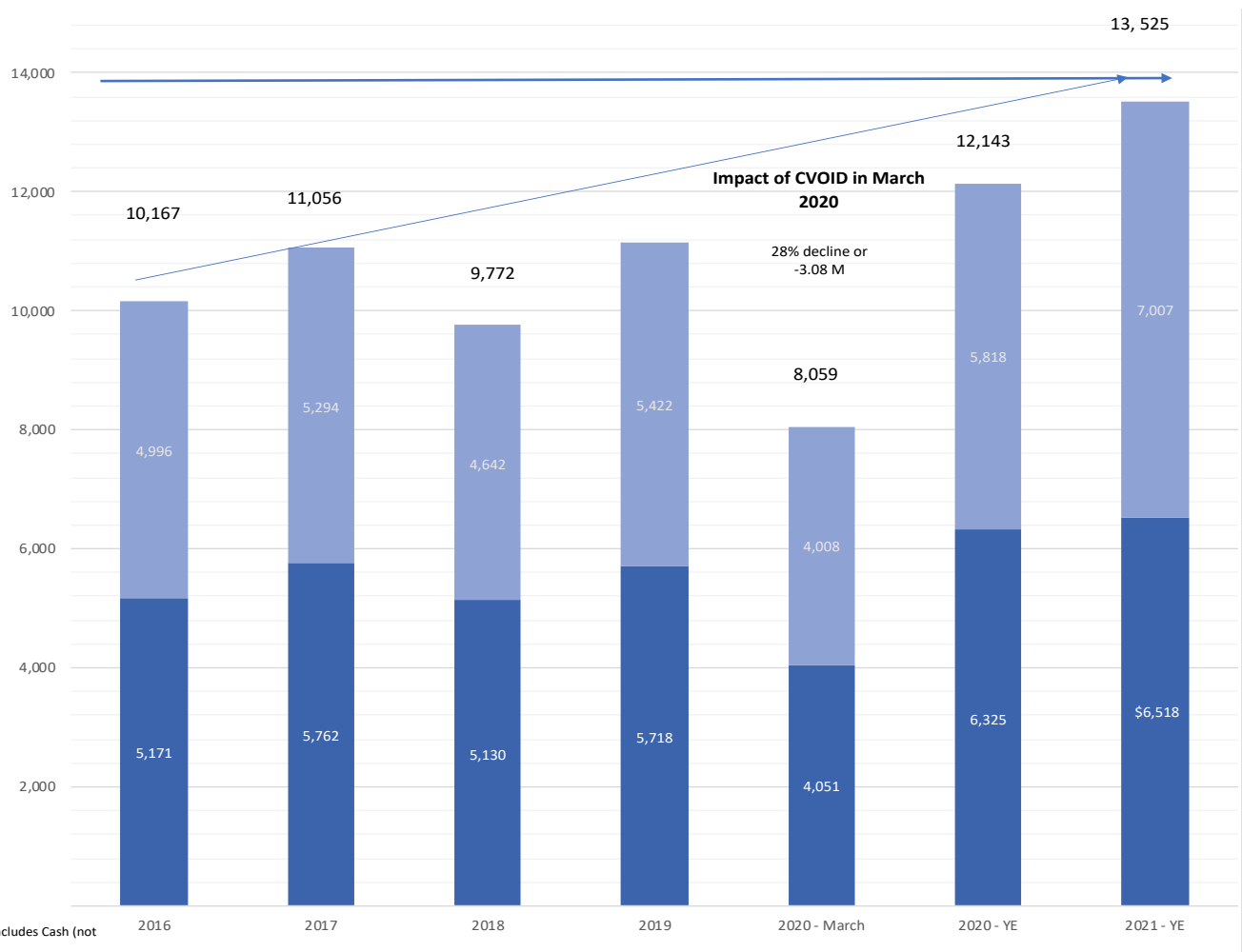
	2019	2020	2021	2021	2022
<b>Revenue</b>					
Pledges, Contributions, & Grants	864	915	832	872	900
Unrestricted Funds Used	994	779	879	754	1,179
Programs and Services   Other Income	157	84	124	27	234
<b>Total Contributions &amp; Funding</b>	<b>\$2,015</b>	<b>\$1,777</b>	<b>\$1,835</b>	<b>\$1,653</b>	<b>\$2,313</b>
SBA Payroll Protection Fund		195			150
Member Giving Shortfall (Vestry Approved; Funded from Reserves)	100	-	-	200	418
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,115</b>	<b>\$1,972</b>	<b>\$1,835</b>	<b>\$1,853</b>	<b>\$2,882</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
Compensation and Benefits	1,003	910	788	914	1,344
General Expenses/Insurances	727	617	743	663	797
Travel, Meals, and Lodging	192	114	26	25	367
Professional Services/Communications	272	182	276	251	374
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,194</b>	<b>\$1,822</b>	<b>\$1,833</b>	<b>\$1,853</b>	<b>\$2,882</b>
<b>Net Revenue Less Expense</b>	<b>(\$79)</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ -</b>



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## Fund Balance 2016—2021

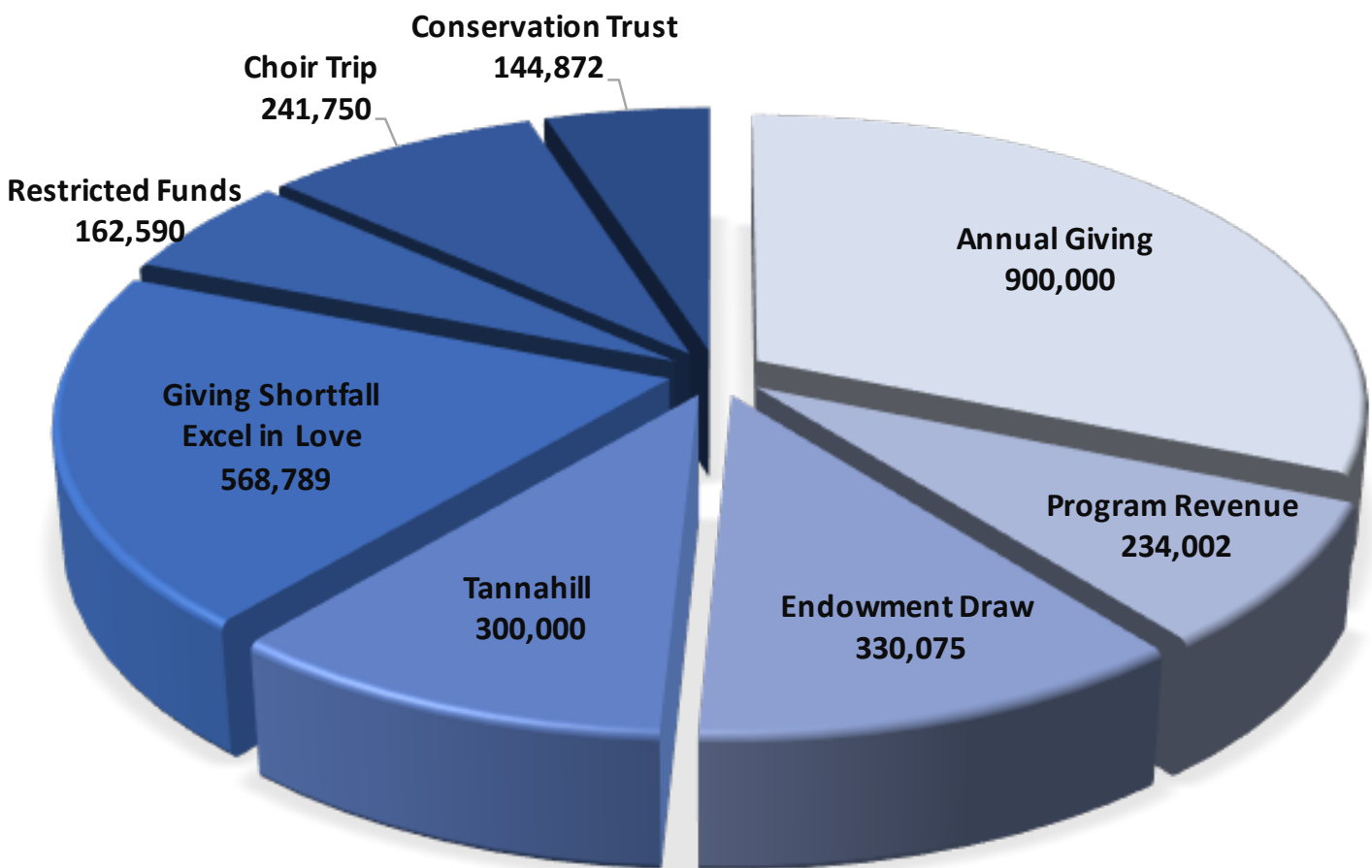
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## 2022 Budget Revenue (in thousands)

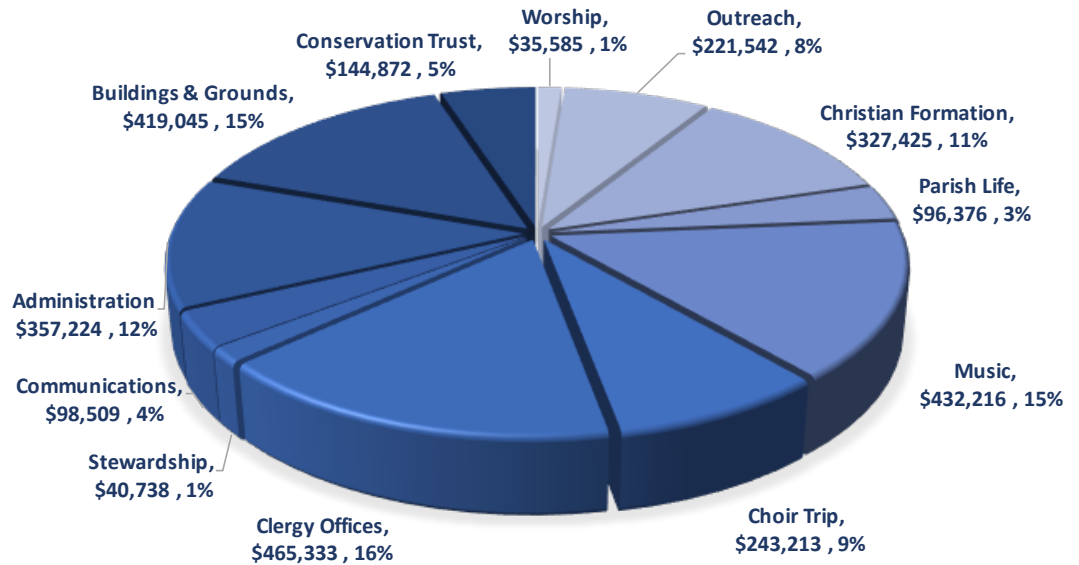




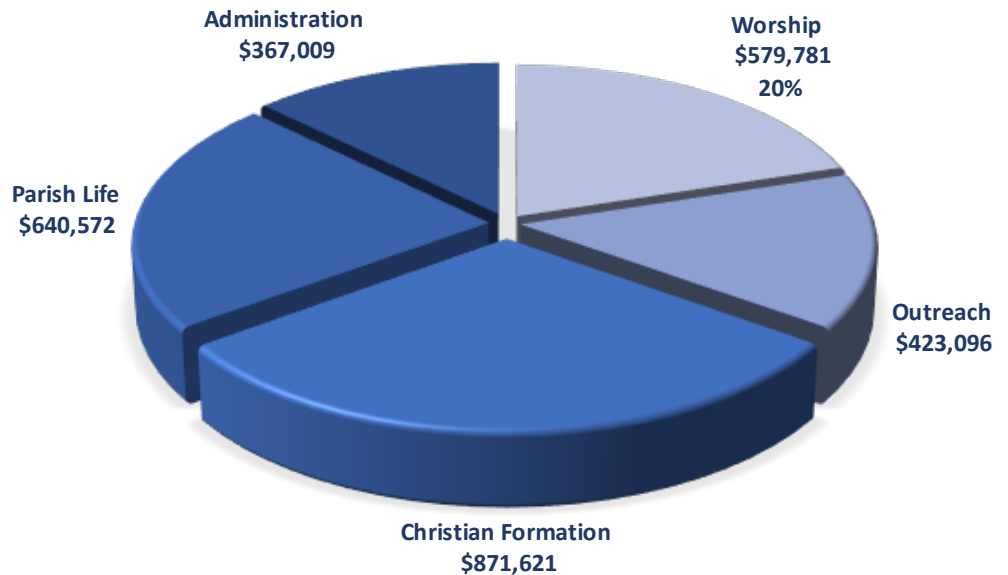


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## 2022 Budget Expenses by Department (in thousands)



## 2022 Budget Expenses by Ministry Area (in thousands)





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## *Minutes of the Annual Meeting*

**January 31, 2021**

### **Opening Prayer and Welcome:**

Father Drew called the meeting to order with words of gratitude and an opening prayer.

### **Appointment of Secretary:**

Father Van Culin appointed John Snyder as Secretary of the 2021 Annual Meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes: Annual Meeting 2021**

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

### **Parish Connections: Celebrations**

Breakout rooms were created to allow members to share items that members celebrated for the past year.

### **Rector's Address**

Fr. Drew offered the Rector's address, reinforcing our commitment and call *To Excel in Love*. Email: [rectorsoffice@christchurchgp.org](mailto:rectorsoffice@christchurchgp.org) for a print or electronic copy of Fr. Van Culin's remarks.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

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

### **Introduction and Election of Vestry**

Paula Labadie, Senior Warden, thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work and introduced the nominees for the 2024 Vestry Class: Becca Anderson, Joel Anyim, Sarah Bowe, Susan Chaklos, Ned Johnson .

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



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### Recognition of Written Reports and Celebration Video

Father Drew recognized the written reports in the annual report and thanked all involved in ministry before sharing a short video celebrating the work of 2020 by the Christ Church community

### Sr. Warden Comments

Paula Labadie gave the Senior Warden's Report. Email: [rectorsoffice@christchurchgp.org](mailto:rectorsoffice@christchurchgp.org) for a print or electronic copy of Ms. Labadie's remarks.

### Parish Connections: Dreams

Betsy Creedon, Warden, invited the community to discuss together a question Bishop Bonnie recently asked the Vestry: "what is the next most engaging thing you would like Christ Church to take up?"

### Treasurer Report

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

### Appreciations

Paula Labadie, thanked the outgoing vestry for their leadership and the parish members for their ministry in 2020.

Fr. Drew announced his Rector's Appreciations for Mary Trost, Director of the Flower Guild, for her leadership and creative ministry throughout 2020 and to Martha Bangs for her leadership bringing COVID testing and vaccinations to Christ Church and the Grosse Pointe community.

### Adjournment of Meeting and Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Fr. Drew at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane E. Ward  
*Associate for Finance and Administration*

Approved by,

John Snyder  
*Secretary*

