



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

2025 Annual Report

Celebrating Our Parish Life and Ministry Together

From the Rector - The Rev. Joe Hensley

"Transition" has been a recurring theme in our life together at St. George's over the past year. 2025 saw many shifts and changes, endings and new beginnings. We often think of transition as a temporary, unstable state, a time to be endured until things settle down. In the stories of God's people in Scripture, though, times of transition are when God often shows up most powerfully!

This annual report shares some highlights of 2025, celebrating ways God has been at work, with many more stories that could be told. I have seen repeatedly that in the midst of things being unsettled, from staffing transitions to construction dust, from parishioner transitions to disturbing national events, from seeing more neighbors in need to also seeing more ways of responding to those needs, God provides abundantly. God never wastes an opportunity, using times of change to reveal grace and teach us to trust. St. Georgians rose to the occasion in 2025, with God's help.

Although our season of transitions did not end with 2025, I hope this past year helps us trust that we can thrive in spite of, or even because of, being in a state of change. We thrive most when we remember God is with us. We remember and celebrate that our fellowship at St. George's is a blessing from God. We get to worship, pray, serve and care. We learn and grow, welcoming new friends. We share and proclaim God's goodness in Jesus Christ, whose transition through death has given us new life.

Your rector and brother in Christ,

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

2025 by the Numbers



15 Baptisms
24 Confirmations and Receptions



52 Lay Eucharistic Visits
113 Prayer Shawls



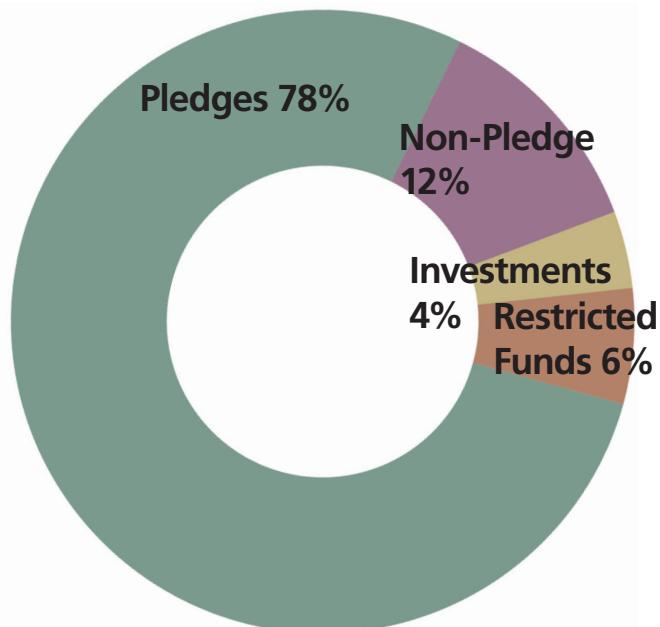
249 Average Sunday Attendance
124 Newcomer Visits



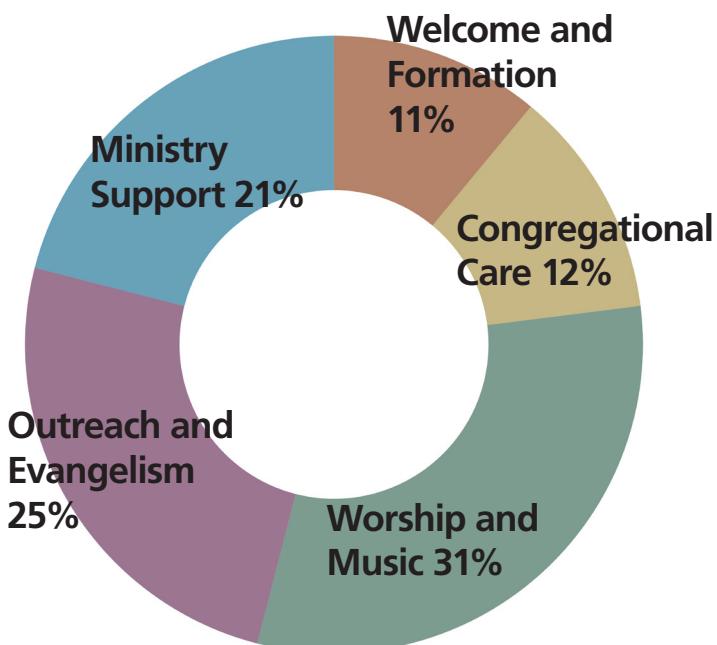
4 Weddings
13 Funerals

2025 Financial Snapshot

Revenue



Expenses



Our revenues for 2025 totaled \$1,240,768. Pledged gifts account for the majority of our revenue at just over \$965,000. Non-pledge gifts, which include loose offering, financial gifts not notated as pledge offerings, Christmas and Easter gratitude offerings, and more, totaled approximately \$150,000. Additionally, we used just over \$75,000 from restricted funds to support our ministries. Finally, income from investments totaling nearly \$50,000 completes our revenue picture for 2025.

Expenses for the year totaled \$1,233,014 - a little less than our revenue. As shown in the Expenses Chart, we support a wide range of ministries across our five Ministry Hubs: Worship and Music - 31%, Outreach and Evangelism - 25%, Ministry Support - 21%, Welcome and Formation - 11%, and Congregational Care - 12%.

These charts are helpful tools to illustrate the sources of income we have to support the numerous ways we are working to live into our call to welcome all in the love of God.

Your faithful response to God's call to be generous makes these charts come to life. You are the reason we can feed our neighbors at weekly Community Dinners, share warm fellowship over a hot cup of coffee on Sundays, send communion to the homebound, experience the joy and mystery in worship together - and quite literally - keep the lights on!

Thank you and thanks be to God!

As we enter a new season of mission and community with each other, it is your generous financial gifts that will support us as we bravely respond to how God is calling us to where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Ministry Highlights

2025 was packed with abundance! From worship, to outreach, to formation, and more, St. Georgians found new ways to deepen their ministries.

For adult formation, we hosted the Rev. Lauren Winner for Lenten Weekend, offered Becoming Disciples: The Episcopal Way forum series, and began two Education for Ministry (EfM groups). We held a Mission and Ministry forum series. We invited input about how we gather for worship, formation, and fellowship which led to a significant decision to change our worship schedule. Additionally, our Children's Vacation Bible School Music Camp performed "The Lost Sheep" during a summer worship service.



Our market-style food pantry, The Table, gave away 4,075 crates of produce, 27,000 eggs, and 7,734 pounds of bread across eight distribution sites. Through our partnership with Micah Ecumenical Ministries, we fed an average of 120 guests at our Monday Community Dinners. Team St. George's raised over \$10,000 for Micah at the Coldest Night of the Year event.

Thanks to your generosity, our Christmas Offering, and our Christmas at St. George's Benefit Concert, we gave \$21,746 in 2025 to support 275 students and 30 faculty and staff for our partners at Notre Dame de l'Annonciation, in Port Au Prince.

St. Georgians were also evangelists in our community, proclaiming the Good News of God's inclusive love for all at PRIDE and Juneteenth celebrations.



In our worship life together, we bid farewell to long-time music staff John Vreeland and Lisa Bogardus and promoted Achim Loch to Acting Director of Music Ministries. Members of the Altar Guild helped prepare for 215 Eucharists and other Sacramental rites, as well as numerous baptisms, weddings, and funerals throughout the year.

Our History Committee and docents coordinated with the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc. (HFFI) to host approximately 400 guests for the Candlelight Tour.

117 St. Georgians answered the call of the mountains to gather for our parish retreat weekend at Shrine Mont. We shared stories, a fun-filled game night, and an epic craftevnoon together.



Open to All In Love

So far, 161 households have pledged \$3,018,583 in support of our Open to All in Love Capital Campaign. To date, we have received just over \$1.7M. Thank you for your generous support!

Our Construction Project began in 2025. In June, construction crews demoed part of the preschool to provide structural support for the internal accessibility ramp connecting Sydnor Hall with the church office hallway. The office now includes two renovated bathrooms, one of them fully accessible.

We addressed the structural issues in Faulkner Hall, shoring up the foundation, replacing the flooring, and painting our beloved meeting space. On the exterior, additional structural repairs were completed on the brickwork, as well as repointing, and we added a special coating to prevent water infiltration.

In preparation for upcoming construction in our graveyard to build a columbarium and add an accessible ramp to the church entrance, we worked with historic stonemasons and archaeologists. The stonemasons carefully moved stones out of harm's way. Archaeologists thoroughly excavated underneath Faulkner Hall in addition to the sites for the columbarium and accessible ramp. We will share their findings once their research is complete.



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