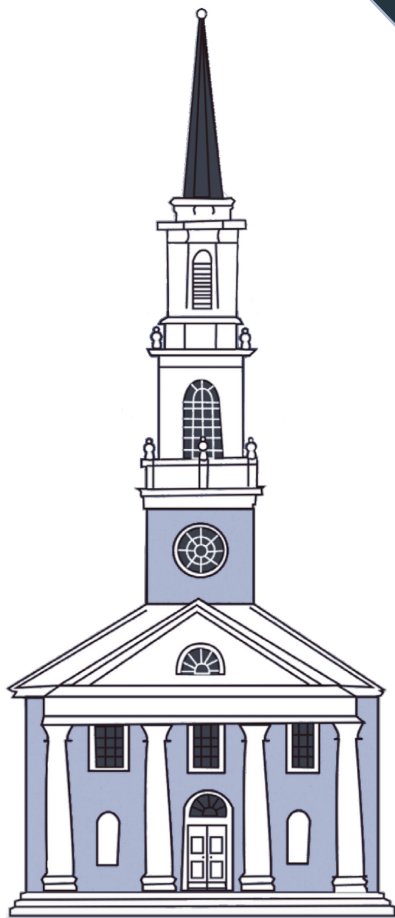




ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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2023 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



a community of belonging

*What we identify with, what gives
us a sense of purpose, of belonging,
of support is our community.*

Joan Chittister

a message from **THE RECTOR**

Dear St. Peter's family,

During my first years as your rector, I have been continually impressed by the tremendous spirit of our church. The energy that exists here, and the commitment to service and to one another, is inspiring. You give your time and talents to our programs and missions generously and enthusiastically, and our sense of purpose, both as a parish and as God's people, is evident.



Josh Schafer and Laura Frank, who have stepped up to lead this year's Annual Giving Campaign, exemplify this commitment to service. I am grateful for their leadership and look forward to working with them as the Campaign progresses.

In the following pages, you will find information on the many ways we are working to serve others and share the Good News of Christ here at St. Peter's. I hope it will inspire you to consider new ways of participating in the life of our parish by supporting our Annual Giving Campaign.

As Joan Chittister points out, being part of a community is what can help us to know and to feel that we belong. St. Peter's is where you and I belong. No matter how you feel called to participate in this community, whether it's providing meals or making music, leading Bible study or praying for your fellow parishioners, what you do here matters.

Abundant blessings,



The Rev. David Hodges

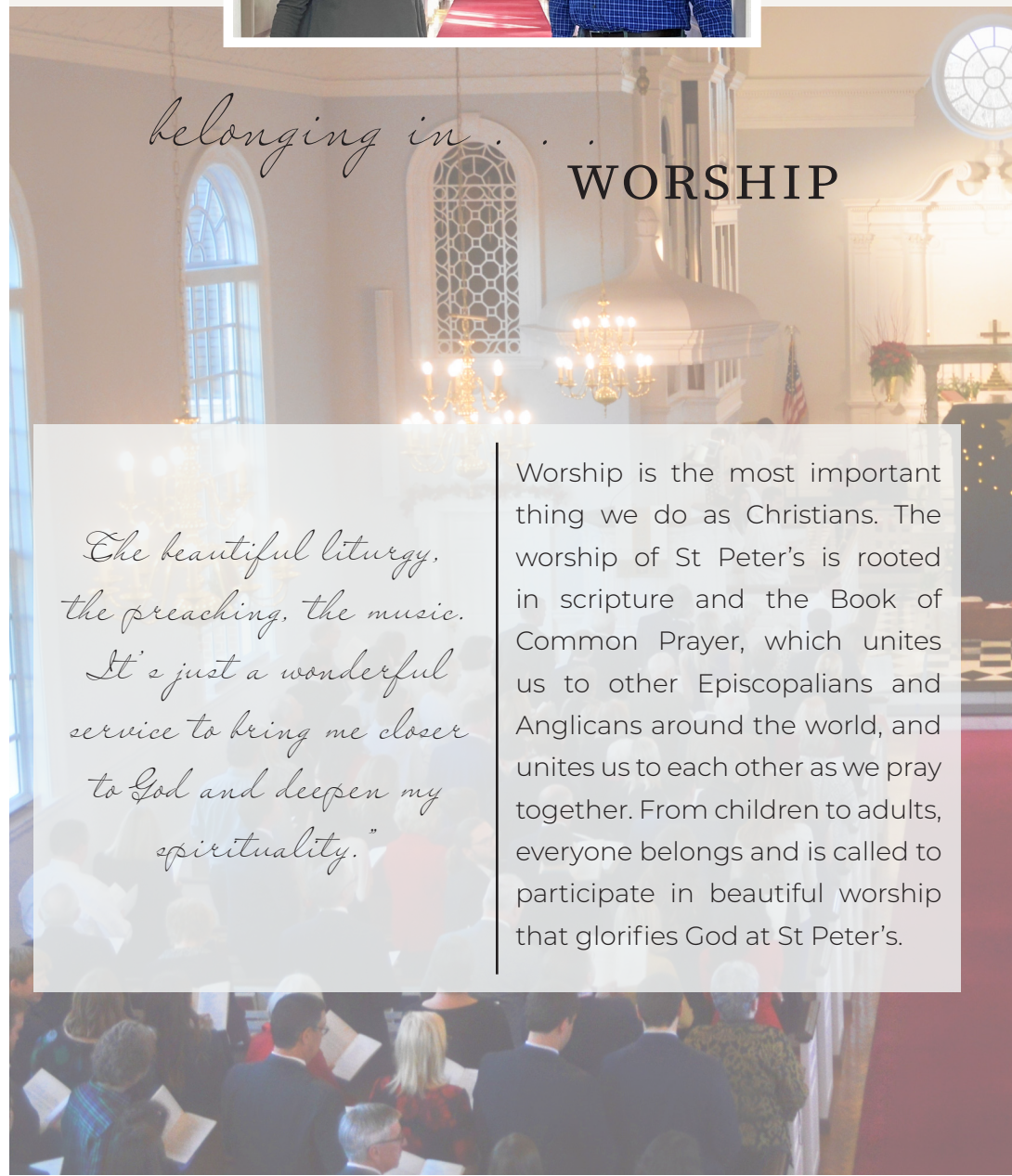
Laura Frank and Josh Schafer, Co-Chairs of the 2023 Annual Giving Campaign



belonging in . . . **WORSHIP**

*The beautiful liturgy,
the preaching, the music.
It's just a wonderful
service to bring me closer
to God and deepen my
spirituality."*

Worship is the most important thing we do as Christians. The worship of St Peter's is rooted in scripture and the Book of Common Prayer, which unites us to other Episcopalians and Anglicans around the world, and unites us to each other as we pray together. From children to adults, everyone belongs and is called to participate in beautiful worship that glorifies God at St Peter's.



belonging in . . . MINISTRY



Ministry happens in many different ways at St Peter's. Pastoral support for people in our parish and beyond is done through networks of clergy and parishioners, such as the ministry of St Peter's Cares. Winter clothing drives, feeding the hungry through partnering with other churches, and visiting the sick are just a few ways in which St Peter's brings the Church to others, and meets needs in our community.



*"so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members of one another."*

Romans 12:5





belonging in . . . **FORMATION**

Formation at St Peter's Episcopal Church includes learning about the Christian faith, Anglicanism, and studying the Scriptures. The Rector's Forum, Youth Group, children's activities, Advent and Lent quiet days, and much more, present opportunities for all ages to grow spiritually and intellectually in our tradition as Christians. Formation then empowers us to see God's work in the world and to minister to others as well.



belonging in . . . **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*"Oh, how good and pleasant
it is, when brethren live
together in unity!"*

Psalm 133:1

Education in the faith is vital for spiritual growth and can help us know that we belong to something larger than ourselves. Both clergy and parishioners offer their time and skills to help lead a ministry of teaching and education, including Sunday School, Children's Chapel, and Confirmation classes for youth and adults. The education received in Confirmation classes offers the opportunity to be confirmed by the Bishop into the Episcopal Church, joining in fellowship with Episcopalians everywhere.



2022: *a year of impacts*

\$8,000

Food gift cards
given to those
in need

\$3,500

Donated to
ERD Ukraine
Crisis Response
Fund

672

Food bags
collected for
Trinity Food
Pantry

200

Toy gift bags donated
by the Woman's Guild
to Froebel Literacy
Elementary

154

St. Peter's Cares meals,
prayer, and transports
for parishioners

89

Units of blood donated
in honor of
Charlie Gillis to help
267 people in need



belonging TOGETHER

We firmly believe in the importance of fun and fellowship. Our members build friendships with other members of the congregation through various activities that range from helping others to just having fun. There is something for everyone - parish picnics, movie nights, Sunday morning breakfast, Pancake Supper, Woman's Guild, Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group, and even a softball team!

ST. PETER'S IS WHERE *YOU BELONG.*



*"From the moment
I first walked in the
doors at St. Peter's,
I've felt loved."*



belonging in . . . MUSIC

*"We the Lord's people,
heart and voice uniting,
praise him who called us"*

Hymn 51, John E. Bowers

For more than 150 years, music has been a central part of the life and worship at St. Peter's. Parishioners experience the glory of God through music in Sunday worship, Evensongs, concerts, and organ recitals. Singing helps unite us to the church.

*"Music opens the heart
of the listener so
that God's truth
can come through."*



belonging and GIVING

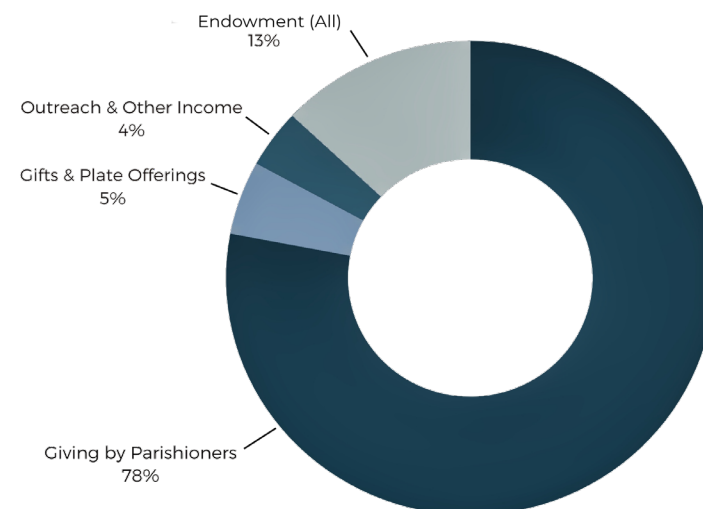
"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9:11

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Annual pledges are the financial foundation of our church, our single most important source of funding. Your support allows us to determine this year's priorities and what we can accomplish as a church. Each dollar has its purpose and plan. Church leadership remains committed to operating efficiently as we invest in people, programs, and facilities that help turn St. Peter's faith into action.

SOURCES OF INCOME



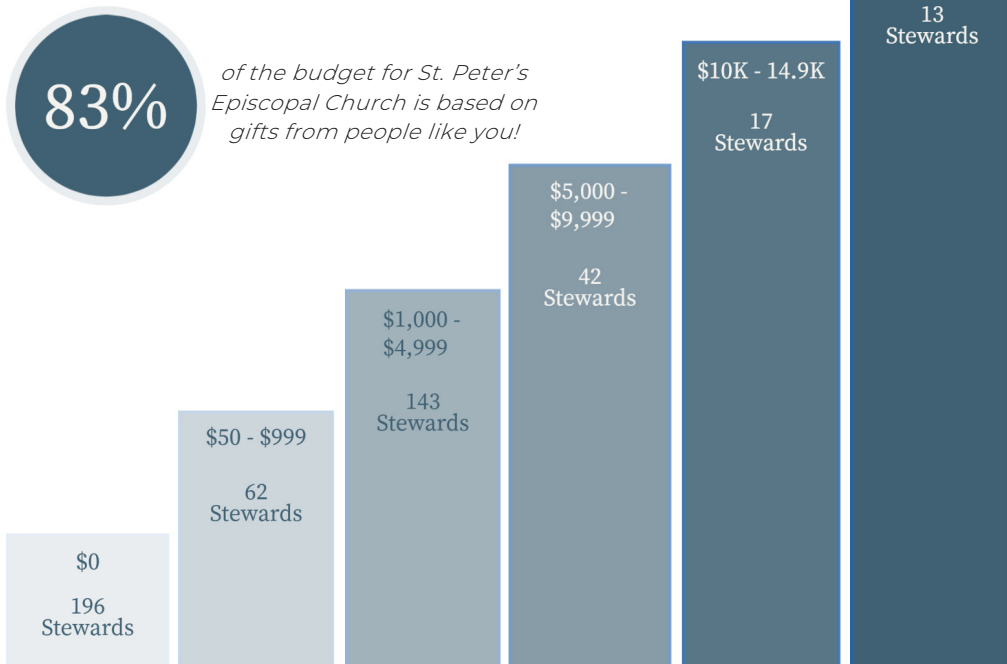
step up for ST. PETER'S

Financial stewardship is an important component of a faithful life. Returning to God from that which God has given us is a tangible way to express our faith.

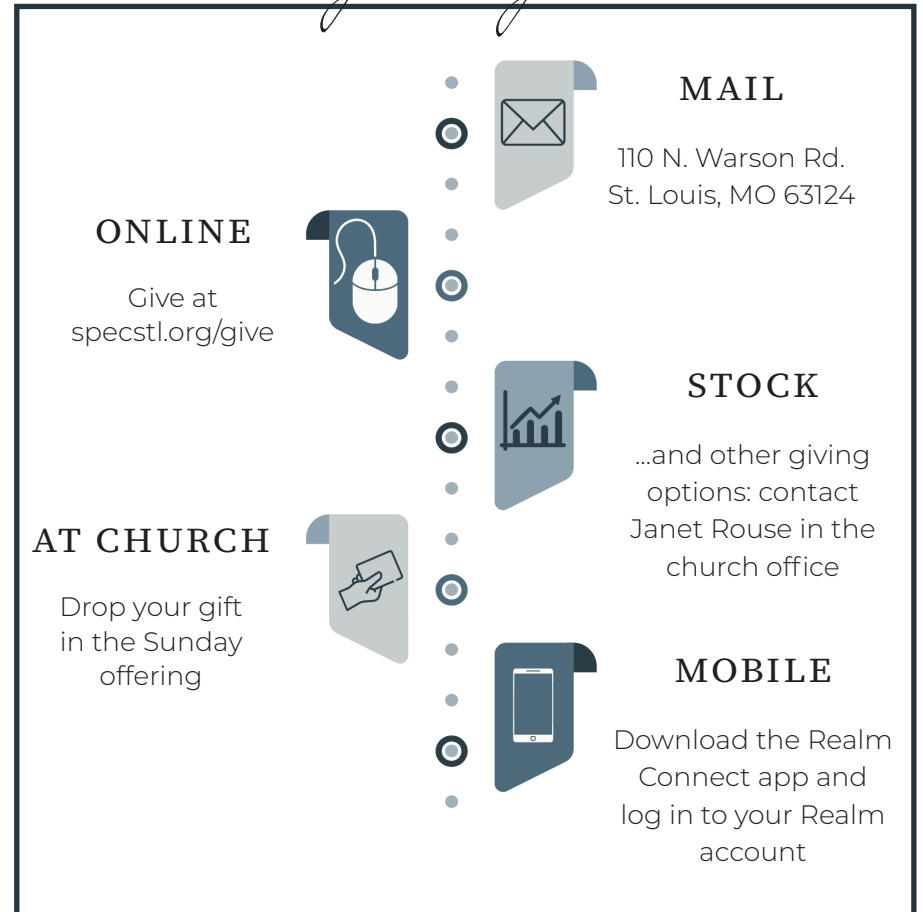
Every pledge matters. We are asking each family to prayerfully consider stepping up their giving to the next level. Your generosity allows us to continue our shared mission. Not only will you make a difference in the lives of others, but your life will be changed as well.

2023
ANNUAL GIVING
GOAL:
\$1,000,000

What could we accomplish if all parishioners made a pledge?



ways to give





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you are invited!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THESE IMPORTANT
2023 ANNUAL GIVING
CAMPAIGN DATES**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Campaign Kickoff Sunday

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Annual Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Financial Presentation

at 11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Dedication Sunday –

A Special Blessing at the
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

