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# GENEROUS HEARTS OPEN DOORS



## 2024 ANNUAL CANVASS

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# LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear saints,

As Christians and parishioners at All Saints', we have a calling to support and serve others. The joy of this mission is that All Saints' becomes the place where we connect with each other in worship, service, fun and generosity. This community invites our generous hearts to share —by opening our doors onto Midtown Atlanta. We open our doors to new relationships with those in need. We also open doors to our own faith and friendship. We are, as our rector, Simon Mainwaring, reminds us, "[I]nvited to be saints of the light in a beautiful broken world. We thank God for this indescribable gift."

Grateful people are generous people. This is evident at All Saints'. We have hosted successful Annual Giving campaigns for decades. Now is our moment to again reflect on the gifts we have received and make pledge offerings for 2024. These pledges and commitments make it



possible for our parish to take on what really matters.

This booklet includes stories from a parish that recognizes the strength that comes to us in serving others. These are stories of Generous Hearts and Open Doors.

Enjoy these pages and open the doors of your generous heart. We invite you to offer your pledge to sustain God's work at All Saints'.

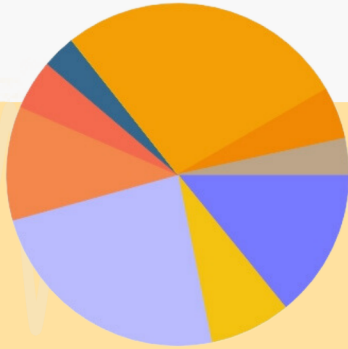
Faithfully,

*Briley and Elena Brisendine*  
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# PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

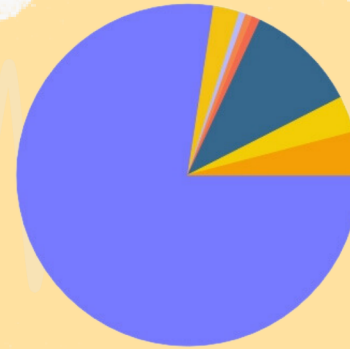
2022 Fiscal Year Expenses (Actual)



- Ministry and Worship
- Diocesan Pledge
- Administration
- Music
- Missions
- Adult & Child Education
- Bank Debt Service
- Building Operations & Maintenance
- Parish Life & Newcomers
- Youth & Young Adult Programs

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$4,197,289.13

2022 Fiscal Year Income (Actual)



- Total Pledge Payments
- Non-Pledge Offerings
- Easter & Christmas Offerings
- Lease Income
- Income from Special Funds
- Funds Available from Endowment Distributions
- Pritchett Center Income
- Other Receipts & Investment Gains

TOTAL INCOME: \$4,199,968.89

# THE SULLIVAN FAMILY

## Community for all ages

Bill and I made a decision to have church be a central part of our lives when our children were born. Neither of us is from Atlanta so we wanted to be anchored in a church community.

On our journey at All Saints', we found exceptional kindness and opportunities to serve. We also found Carl Walker. Carl is 92-years-old, a decorated Korean War veteran and a former activist in the Civil Rights Movement.

We met Carl at an All Saints' storytelling workshop where he presented an unforgettable story from his past. Over time, we became good friends. One day, our daughter, Fiona asked Carl to be her mentor for her confirmation class. All Saints' facilitated this important inter-generational faith connection.



We didn't evaluate our family's giving until someone from the Annual Canvass team called and asked us to increase our pledge. We did increase it and continue to increase it in support of all that this church means to us.

We serve at All Saints' by volunteer tutoring with refugees, helping shoppers in Threads, teaching in Children's Ministries, participating in children's choirs and attending Wednesday Night Supper (WNS)

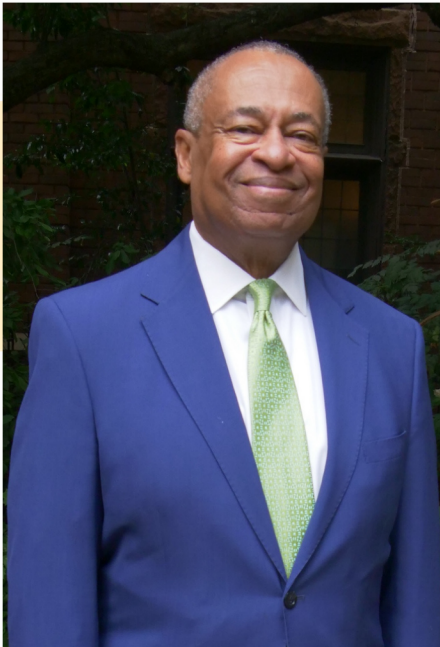
regularly. Witnessing this community for all ages makes us grateful for All Saints'.

*Sarah and Bill Sullivan have been at All Saints' since 2004. Bill and his brother own Sullivan Fine Rugs. Their children are Fiona, 15, and Brendan, 10.*



# MICHAEL KENNEDY

## Connections built to last



Religion was at the heart of my family life. I grew up in Winston-Salem, N.C. with my mother, who was a Baptist, and my father, who was an Episcopalian.

My parents had four boys and they required two things of us on Saturday mornings: that we polish our shoes and read a Bible verse—some preparation for Sunday!

For years we attended St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the oldest African-American church in Winston-Salem and the church where our current Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, was ordained.

I moved to Atlanta as a young adult and attended several churches in the city. The other churches never felt like home. Generally, they lacked the spark and the energy I felt when I walked into All Saints'. Moreover, All

Saints' had more people of color.

Parishioners made sure that I met people, which started connections built to last. I love the community here, which is diverse economically and also involved with the Atlanta arts community. At All Saints', I found my place among people dedicated to making the city better.

Through my work on the vestry and my own financial contributions, I help ensure that our church continues to thrive and that our service ministries are financially stable for years to come. These commitments give me a sense of purpose and meaning, so I am glad to give back.

*Michael Kennedy serves on the vestry and chairs the All Saints' Stewardship Cabinet. He is a Senior Client Partner with Korn Ferry.*

# THE HALKOS FAMILY

## Invested in the saints



Toni and I were raised in strict religious communities. Coming to All Saints', we discovered that church can be a loving, supportive community. We witnessed the ways that the All Saints' makes a place for each parishioner. In particular, All Saints' offers support for parents and gives our kids the space to have fun with other children.

This church is committed to our children's safety and to involving them in service to others. And of course, famously, All Saints' offers doughnuts on Sundays, which is a big draw!

Our family values wellness. Coming to church feels a bit like exercising: I don't always want to get up in the morning to do it, but when I come to church, it serves as a reset to kick off my week.

Being at All Saints' has also reset our financial giving. My family didn't talk about money much growing up, but Toni and I committed to growing our giving.

The Annual Canvass invites all of us to invest in this community of saints.

*The Halkos family has been at All Saints' since 2014. Elizabeth is Chief Operating Officer for Vivlio Health and Toni is a business owner. Their children, Anthony, 9, and Mia, 7, are active in All Saints' Children's Ministries.*

# THE ARCEMENT FAMILY

## Leading with love

When we moved to Atlanta from New Orleans, we looked for a church for our family. Our process was democratic: the church we chose had to meet the needs of all four of us. We researched through the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta's website and visited a lot of churches. They all fell short of All Saints'.

All Saints' offered us a genuine welcome. People were excited to have us come to church! Our family loves to read and we came on the Sunday that Simon Mainwaring, our Rector, hosted the Harry Potter Eucharist—the whole family loved it!

We toured the Children's Center and could see that there was a plan in place to move children forward on a creative faith journey.



My wife and I grew up in the Baptist church where there was an emphasis on tithing—giving to our church came naturally to us.

Pledging was a new thing; however, the technology in place with Realm makes it so easy. We like having an annual season to renew our financial commitment. When we commit to a pledge, we commit! DeAnna served on the vestry at our New Orleans church so we know about the cost of running a parish.

All Saints' meets people where they are and its future lies in continuing to adapt and leading with love. With those goals in mind, there are no limits to what our church can do!

*Rashad Arcement runs project management teams at GSU, while DeAnna Arcement is an attorney in the Office of General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. They have two daughters: Olivia, 16, and Amelie, 4.*

# MARIETTA PETTERS

## Life, joy and friendship

I came to All Saints in the early 1990s from another church that was in turmoil over changes in leadership. My young family was in turmoil, too, as my husband, the father of our three boys, had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. All Saints' opened its doors to us, welcomed us, accepted us and lifted us up. We rediscovered life, joy and friendship in that difficult time.



Over the years, in addition to my first husband, I have lost other loved ones to cancer. These challenging experiences made me a more compassionate listener.

Recently, I felt the calling to serve on The Bereavement Callers team. This is a group of parishioners trained to host conversations with others also grieving the loss of a loved one. I found I am good at ministering in

this way. I feel a deep connection to those who may need to share their grief. The Bereavement Callers ministry is one of many that enable All Saints' to walk through life stages with parishioners in need of support.

I am fed by the Episcopal liturgy. I know these prayers by heart and cherish saying them each Sunday.

These prayers are the foundation of our church community. We own our history, our joy and our friendships while moving toward the future.

*Marietta Gandy Petters is married to Skip Petters and between them they have seven grandchildren. Marietta participates in Altar Guild, Guild of the Good Shepherd, All Saints' Connects, Small Groups and Foyer Groups.*



# THE ANDERSON FAMILY

## Love, care and service

We found All Saints' by accident! I went searching on Google and found All Saints', the place we now call our family's church home. Neither Chelsea nor I grew up Episcopalian. However, I grew up in the Lutheran Church, so during my first service at All Saints', I recognized similarities in the liturgy on Sunday mornings. It was important to me that we join a parish that embraced a traditional style of worship.

The music is especially wonderful here. In addition, we found that All Saints' is an unusually active community, alive with love, care, and service.

Also, because we have just started our family, it was important that we consider the quality of Children's Ministries in the church environment.



Even before the birth of our child, we were welcomed by Kathy Roberts, Director of Children's Ministries, and the nursery care team. We are excited to meet other families with young children and become more involved as members at All Saints'.

We are prioritizing our generosity at All Saints'. We believe that being rooted in a community that supports and values family at every life stage is a key part of our life in this city.

*Jacob is an International Trade Assistant with the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Chelsea works for a blood plasma company in the city. The couple welcomed their baby, Kate in August 2023.*



# JEANNE HATCHER

## Faith and generosity



At All Saints' and in my work, I interact with all kinds of people. I am an ENT—an otolaryngologist, or throat specialist—and my patients represent the diversity of humanity: priests, choir members, call center agents, lottery factory workers—you name it!

I grew up in the Presbyterian Church and became an Episcopalian 15 years ago. As I got older, I looked for a church where differences are welcomed and honored—a place that prioritized treating people with respect and love. All Saints' is such a place.

I started out by taking Simon's Adult Inquirers' class. This class is great for newcomers and "old timers" alike. We discuss our spiritual practices and ways to grow in faith.

All Saints' is my retreat from the busy city that surrounds me. My core values align with All Saints'—an authentic welcome, inclusivity, justice and service.

My experience in this parish makes me feel comfortable giving financially—and I do! I invite you to join me on the journey of faith and generosity.

*Jeanne Hatcher, M.D., works at Emory Midtown. She often participates in the 5 p.m. Welcome Table service and dinner.*



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