





“My father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me, that you also may be where I am.” —John 14:2-3

A HOUSE WITH MANY ROOMS











Making room for what God is calling us to do



The Rev. Carissa Baldwin-McGinnis
Rector

The rooms I grew up in were designed by my father. He was an architect and a public servant. In addition to building our family's home, he managed the construction of public schools in Austin and housing for the physically and intellectually disabled on behalf of the State of Texas.

My father was not rich, but he was responsible. He was exceptionally loving, a disciplined saver, and a compassionate giver. Though my father attended church most Sundays, true worship for him was delivering Meals on Wheels or giving a little extra to someone who obviously went without. My father had a Matthew 25 moral compass. This was the gospel he requested for his burial.

I am convinced that through God St. Stephen's is destined to do greater things than we have dared to ask or imagine.

Pam and I will be increasing our pledge this year. We know not everyone can. While it would be easy for us to convince ourselves that we *can't* or *shouldn't*, we dare to be more honest with ourselves thanks in part to a man of modest means who was intentional in everything he designed and most everything he did.

I pray that you will be blessed with personal abundance in the year ahead and that God will repay you for all you give to the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's Church and School. I am convinced that through God St. Stephen's is destined to do greater things than we have dared to ask or imagine.

I invite you to pray about what you might pledge to St. Stephen's in the year ahead—giving as generously and faithfully as you are able, so that together we can continue building a church and school where God's love makes room for all. Your giving helps make possible the mission and ministry we share—and the greater things God is calling us to do together.

The Rev. Carissa Baldwin-McGinnis
Rector
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Your gifts help build God's house that makes room for us all



Dr. Wil McCorquodale
Chair, Stewardship Committee

"My father's house has many rooms." These words of Jesus that we find in the Gospel of John are so loving and reassuring to me. Christ promises that there is much space in God's house and that he is ready to welcome us to our room in this house.

The idea of a large, indeed infinite house that welcomes all is the theme of this year's stewardship Season, a time when we look into ourselves to think deliberately about what personal financial commitment we can make to St. Stephen's for 2027.

From the moment I first came into St. Stephen's several years ago, the sense of welcome and inclusion was pervasive. Our church truly creates a nurturing space for all who enter in which we can grow in a loving community. Your donation will help this wonderful house to sustain and grow its ministry with abundance and blessings.

I encourage everyone to pledge. We live in uncertain times, and given your financial circumstances, you may not feel you can make a pledge. But a pledge of any size is helpful. In the Gospel of Mark, Christ tells us that even a tiny mustard seed grows into a big shrub that can shelter birds in its shade.

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Your pledge, regardless of its size, is your opportunity to participate in the spirit of what our church is about, a loving gift to the vision and mission of St. Stephen's.

Dr. Wil McCorquodale
Chair, Stewardship Committee
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Vestry



Every room represents a space for growth, curiosity, and belonging



Dr. Troy P. Roddy
Head of School
St. Stephen's Episcopal School

At St. Stephen's Episcopal School, this year's stewardship theme, "My father's house has many rooms," resonates deeply. Since 1971, our shared campus has served as a welcoming home where children from 15 months through 8th grade discover who they are and who they can become.

Together, church and school continue to expand the dynamic, compassionate community we share, ensuring that our doors remain wide open for generations to come.

In our campus, every room represents a space for growth, curiosity, and belonging. Here, shaped by Montessori principles and shepherded by our guiding principles of Integrity, Grace, Respect, Optimism, and Wisdom, we prepare students to build a world that is kinder and smarter.

Through our partnership with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, we foster an inclusive environment where every child is honored, every question is welcomed, and every spirit is nurtured.

As we look ahead, we see a bright future filled with hope and opportunity. Together, church and school continue to expand the dynamic, compassionate community we share, ensuring that our doors remain wide open for generations to come.

Thank you for walking alongside us in faith, service, and love as we build tomorrow together.

Dr. Troy P. Roddy
Head of School
St. Stephen's Episcopal School

Different voices come together to create something beautiful



Dr. Grace Sung
Director of Music

In John 14:2, Jesus says, “My father’s house has many rooms.” These words remind me that there is room for everyone in God’s house. As the Director of Music at St. Stephen’s, I see this reflected in our Music Ministry. We are people of different backgrounds, generations, experiences, abilities, and musical gifts. We may participate in different ways, but everyone has something meaningful to offer. To me, belonging means knowing there is a place for each of us.

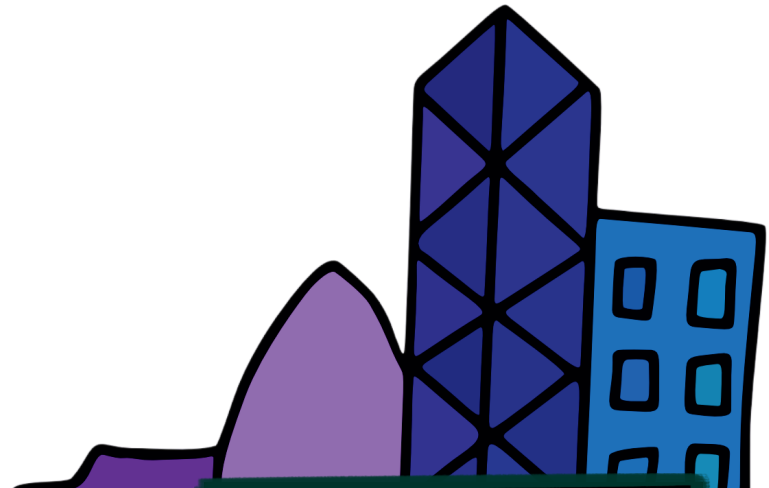
Our vocal choir, handbell choir, and Little Saints Singers, our newly formed children’s choir, are all focused on growing as musicians and as a community over time. We welcome people at different stages of their musical journey and encourage them to discover and share their gifts. I love that our music reflects who we are: different voices coming together to create something beautiful. Harmony does not mean sameness. It means listening, making room for one another, and discovering how our individual gifts can become something greater together.

We may participate in different ways, but everyone has something meaningful to offer.

My hope and prayer is that our Music Ministry is a place where everyone feels welcomed and valued, can share their gifts, grow together, and find joy in worship.

Whether you sing, ring, play an instrument, or simply want to try something new, there is room for you here.

Dr. Grace Sung
Director of Music
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church



Let us reflect with gratitude on all God has entrusted to us

Welcome to our stewardship season, a time to reflect with gratitude on all God has entrusted to us: our gifts, resources, time, and care for one another.

Also this fall, our Strategic Planning Initiative will guide us toward greater potential for our church into the future. Through prayerful listening, shared discernment, and practical visioning, the planning will help us identify needs, strengthen ministries, and welcome new possibilities.

And so Jesus tells us, “My Father’s house has many rooms.” This promise reminds us that God’s love is abundant and welcoming. There is room for every person, every story, and every gift offered in faith.

Stewardship is our joyful response to that welcome. When we share what we have, we help make God’s house visible here and now: a place where worship is nourished, neighbors are served, children are formed, and those seeking hope find a home. Each contribution, whether large or small, helps open a door of welcome.

In the weeks ahead, please prayerfully consider how you are called to participate. Together, we can faithfully build a congregation with room for all.

John Wilson
Senior Warden
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church Vestry

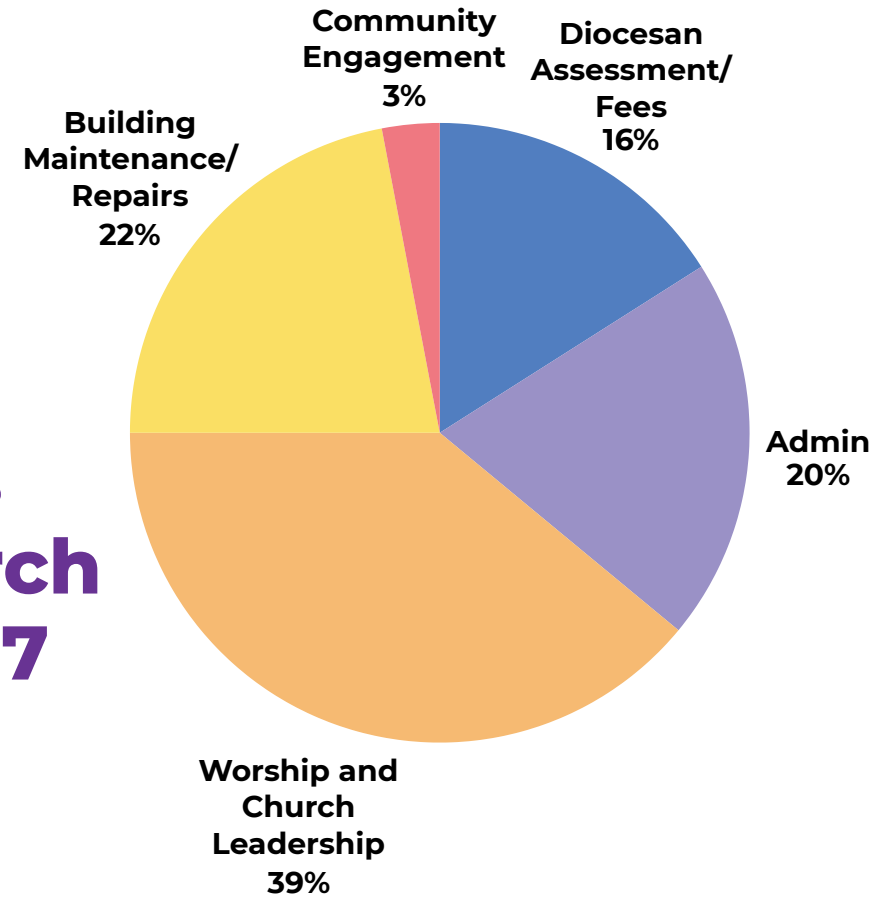


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To make a pledge please fill out the giving card and return it to the church, or place it in the offering plate on a Sunday. You can also use the QR code to make your pledge online. By accepting electronic donations, St. Stephen’s makes it easy for you to give. We would like to share that the cost of credit card donations is 3% of your gift. You may prefer to set up an electronic transfer from checking or savings through our secure channel.

St Stephen's Episcopal Church Proposed 2027 Budget



Proportional Giving

Household income %	3%	3%	5%	5%	7%	7%	10%	10%
Yearly income	Weekly $	Annual $	Weekly $	Annual $	Weekly $	Annual $	Weekly $	Annual $
$15,000	9	450	14	750	20	1,050	29	1,500
$25,000	14	750	24	1,250	34	1,750	48	2,500
$50,000	30	1,500	48	2,500	67	3,500	96	5,000
$75,000	42	2,250	72	3,750	101	5,250	144	7,500
$100,000	57	3,000	96	5,000	135	7,000	192	10,000
$150,000	87	4,500	144	7,500	202	10,500	288	15,000
$200,000	114	6,000	192	10,000	269	14,000	385	20,000

WHY PLEDGE TO THE 2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN?

- To honor God and grow spiritually.
- To affirm your commitment to our parish and community.
- To empower the St. Stephen's Vestry to make accurate budget projections and effectively steward your dollars.

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH I WANT TO GIVE NEXT YEAR?

If possible, we ask that you share the minimum amount you or your family plan to give. Additional gifts can always be made.







Why I give to St. Stephen's

I love St. Stephen's because it became my first chosen community when I moved to Texas. —Sondra Thewalt

I love St. Stephen's because our church members care enough to step up for one another. —Rebecca Zingrebe

We give because St. Stephen's is a robust Episcopal church community that provides us many ways to live into our faith. —Dan Maxwell







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