

## November 8 is Loyalty Sunday

When we hope to have all pledge cards returned. A special blessing will be said in thanksgiving for these gifts from God during each worship service.

### Ways to Make Your Pledge

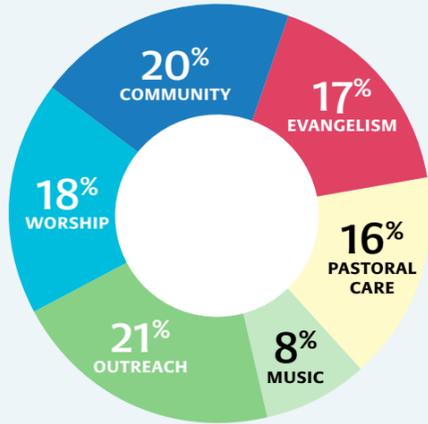
When it comes to making your pledge for the upcoming year, there are many options available.

Complete and sign a 2021 EMC pledge card and place it in the offering plate during any church service at Christ Church Cathedral or return it in the enclosed envelope to the parish offices at 1117 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002.

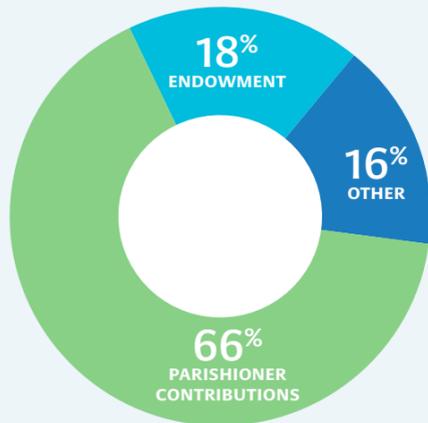
You can also make your pledge via the Cathedral's website at: [www.christchurchcathedral.org/emc](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/emc). Also look for the blue box icon in the center of the home page labeled 2021 EMC.

If you'd like an alternative to the website or mailing in a pledge card, contact Minister for Stewardship Karen Kraycirik for additional information on how to pledge, setting up scheduled giving, or any other questions regarding pledging or payments. 713-590-3338 or [kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org)

### Where our money is spent



### Where our funding comes from



### Our Vision for the Future will be made possible by our Offering and Sacrifice

In the current year, we have been able to respond to God's call in creative ways, but as a people of faith we know that God never calls us to complacency. We have a devoted congregation, excellent clergy and staff, award-winning music, high quality online worship services and virtual offerings, and a beautiful campus that spans two city blocks. The momentum and growth of our parish points to a hopeful future as we grow in service to God, our community, and to one another. Please help us build momentum by making your 2021 EMC pledge as early as you can.

In order to faithfully ensure God's future for Christ Church Cathedral, we need the financial support of every parishioner. The costs of financing Cathedral ministries, even at the level they currently exist, increase every year. With gratitude, we share that last year 603 families made a pledge to

Christ Church Cathedral for a total of \$3.34 million. In order to responsibly fund the 2021 budget, the vestry anticipates that we will need \$3.4 million in pledges. That's a 3 percent increase over last year's pledge total.

We encourage everyone to participate in this year's Every Member Canvass, regardless of the amount. Your investment in Christ Church Cathedral will ensure that we remain financially strong and continue to serve through our many wonderful ministries.

We hope you'll join us as we sing our collective praises of the Lord, for all that he has given us. For he has done great things, and your financial support will help share this news with all the world.

Faithfully,

#### The 2020 Stewardship Council

Debby Francis	Steven Owsley
Elizabeth Goza	Mary Swift
Gay Gulledege	Julie Thurmond
George Hawkins	Hal Watson

### How much should I give?

The key to living a financially generous life is prayerful and thoughtful discernment. We encourage you to pledge an amount that is both responsible and audacious. A tithe is 10% of one's income, a goal that is often reached after incremental increases each year. The chart beside may help you decide how much to pledge during 2021.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME	3%	5%	7%	10%
\$15,000	\$450	\$750	\$1,050	\$1,500
\$25,000	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,750	\$2,500
\$30,000	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$3,000
\$40,000	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$4,000
\$50,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
\$60,000	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$4,200	\$6,000
\$70,000	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$4,900	\$7,000
\$80,000	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$5,600	\$8,000
\$90,000	\$2,700	\$4,500	\$6,300	\$9,000
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$20,000
\$300,000	\$9,000	\$15,000	\$21,000	\$30,000

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is the Every Member Canvass (EMC)? What does it support?

The Every Member Canvass (EMC) is the annual fundraising pledge campaign that supports the mission and yearly programs of the church. The EMC funds the Cathedral's annual operating budget to enable our common life and outreach in the community for the coming year.

#### What is a pledge? Why should I pledge?

Parish members are asked to make a pledge of financial support to sustain our mission and ministry in the coming calendar year (2021). Making your pledge allows the Vestry to budget responsibly and ensure with confidence that the Cathedral's programmatic needs will be met. New pledges and increases in pledge commitments allow us both to meet increases in annual fixed costs and expand ministry budgets to provide more robust programming and outreach efforts.

#### How do I fulfill my pledge?

Christ Church Cathedral operates fiscally on the calendar year. Pledges need not be paid now and may be adjusted during the year. Payments, which are tax deductible, may be made on your schedule, in a lump sum or installments, in cash, by check, credit card, or stock transfer. There are several payment options, and you may select the one that works best for you.

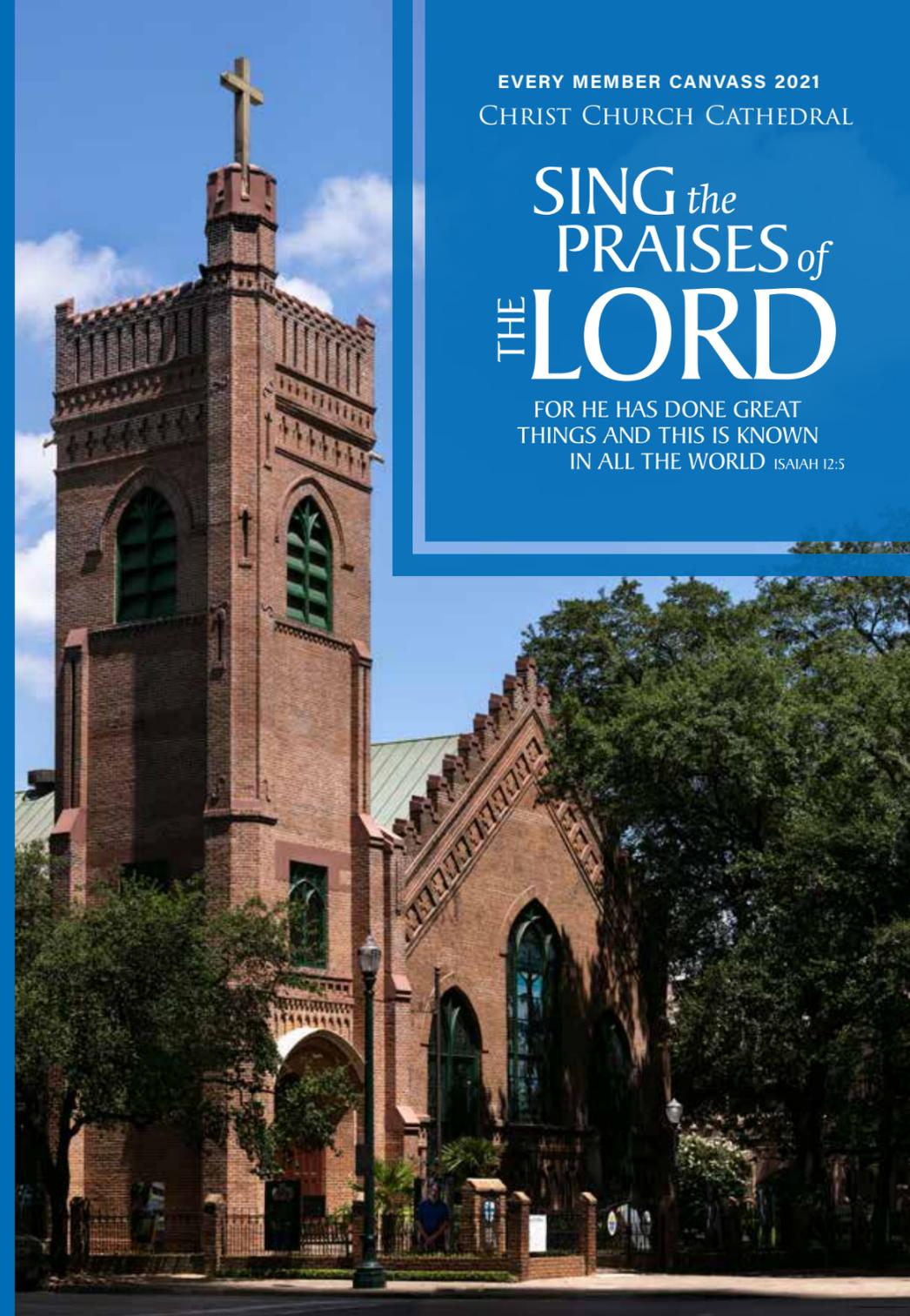
#### Have you considered additional 2020 Tax Benefits?

You can make a contribution towards a 2021 EMC pledge in the current calendar year. The CARES Act has changed some of the regulations about the tax deductibility of charitable gifts in 2020. Please speak with your tax advisor to see if this might be a particularly great time to give to Christ Church Cathedral.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS 2021  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

SING *the*  
PRAISES of  
THE LORD

FOR HE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS AND THIS IS KNOWN IN ALL THE WORLD ISAIAH 12:5



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 Texas Avenue, Houston, Texas

*“Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.”* Isaiah 12:2

THIS YEAR'S EVERY MEMBER CANVASS THEME, THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH (ISAIAH 12:2-6), IS A COMMUNAL SONG FOR A CHORUS OF VOICES OFFERING PRAISE FOR ALL THAT THE LORD HAS DONE.

The trials that we face, though sometimes difficult, refine us and draw us closer to God in such a way that we love and trust God even more and cannot help but offer our praise and thanksgiving.

The year 2020 has been one unlike any other, and with faith and commitment our community has persevered together. As we look towards the future, we build on a foundation that celebrates meaningful worship and music, engaging spiritual formation, intentional fellowship, and robust ministries of service and outreach. Collectively, as the Body of Christ in downtown Houston, we share the joy we know when we meet God in this sacred place.

**Celeste & David:** We moved to Houston in 2017 and found the Cathedral that summer. What made Christ Church stand out to us was the fact that it was the friendliest church we visited. We met people at Summer Place, and instantly felt connected. We continued to pursue fellowship through education classes and bible studies, as well as joined a Foyers Fellowship Group. Currently, we both serve on the Adult Formation Council, and enjoy being a part of the Welcome Team.

**Ana, Eric, Elijah, & Eian:** Our family, along with our extended family, have called the Cathedral our spiritual home since 2007. As members of the Latino/Hispanic congregation, Ana and the boys are involved in the children's Sunday School and have assisted with the Pastorelas. We have participated in broader community activities like the Parish Retreat and Episcopal Night at the Astros. During the Advent season, we enjoy working with other families to host Las Posadas, a gathering that commemorates the journey of Joseph and Mary, awaiting the arrival of baby Jesus.

**Carol & Andy:** Carol's father grew up at Christ Church, and was even crowned prince of the May Fete one year. Her parents were married at the Cathedral, and she was confirmed and baptized here. We have been active for many years, serving the parish in various ways. We both served on the vestry as senior and junior wardens, have been called to serve on multiple councils, and watched our children acolyte on Sundays and get confirmed. One of our great joys has been being part of this community while building The Beacon and continuing to watch it acknowledge and meet the needs of those who live on the margins. We are so proud of all that the Cathedral has accomplished and its ability to continue to make a difference in the lives of so many.

**Robert, Lesli, Reid, & Chloe:** We found our way to CCC early in our marriage, as we searched for a church that would harmonize our Protestant and Catholic backgrounds. Now that our family has grown, our children attend Cathedral House Episcopal School and we love that their school crosses over with their church community. The kids love Ms. KariAnn, weekday chapel, and going to Sunday School. We enjoy attending the Dean's Hour and have gotten to know other parents via Parent's Playhouse. We look forward to the other ways that our family can continue to grow and engage in the life of the Cathedral for years to come.

**Meredith & Michelle:** Michelle came to Christ Church in the mid-90s at the invitation of a friend and continued to come because of her connection to God and love of the Eucharist. For a while, she attended services for spiritual healing and in relative anonymity. Meredith joined her in attending services in the late-90s. As a couple, we began to carve out our Cathedral community and found ways to become more involved. In 2010, we made the decision to be confirmed in the faith and were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support we received then, and ever since. Over the years we have participated in many ministries. Currently, Meredith serves on the vestry and Justice and Peace Council. Michelle is a volunteer at the Cathedral Bookstore and serves on the altar guild. The transformative power of this faith community is inspiring and is something for which we are truly grateful.



**Blake:** When you've been alive for more than a hundred years, you see a lot of change. While many things have changed at Christ Church Cathedral since my late husband and I started attending, the intention of this faith community has remained the same. It was important to us to ensure that people felt welcome here. Every Sunday we would call newcomers and introduce ourselves; the connections and relationships we made over the years have been life-giving, through all kinds of changes. This place is home to me, and I am glad to know that others love and value it as much as I do.

**Keith:** I was drawn to the Cathedral several years ago because of the music. The music at Christ Church was and continues to be a balm to my soul through which I can truly worship. My hope was rekindled, and I found my faith through "Walking the Mourner's Path," a course for overcoming grief and loss of a loved one. Later that autumn, I participated in The Anglican Way course and was confirmed by the Bishop. I love being connected to this community through study. I am entering into my fourth year of Education for Ministry, participate in the dean's Men's Bible Study, and greatly enjoyed the small group sessions of Cathedral Reads this past summer.

**Mandy & Clyde:** We are long time Episcopalians and active in The Diocese of Texas. We came to the Cathedral in 2017 when we were looking to make a change; since the Cathedral belongs to everyone we decided to start here. We didn't have to wait long to engage with this community, finding friends we had known for decades, connections we'd made through work with the diocese, and other newcomers eager to be involved. We've continued to expand our fellowship circle by joining Foyers Fellowship Groups, serving on the Welcome Team as well as the Welcome & Evangelism Council. One of our favorite things is the Parish Retreat, escaping to the piney woods of Camp Allen and connecting to nature as well as other parishioners.