

What Is Christian Stewardship?

Christian stewardship is the grateful and responsible use of God's gifts in light of God's purpose to help serve the world's needs. These tenuous times in our country and the world demand that Christian stewards commit themselves to conscious, purposeful decisions to help the members of our church and those individuals who need our support outside our immediate church community.

Stewardship is not a fancy church word for fundraising. It is not about the church's need to receive. It is about OUR responsibility to make offerings to God in thanksgiving for the gifts God entrusts in us, in the form of our time, skills, talents, and financial resources.

What Is Stewardship in Action?

All of us who consider St. Philip's our spiritual home are asked to be regular in worship, to pray for the people and ministries of the parish, to be involved in one or more of the parish ministries or programs, and to contribute financially to ensure the continuance of our ministries and programs.

An underlying principle of the Episcopal Church is service to others. St. Philip's ministries and programs are designed and dedicated to our helping to serve the world's needs. God strengthens us through worship and prayer so we can assist in dealing with the difficulties in our parish, our city, our state, our country, and the world. Our dedicated service in St. Philip's various ministries enables us to help channel God's assistance to those in need. YOUR acceptance of the responsibility to serve in this way is a major part of Christian Stewardship.

Your financial commitment to God and this parish in the form of a pledge enables the Vestry to plan ahead for expenditures. The act of contributing weekly alone does not fulfill the need for long-term planning. The Vestry bases the annual budget on pledges received to cover the expenses of OUR place to worship and fund the ministries that enable our commitment to serving the world's needs.

Won't you seriously consider giving a regular percentage of your income to the work of the church? A pledge of any size is greatly appreciated.

All pledges will be presented at the altar on Commitment Sunday, November 13.

- Please use the enclosed "estimate of giving" form to indicate the amount of your pledge.
- Place your completed form in the collection basket during a Sunday service
- or-
- Mail completed form in the enclosed envelope to the church office (addressed to the Administrative Assistant to the Rector)
- or-
- Bring your completed form to the office and give it to the Administrative Assistant to the Rector
- If you wish to arrange payment via a bank transfer, stock transfer, or credit card, use the lilac "gift options" form. (New forms are required each year — for your security, previous year's forms are shredded.)
- If you are not already a participant in one of the St. Philip's ministries or programs, study the other side of this brochure to decide where you might feel called to help serve the world's needs, and contact the leader of that ministry or program. If you are already active in a ministry or program, consider adding another form of Stewardship Service this year.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the life and work of our church as we strive to grow in relationship with God and one another. In God's name we can build our ministries and programs as a mission-oriented faith community that helps serve the world's needs.

—The Stewardship Commission



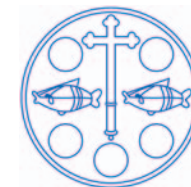
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Faith in challenging times



**embracing our spiritual
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How Your Financial Support Funds St. Philip's Mission, Ministries, and Programs



Worship: St. Philip's varied worship services provide liturgies and music designed to complement worshippers' spiritual journeys.



Evangelism: These ministries provide welcome, hospitality, and connection within and outside our community.

Outreach: Going beyond St. Philip's walls, parishioners strive to do God's work in the world through social, education, and peace and justice ministries.

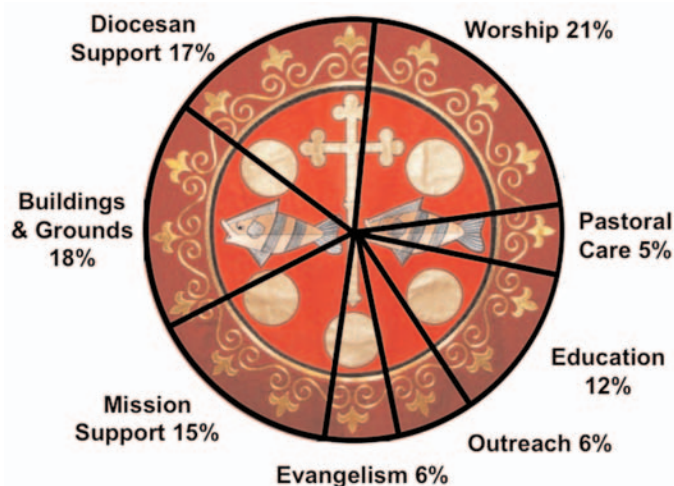


For a church to operate efficiently, administrative and other forms of support are necessary. The following commitments ensure efficient operation of St. Philip's and its programs and ministries. YOUR involvement and financial support are necessary to meet these important commitments to enable St. Philip's to flourish as our church home.

Mission Support: The infrastructure that enables ministries and programs to function at St. Philip's. Included are administrative services, communications, and necessities such as supplies, insurance, and computer support.

Buildings and Grounds: Expenditures that support the operation of our facilities, including utilities, repairs, maintenance, and care of our beautiful campus.

Diocesan Support: Each year St. Philip's contributes a percentage of our budget as our share to support the work of our Diocese and the wider Episcopal Church.



St. Philip's 2011 Budgeted Expenses
Total Budget \$1.53 M



Pastoral Care: Parishioners seek to live Jesus' commandment to love one another through offering caring help for members of our church community and elsewhere in time of need.



Education: To strengthen us to help serve the world's needs, St. Philip's provides spiritual formation, enrichment, and growth for all ages. These include Church School, a wide variety of Sunday Forums and weekday classes and activities, retreats, a library of spiritual resources, and the After School Music and Homework Program.

Note: Program areas include allocated costs for staff time. More detailed budget information is available on the "Latest News" page of St. Philip's web site: www.stphilipstucson.org.