



ALL SAINTS' PARISH PROFILE

Revised - October 2023

Living and Sharing the Gospel of
Jesus Christ

Greetings!

From Our Senior Warden and the Search Committee



Dear Prospective Rector,

We are so happy that you are considering finding a new church home in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina! You can find photos, numbers, and narratives in our profile and OTM, but we hope this letter will help you see more clearly the Holy Spirit resident here at All Saints'.

Cayce is right next to Columbia, SC, but we have our own identity; we feel like a small town, boasting parks along the Congaree River and plenty of great family restaurants. New neighborhoods are springing up as we welcome new neighbors to join us, but our culture remains one of hard work, integrity, and fun. Our church reflects these characteristics. We are a congregation where individuals of all ages pull together as we do the work of liturgy, outreach, and pastoral care. Our individual families intertwine on our parish teams, creating strong bonds and a sense of shared joy. We've seen signs of growth recently and hope to build on these in the future.

We continue to pray with the understanding that it may take a while for the Holy Spirit to bring us together with the right priest for All Saints in this time. We hope that our new priest will bring both their own gifts and the following characteristics:

- *A strong and connective love for God and God's people
- *The desire to share in beautiful liturgy offered to God
- *An understanding that the work we do on the ground is led by the Holy Spirit and requires shared participation
- *An appreciation for our Mid-Century Modern History and our forward-looking dreams

Thank you for your consideration! We are praying for you and your family as you transition, and we ask your prayers for us as we do the same.

Faithfully,

Sr. Warden Mark Gilliam & Search Committee Chair Rebecca Rutherford
for the Vestry and Search Committee of All Saints, Cayce

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

All Saints' seeks a warm, grounded, spirit-filled priest, skilled in pastoral care that who can lead our congregation in growth and development in the 21st Century. We seek a rector who will help continue in our mission of living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The person must be a skillful preacher with a love of liturgy, spiritual guidance, and Christian formation. We are open and flexible to considering a three quarter or bi-vocational person who will minister to our stable, diverse congregation.

We are an inclusive, intergenerational community of various talents, backgrounds, and life lessons. We welcome the curious and the courageous, the seeking and the committed, the forgiving and those in need of forgiveness. We strive to be disciples of Christ who are kind, merciful, and compassionate - in our church community and in the world.

With a strong affection for biblical and Episcopal history, we would like our new rector to share in that passion. We are currently developing a new system of welcoming newcomers and are working on returning to ministries that were critically important prior to Covid.

ALL SAINTS' HISTORY

A group of families traveling great distances in the middle 1950s felt the need for an Episcopal church in the Cayce-West Columbia area. Many local residents were visiting St. John's in Columbia and wondered, "Why not a church in Cayce?" After meeting with the Rector who was very supportive, they were sent to the bishop. However, the bishop was less optimistic and felt an Episcopal church would never succeed in the Cayce-West Columbia area. Nonetheless a small group went door to door and soon had a good following. The seed was planted, God tended His Garden and it grew. In September of 2019, All Saints' Parish celebrated its 60th anniversary.

And so we began. After several meetings in the Brookland-Cayce High School Auditorium, a \$500 donation from St. Martin's-in-the-Field, and a \$100 donation from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, we were well on our way. On August 30, 1959, the first services were held in a building on State Street across from Brookland-Cayce High School. The Rt. Rev. C. Alfred Cole, the Ven. John Pinckney and the Rev. Winfield D. Smith presided. On September 1, 1959, Rev. Smith was appointed Priest-In-Charge. Growth in membership and ministries became evident by early fall of 1960. Therefore, plans were made to start our new and permanent home and so continued God's fulfillment of the desires of His faithful in Cayce. Land was purchased on Twelfth Street and ground was broken in December 1960. On May 28, 1961, the new Chapel-Parish House was used for the first time. Presently, this building serves as our church school rooms, offices, kitchen, and fellowship hall. The building is now known as the Smith Parish House, named in honor of Rev. Winfield Smith, our first rector. The main meeting room in the Smith Parish House is referred to as the Wyndham Room in honor of our first senior warden, Lee T. Wyndham. We used this space for many years as our place of worship. On December 20, 1973, the first service was held in the new sanctuary, built on the adjoining property next to the Smith Parish House.

Twelfth Street is located in Cayce, South Carolina, on the west side of the Congaree River, adjoining South Carolina's capital city, Columbia, on the eastern side. It is less than three miles from the State House, the downtown business section, the University of South Carolina's main campus and the Diocesan House of Upper South Carolina.

In 1981 our All Saints' mission statement, *Living and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ*, was adopted, expressing our purpose as a parish. The statement grew out of work by our various groups and is used as a standard for our policies, programs, and lives as members of the Body of Christ.

In 1991, the first stained glass window was installed in the west wall over the narthex and in the eight smaller windows in the nave. All are dedicated in honor of faithful servants of All Saints'. In 1994, the Columbarium was dedicated. The south side window was installed and dedicated in 1996. In the late 1990s, the All Saints' Prayer Garden was designed and dedicated to the members of All Saints' Church. In November 2009, our 50th Anniversary, the third stained glass window was installed and dedicated. Plans for an internment area began in 2003. Installed in May 2011, Mel's Bell, gifted in remembrance of former senior warden, Melton Lewis Priester, rings out each Sunday before and after our 10:30 am service.

All Saints' Pollinator Garden is our most recent addition to the church grounds. Stemming from our youth Sunday school class, The Stewardship of Creation Series, it has acted as a unifying agent between youth and other parishioners in the sowing, planting, maintenance, and general honoring of God's creation.

ALL SAINTS' CAYCE IN THIS MOMENT

Like many mainline Protestant churches, All Saints' Cayce finds itself, in the spring of 2023, with a foot in each of two realities. On one hand, we are an active, Gospel-centered Christian community striving through worship, formation and service to live a Gospel life. On the other hand, we struggle with decreases in membership, attendance, finances and with aging facilities. However, the bottom line is that we are confident in our devotion to our parish and to one another. We look forward to the future with the challenges and opportunities it brings.

The Covid pandemic was a special hurdle. Closed totally for months, All Saints' decided not to invest financially in the equipment needed to set up virtual worship. For many, Sunday worship consisted of gathering around the dining room table, following the Book of Common Prayer, and sharing the sermon that was sent by email. Other team functions were conducted via Zoom and with the Diocese's guidance, we have gradually reopened to pre-Covid levels of activities. Our revenue dropped during this time, as did attendance once we reopened. Forced separation was especially difficult for our small, family-size parish. Fortunately, there was a minimum of disagreement about how to adhere to Covid guidelines and mercifully, we had no deaths attributed to the virus. Still, the impact was great. Ministries such as our prison work, Vacation Bible School and volunteerism at a nearby center for the homeless, have not yet fully resumed.

All Saints' remains a determined force. Even with our small numbers, we sustain liturgy and music that is planned and dignified. Five teams meet regularly to serve as good stewards: Facilities, Spiritual Life, Christian Formation, Stewardship, and Parish Life. We continue to support local ministries through clothing and food donations. Three of our teens attended the Episcopal Youth Event of the national church this summer. Our representation at Diocesan events is strong. Seven individuals were confirmed or received this May during Bishop Richard's visit in May.

All Saints' embraces diversity, and we welcome people from all walks of life while supporting one another. We completed the Sacred Ground program in 2022. We learned how to be better followers of Christ and aware of other groups in our community. There are many

instances of the parish reaching out to parishioners who may be sick, losing the capability to live on their own, or in any type of crisis. When conflict arises, we handle it thoughtfully, in confidence and with a prayerful approach. We delight in our young people and seek to support and guide them in finding opportunities for their growth in the life of Christ.

Our music ministry is led by our choir director and organist. We sing and enjoy classical and customary Anglican selections with a sprinkle of contemporary hymns occasionally. Our congregation appreciates the special arrangements our choir shares each Sunday. In July, we honor the talent of the great Johann Sebastian Bach with a Sunday full of his compositions. Each year in the fall, we gather in the garden to celebrate Music in the Garden, a chance for other parishioners with musical talents to share their gifts and fundraise for our youth music scholarship program. Another ministry within All Saints' is our handbells who ring with joy and gladness monthly.

We have just closed a dozen years of successful shared leadership and collaboration with our retired rector. We are mindful that God has richly blessed us, both as individuals and as a community. We look forward to continuing the work of the Kingdom with new leadership, rooted in the Bible and our Episcopal traditions.

ALL SAINTS': OUR COMMUNITY

Cayce can best be described as a city of 'Southern Hospitality' that prides itself on family values. Here you will find good manners, good food, beautiful natural scenery, draped in significant colonial history, in the 3rd fastest growing state in America. You can visit the 1700s on an archaeological dig along the banks of the Congaree or witness the latest youthful trends in the university students that will float by on the Saluda as they escape the infamous southern heat. The city, just 3 miles outside of the capital of Columbia and home to about 14,000, has become known as the 3 Rivers Area (the Broad and the Saluda form the Congaree). The Three Rivers Greenway Project boasts over 12 miles of scenic river access for all your outdoor recreation desires, and if you don't find it along the banks of the river, Lake Murray has over 50,000 acres to explore. With the Blue Ridge Mountains only 3 hours to the north and 187 miles of beautiful coastline about the same distance south, the 'Midlands' of South Carolina affords both climates and cultures.

Speaking of cultures, much more is offered than the Koger Center for the Arts or the SC State Museum. You can experience West African culture with a visit to the Gullah Geechee people along the southern coast or learn how American Indians lived prior to European settlers by visiting the Catawba Indian Nation in the piedmont region to the north. In the Midlands, you are sure to be exposed to 'Gamecock Culture', especially in football season as Williams-Brice Stadium fills to capacity to watch the University of SC team compete. In the off season, it might be the cheers for the Lady Gamecocks you hear as they win another NCAA Championship at the Colonial Life Arena. With all that Cayce has to offer, All Saints' is the only Episcopal Church in the Cayce-West Metro area, and we are conveniently located directly across from Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. Our coffee hours rival only the company we keep. Come join us!

ALL SAINTS' ON THE RECORD

As of 2021, Cayce's population is 13,969 people. Since 2000, it has had a population growth of 6.9 percent. The median resident age is 35.5 years and median household income is

\$52,713. The median property value in Cayce is \$128,300. Compared to the rest of the country, Cayce's cost of living index is 20.9% lower than the U.S. average. The unemployment rate in Cayce is 3.7%.

Based on our 2022 parochial report, the average Sunday attendance is 40. We have 80 active participants consisting of 21 pledging units and 8 giving (non-pledging) units. Our annual budget for 2023 is \$144,139.

In our congregation, we have celebrated 10 Baptisms and 11 Confirmations over the past 5 years. We have joined in the celebrations of 2 marriages. We have also mourned the loss of 25 beloved members.

Our church is located on a large lot with plenty of room for expansion and is on a main thoroughway in Cayce. Our grounds and facilities are sixty years old and are structurally sound with some improvements needed in the near future. We have no debt and are fiscally responsible. Our needs are met and we use our gifts wisely. We desire someone who understands our nature and will share in keeping us centered in Christ.

ALL SAINTS' OUTLOOK

All Saints' Church is a multifaceted mixture of professionals, tradesmen, and retirees. We are a mature congregation consisting of over 50% retirees. Our parish is a blend of various education levels and talents who travel to All Saints' for weekly services. 48% of our congregants have attended for more than twenty years and 30.7% between 6-20 years. Most attended our 10:30am service which is Rite II. The majority sought out All Saints' due to its proximity to their home and it being the closet Episcopal church in the area, noting the welcoming atmosphere. Altar guild, lay ministries, music and ushering are our current strengths. We are seeking to strengthen our Christian Formation offerings, communications including our social media presence, and outreach opportunities.

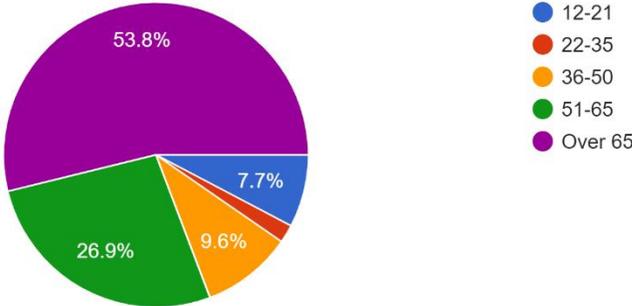
SURVEY RESULTS

52 surveys were completed.

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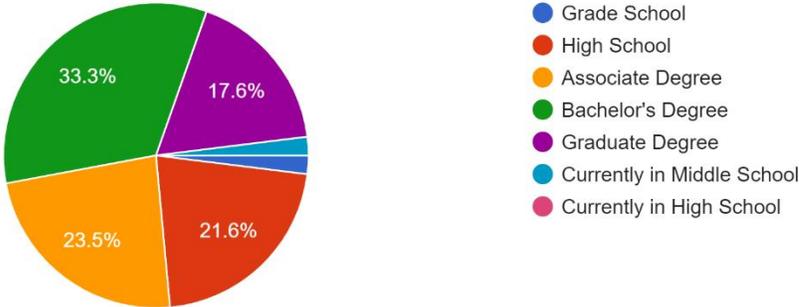
What is your age range?

52 responses



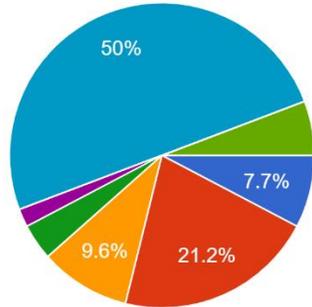
Highest education level attained to date:

51 responses



Occupational Status

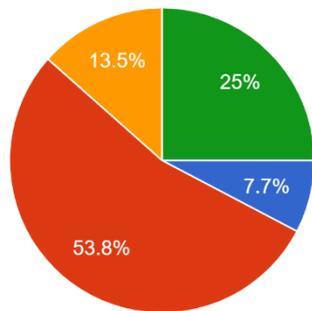
52 responses



- Employed
- Full Time
- Part Time
- Self Employed
- Homemaker
- Retired
- Unemployed
- Student or Not in Labor Market

Resident Status

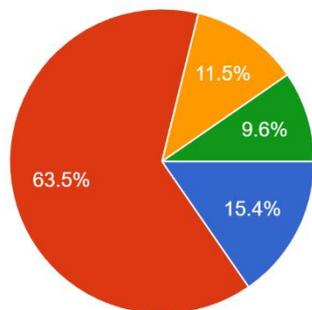
52 responses



- Cayce
- West Columbia
- Lexington
- Other

Travel: How long does it take to get to All Saints' from your home?

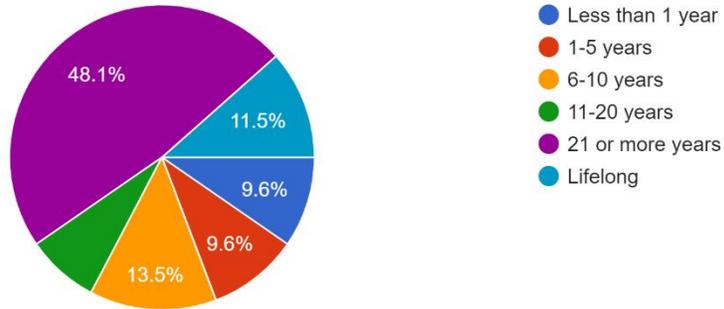
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- Less than 10 minutes
- 11-20 minutes
- 21-30 minutes
- Greater than 30 minutes

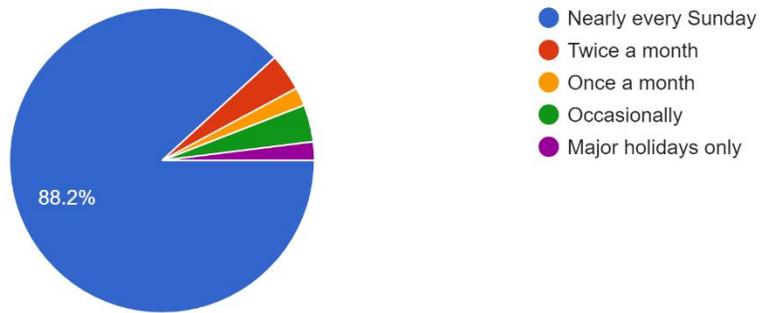
a. How many years have you been coming to All Saints'?

52 responses



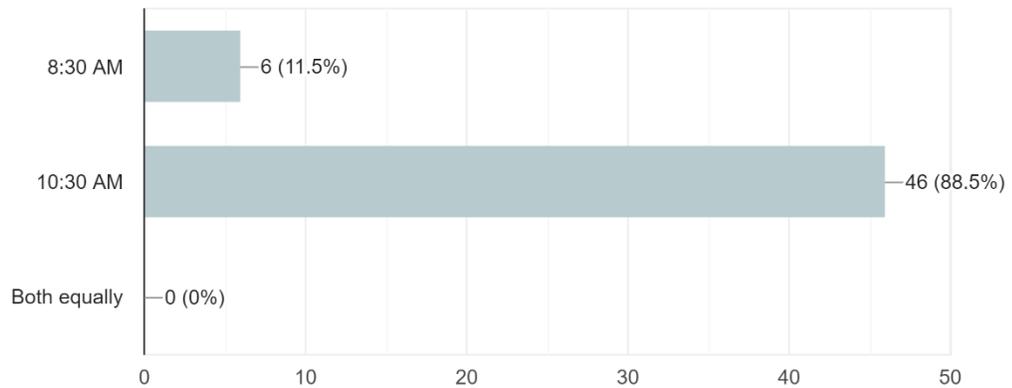
b. On average, how frequently do you attend church worship services?

51 responses

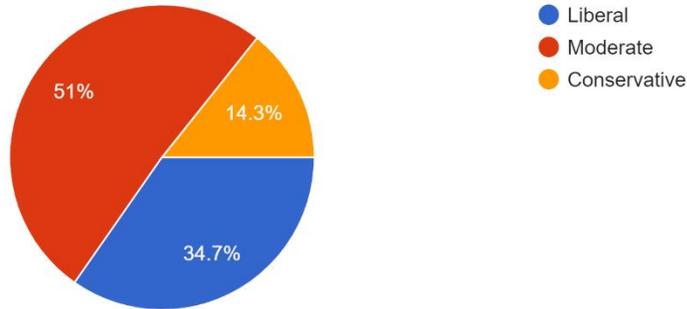


c. Which service(s) do you usually attend?

52 responses



d. Do you consider yourself theologically:
49 responses



What brought you to All Saints' Church? Identify top 3 (rank accordingly, with #1 being most important).

Choice #1
52 responses



▲ 1/2 ▼

Choice #2
37 responses



▲ 1/2 ▼

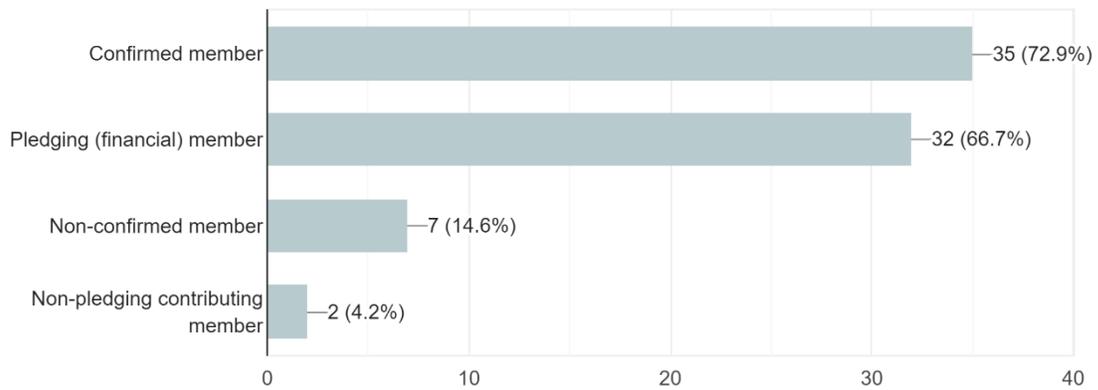
Choice #3

31 responses



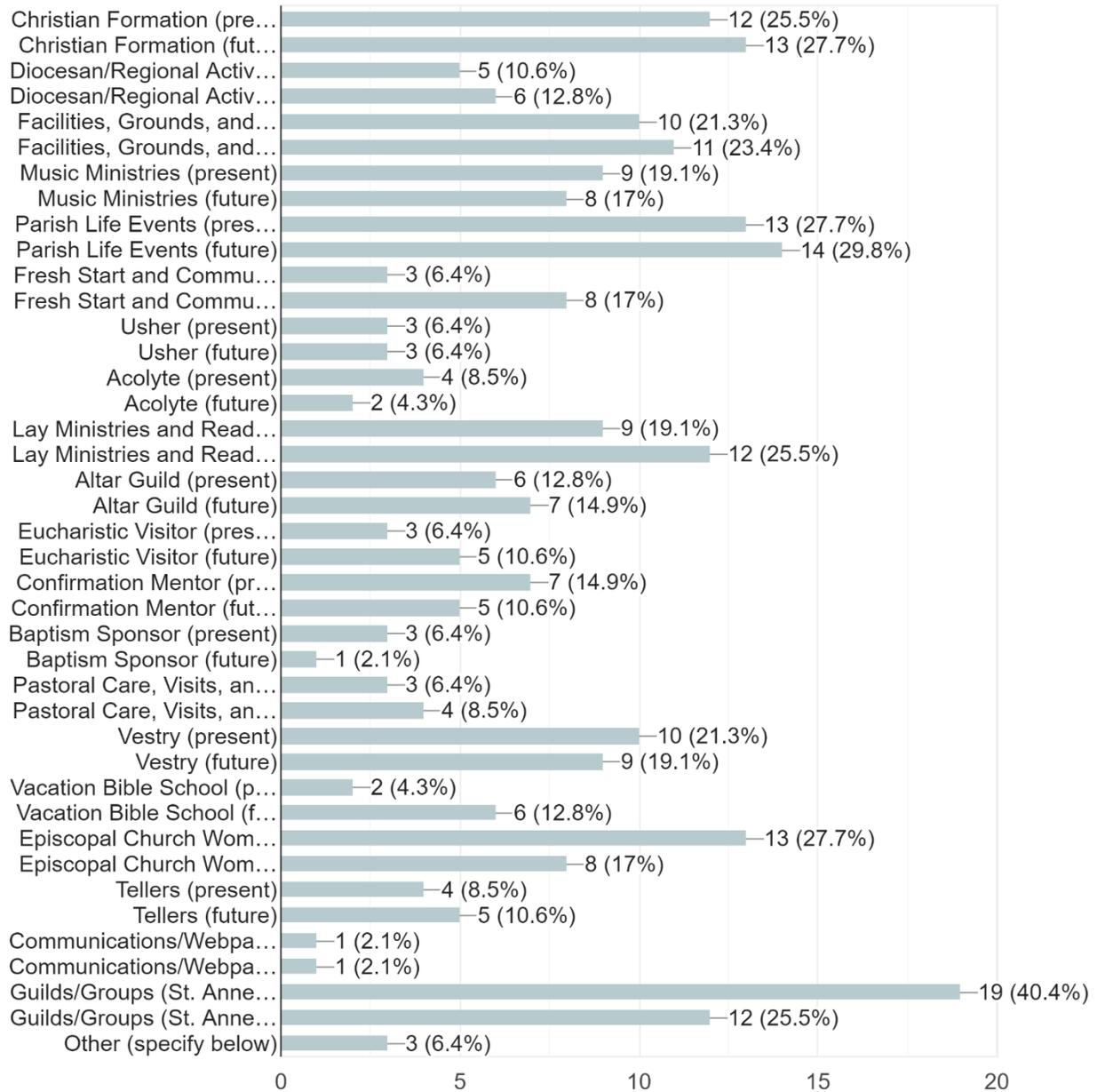
f. Membership status (check all that apply)

48 responses



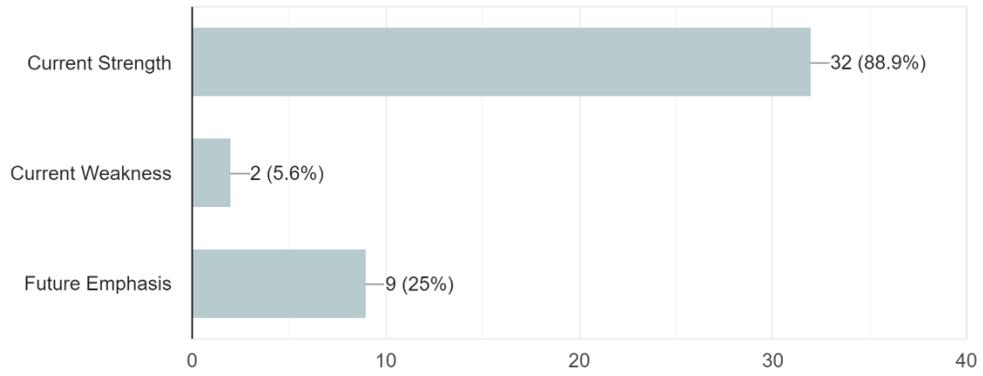
a. Please indicate your present and future involvement in the various aspects of life with All Saints' Church (check all that apply)

47 responses



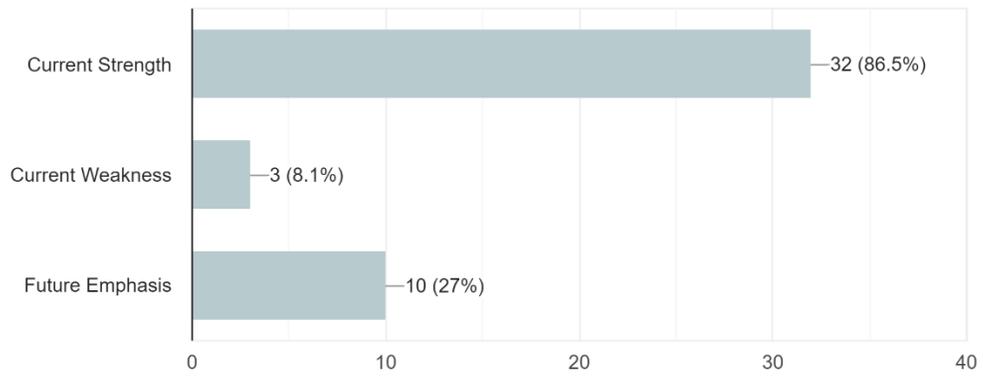
Lay Ministries and Readers

36 responses



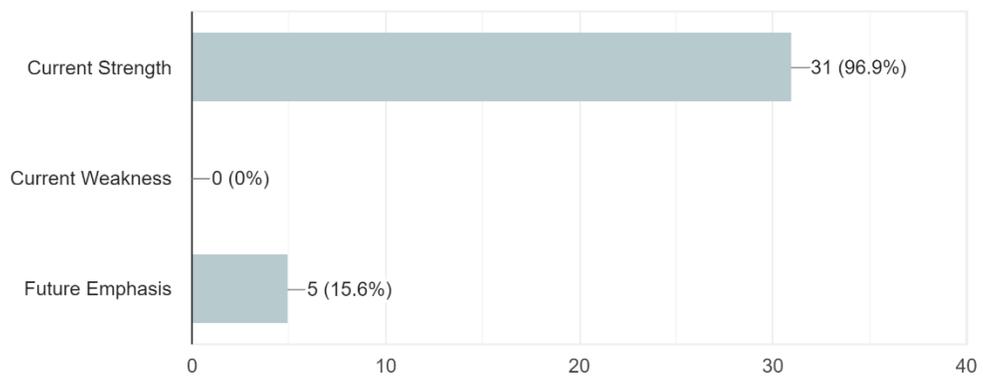
Music Ministries

37 responses



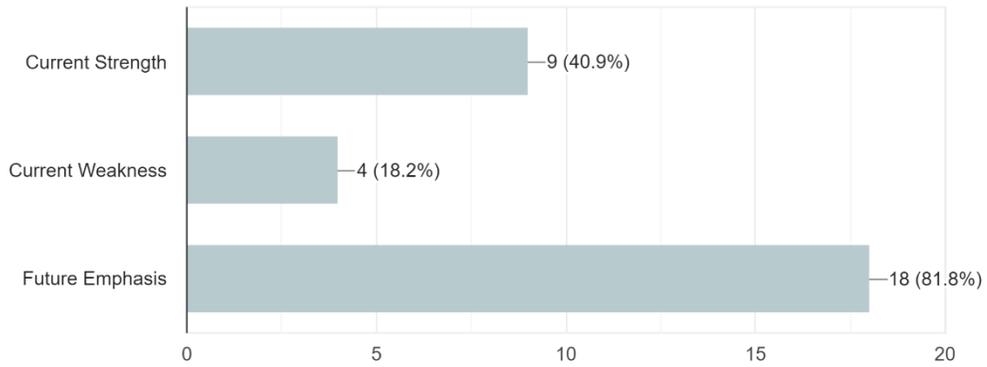
Altar Guild

32 responses



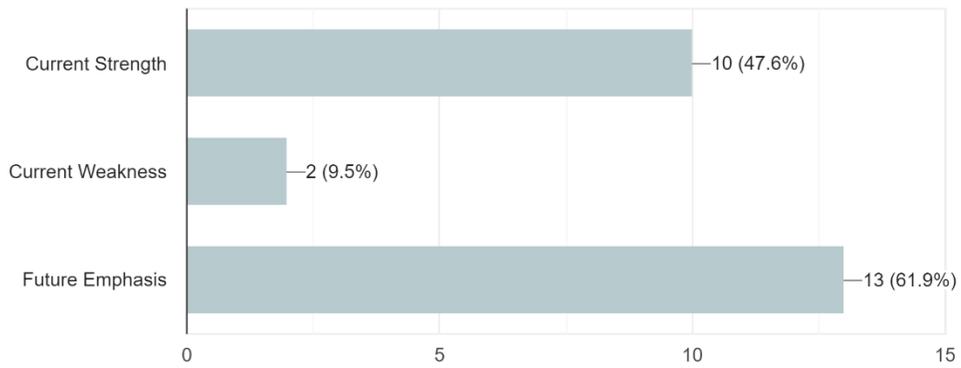
Christian Formation (Adult)

22 responses



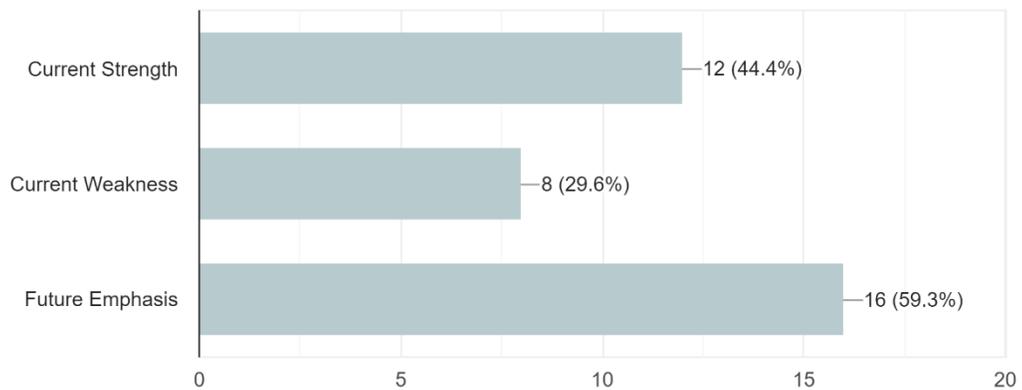
Outreach Program with Time and Talents

21 responses

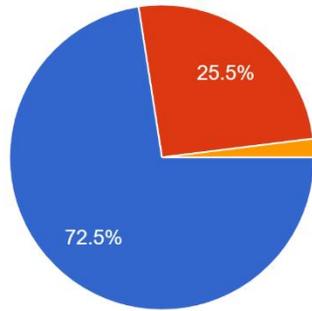


Communications/Webpage/Social Media

27 responses

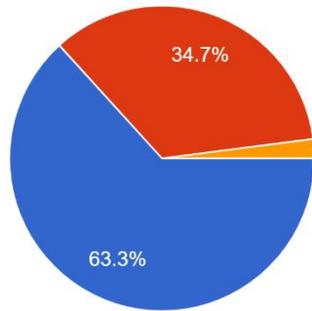


Eucharist
51 responses



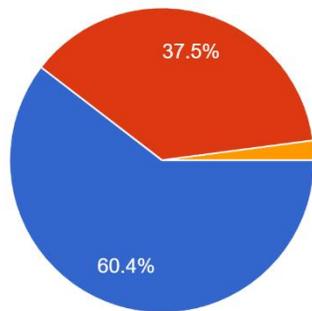
- 1 (most important)
- 2 (important)
- 3 (least important)

Sermon
49 responses



- 1 (most important)
- 2 (important)
- 3 (least important)

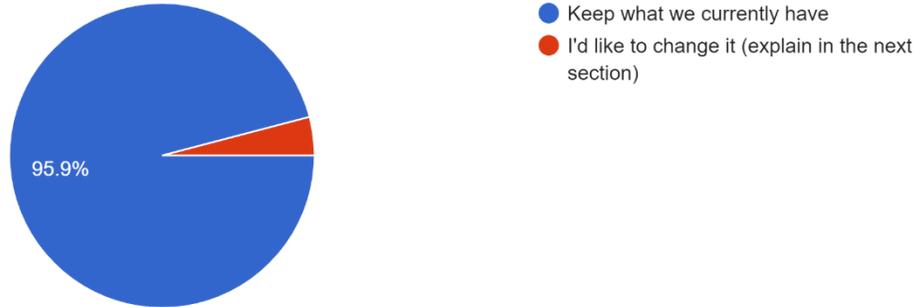
Liturgy
48 responses



- 1 (most important)
- 2 (important)
- 3 (least important)

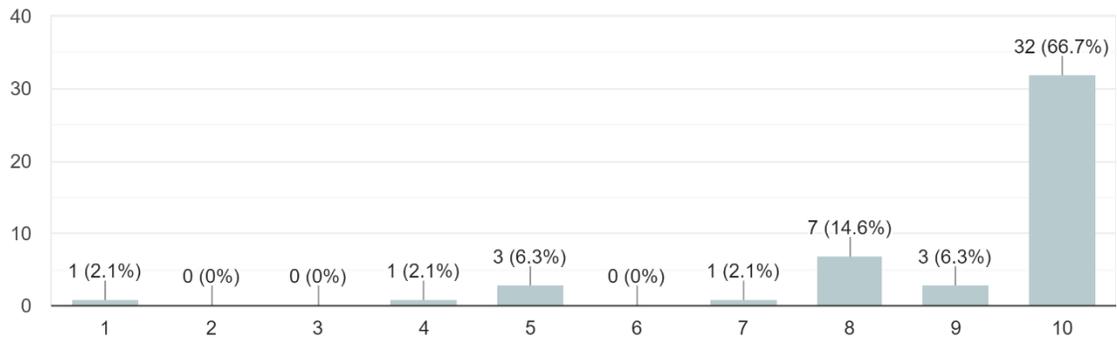
c. Time for worship (currently 8:30 and 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist and 11:30 AM Youth Christian Formation). Please check only one:

49 responses



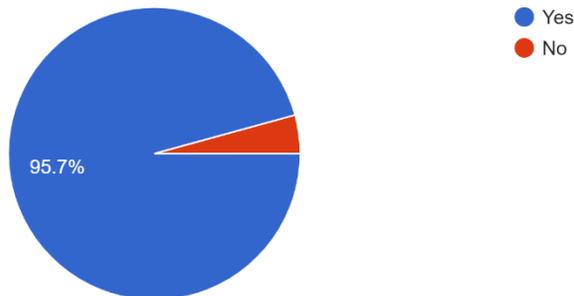
d. Music: On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with the parish's music program, including the style of the service music?

48 responses



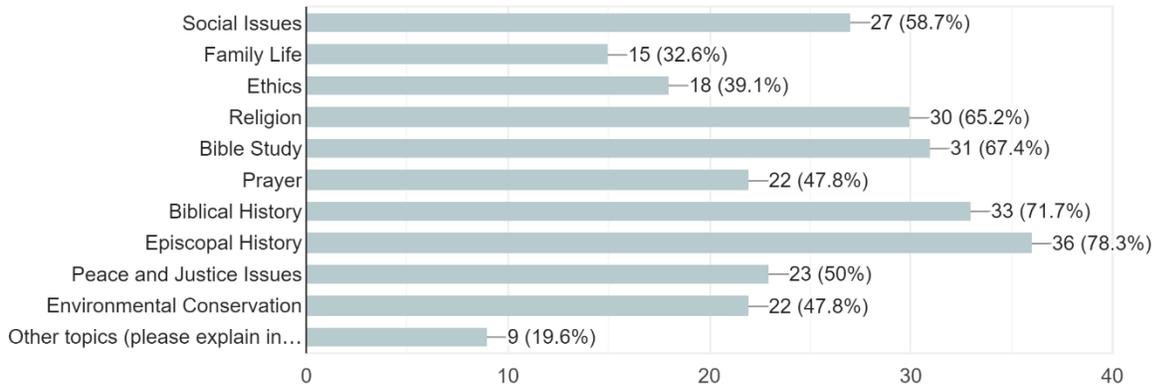
Do you like having music during communion?

47 responses



b. Topics for Christian Formation: Would you be interested in topics that include: (Check all that apply)

46 responses



The Rector and You

