



Dear Dan & Anna,

Thank you!

Thank you for being part of a distinctive community. The community you are part of is amazing, for our presence defies the common news story. The common news story is that people are abandoning their commitments to church. The common news story is that people are not going to church any more. The common news story is that churches are dying.

Well, that is not the reality of this community, the Cathedral Parish of St. Philip! Oh, I acknowledge that church life is changing, for many, across our land. And, I also acknowledge that dying is not always a bad thing! (Dying is part of our Christian tradition.)

But I am also thrilled to declare that our community, the community that you and I are a part of, here at the Cathedral Parish of St. Philip, is not dying, is not losing members, is not dwindling.

Just this past Sunday, we had over 900 people attending services, including 79 children at Children's Chapel. Two weeks before that, we had almost 1,000 worshippers. Our Saturday Cathedral Farmers Market closed its season this past Saturday, averaging over 5,000 visitors and customers a week.

You can read about further distinctions in this year's Annual Parish Report. Wow! We have transformed our Cathedral Towers legacy into a way to give away tremendous annual grants for low-income senior housing. We have begun construction on a dramatic Good Faith Chapel, providing a new form for our prayer in the next generation.

Thank you! You are the reason this parish is thriving and loving!

I write this letter to give thanks for you; but I also ask that you try to fulfill your generous pledges of financial support. We need money, every year, to fulfill God's mission here, a mission of loving and serving in the name of Jesus Christ. And we need much of that financial generosity in December, the last month of the year.

Can you give generously here at the end of the year? Thank you! Your gift makes this community secure, and it seals your commitment and love here, part of a truly amazing and distinguished community.

Blessing and Distinction to you!



The Very Reverend Samuel G. Candler  
Dean of the Cathedral of St. Philip

## Your 2024 pledge and balance:

- 2024 Pledge: \$
- 2024 Contributions: \$
- 2024 Balance: \$0.00

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*PS: The treasurer has just informed me of the amount of money the Cathedral needs to balance our end-of year finances. That figure is \$1,400,000. It's a lot of money, but we can get there with your contribution. Your gift, small or large, is critical for us! Please join our efforts to grow in new life together! Thank you!*

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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