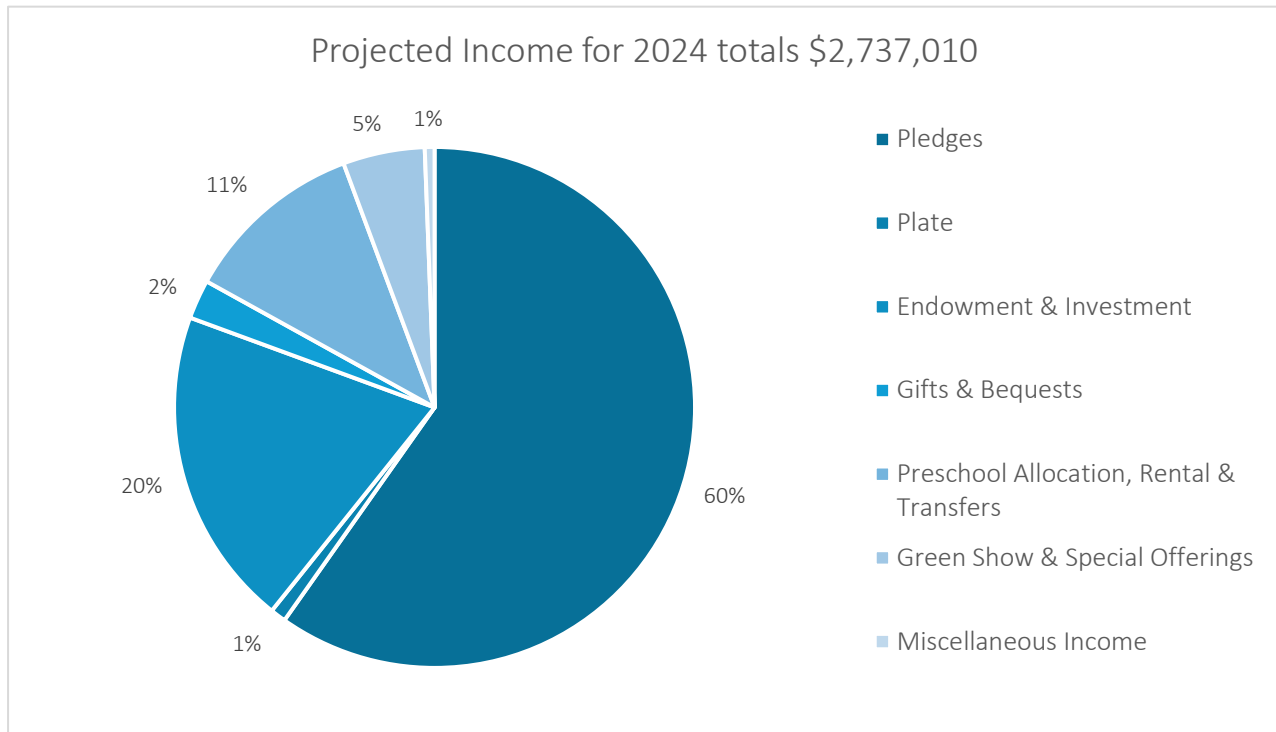


Where our Giving Goes



At Christ Church, each year the vestry votes on a ministry budget, with income from three principal sources:

- **the giving of our members** by their pledged offerings, plate or designated offerings in worship, and support for the Green Show;
- **the legacy gifts** in endowment funds and gifts or bequests from trusts;
- **the annual cost allocation** from Christ Church Episcopal Preschool, rental income from two residences, and transfers from designated accounts, like for flower memorials at Christmas and Easter or for concerts.



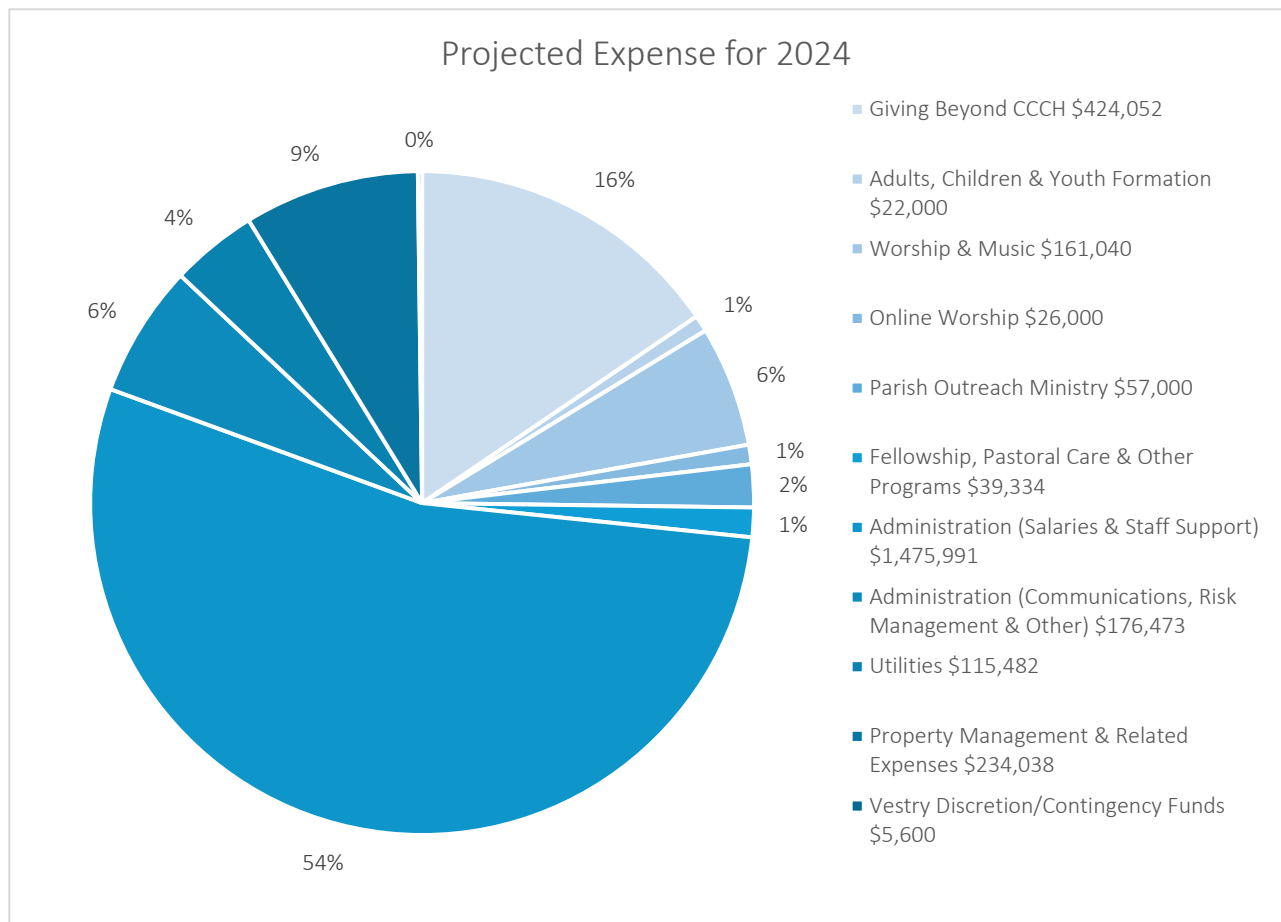
The vestry also approves a plan and budget for capital projects each year, designed by the property committee and funded by a \$95,000 contribution from the ministry budget and income from the dedicated endowment established in 2006 by a capital campaign. The annual spending for these projects is around \$150,000 and can include the removal and replacement of trees, HVAC system improvements, and this year, the lighting in the church, replacing the controls damaged a decade ago by a lightning strike. Pesky problems like a leaking roof are funded from this separate budget.

The annual budget and quarterly reports on its management may be found on the parish website.

The treasurer and finance committee collaborate with the rector and her staff each year to develop a proposal for the vestry to determine the expenses budgeted each year to sustain our ministry. The finance committee and vestry hold the following priorities for funding:

- We are called to growth, strengthening the congregation with new members (including families with young children and youth) who also work, pray, and give for the spread of God’s kingdom.
- We do outreach. We want to make an impact in the local community and in the Dominican Republic, both with funding and with time and talent.
- We take care of the buildings and grounds that have been handed on to us so that we can carry out our ministry today and preserve this sacred space for the next generation.
- We have a preschool to nurture and form young children in the Episcopal tradition. It is an essential ministry of this parish family.
- We invest in music for worship, which is part of our congregation’s identity and is funded in large measure by a history of endowment contributions and bequests.
- We live in a culture that leans toward excellence. There is an expectation that things are well taken care of and tastefully done.

The priorities we hold help us craft the expenses that support our strategic plan, sustain and strengthen us in faith, hope, and love as we follow Jesus Christ together and reach out in service to others.



This is the ministry we share as Christ Church Christiana Hundred—a place for inspiration, celebration, sharing, service, and worship where all are welcome!