

Dear Friends,

I often hear from guests and out of town friends, "Oh your church is SO beautiful!" We truly are deeply blessed to have inherited a wonderful space in which to worship, pray, and serve. Christ Church has been a place where many people have been blessed for many years with many fond memories.

And to whom much is given, much is expected.

While Christ Church has faithfully invested in outreach and in building up our community, it is now time for us to invest in our physical space: the place where we are restored, renewed and refreshed together.

Landmark Slate is a company who is known not only for the quality of their workmanship but for maintaining the integrity of a church's original architectural vision. Their work will **preserve** the beauty of our church, **prevent** us from spending more money by doing timely repairs (repairing is always less costly than replacing), and **provide** us with a worship space that future generations will enjoy just as we do today. Our Campaign seeks to replenish the maintenance funds from which these repairs will be paid.

I hope you'll prayerfully consider how you may be called to participate in our Building Renewal Campaign so that together, we can faithfully Lift High The Cross.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Matt Oprendek



Christ Church Is ...

Loving God

Rooted in God's love, we worship in a way that honors our tradition while remaining relevant and meaningful.

Loving One Another

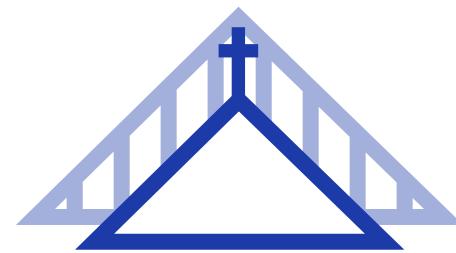
Reinforced by friendship and caring support, we nurture a community that helps us remember we belong to one another and to God.

Loving All People

Reaching out with hope, we act with kindness and mercy, both locally and around the world to promote healing and justice.

Empowered By the Spirit

We share the good news of Jesus Christ who restores all people to the God of Love.



**CHRIST CHURCH
GARDEN CITY**
A PLACE TO LOVE

Lift High The Cross

The Building Renewal Campaign at Christ Episcopal Church



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The Love of Christ Proclaim

There is no greater symbol of our faith, our hope, and our Christian witness than our steeple. It literally lifts high the cross above our tree-lined neighborhood. Beneath that steeple there is a beautiful sanctuary where we continue to baptize and confirm those whom we love, and where we celebrate our joys and mourn our losses.



As Thou Hast Promised ...

As we continue to love God and one another, our steeple also needs our love and repair ... along with the supporting pillars, all our windows, and other exterior surfaces.

Because God is faithful to us, we want to be faithful to God ... and the place where we gather to give thanks and worship.

The Vestry has approved a series of repairs to be undertaken by our church preservation contractor who has done beautiful work on other historic churches. The total cost of these restoration projects (including protecting our sanctuary's stained glass windows) will exceed \$50,000.

Deteriorated Stucco

needs to be refinished to avoid weather damage and water intrusion



Decayed Pillars

made from solid wood need specialized reinforcement before they collapse



Destructive Squirrels in our Steeple

have been removed, but they damaged both interior and exterior walls of the steeple



Degraded Windows and Grates



with steel reinforcements have rusted and deteriorated and need repair, repainting, and replacing

Draw The World To Thee

Although the expense of undertaking these repairs is great, we know the generosity of our members and friends is even greater. When we think about the next generation, we pray Christ Church will continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ, who restores all people to the God of Love.



The following pledge levels will ensure we can invest in these much-needed repairs. **Each pledge of support may be spread across three years** or given all at once. For example, a \$500 pledge over 3 years (36 months) equals a gift of \$13.89 a month. We only need 5 Steeple Lifters and 10 Window Installers to reach our goal. What level are you able to invest to help Lift High The Cross?

Steeple Lifter \$5000

Window Installer \$2500

Pillar Builder \$1000

Stucco Restorer \$500

General Supporter (for other amounts)

More detailed descriptions of the scope of the work, the precise repairs, and cost estimates are available upon request from the church office.