

Gloria Dei Church (Old Swedes')

Annual Meeting

May 1, 2022

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AGENDA

May 1, 2022
Annual Parish Liturgy and Meeting

10:00am Service

10:45am Service concludes

Meeting officially opens, 2021 minutes approved

Welcome Prayer and introduction by Rev. Koshy Mathews

Search Update by Jaime Konowal

Weddings at Gloria Dei by Candace Roberts

Missions Report by Jill Duink

Vestry announcement by Jaime Konowal

Closing remarks and prayer by Rev. Koshy Mathews

APPROVAL OF 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Gloria Dei Annual Meeting - Minutes May 2, 2021, After 10:00 Service

The meeting was both in-person and livestreamed.

10:50: Call to Order and Opening Prayer - Koshy Mathews, Interim Rector

Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

Jim Ufheil asked that the Minutes be corrected to include the following: "Lisa Reeves agreed to serve another term due to Peggy Buescher's resignation."

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Elections

Richard Woehr, Judge of Elections, announced that as there are not more people running for Vestry and Convention/Deanery Delegates than there are openings available and so we elected all candidates by acclamation.

Settlement Music School Scholarship

Eric Sanchez won this year's scholarship.

Interim Rector's Report Summary - Koshy Mathews

Gloria Dei is a worshipping and serving community. We can't have one without the other. We worship one day a week and the rest are for service. Once the worship is ended the service begins. We are only able to do this as we abide in Christ and love each other.

Gloria Dei has accomplished quite a lot during this year of dealing with Covid-19 restrictions. We have stayed faithful in worshipping together by streaming, by Zoom, and in person. We have also continued with our mission and teaching.

Senior Warden's Report Summary - Jim Ufheil

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, CONFIRMATIONS, DEATHS

Baptisms: Felicity Kathleen Johnson, Emma May Thompson, Adeline Monroe Dickinson,
Theodore Joseph Liberi, Kabir Jacob Mathews

Marriages: Leigh Jenkins & Manuel Fernandez

Deaths: Matilda Nelson, Peg Berich, Donna Leva-Braun, Charlotte Jenkins, Anne Blackstone,
Susan McGonagle, Michele Tremblay

RECTOR REPORT – Rev. Koshy Mathews

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia! This is how we begin our worship services during these days of Eastertide. Easter is a celebration of life, the inherent goodness of life itself. We celebrated Easter with great exuberance in our beloved Church with beautiful music, the ringing of bells, and the liturgy of the renewal of baptism. Easter is the victory of life over death. It is not just a one-time thing. It is every day. Bishop Barbara Harris once said, "we are an Easter people living in a Good Friday world." Life-negating forces surround us, but our default setting is always life, which is God's intention.

In the past two years, we have gone through some traumatic experiences: a worldwide pandemic, BLM demonstrations across our land, and the Capitol Building insurrection, to name just a few. We are like the disciples, traumatized, whiplashed, and confused. We, too, find it hard to respond to Jesus' greetings of shalom the first time around in our time. Does Jesus' victory over death mean the end of death-dealing forces? War in Ukraine is raging as we speak. Authoritarianism and nationalism are challenging democracies. I believe our struggle against evil forces will continue, but not alone and not on our own, as in the past. Easter tells us that Jesus is going ahead of us in this mission, leading us and walking in solidarity with us. As Dorothy acknowledges in the classic movie, Wizard of Oz, "we are not in Kansas anymore," we too are in a new place. God is doing a new thing in our midst. We must resist our tendency to go back to our old normalcy. Neither nostalgia for our "glorious" past nor holding on to our grievances from the past plays a role in our new beginning. Our new normalcy begins with the ministry of forgiveness, just as Jesus charged the early disciples after giving them an infusion of the Breath of God, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This Sunday, May 1st, we will gather for our Annual Congregational Meeting following our Sunday morning worship service. It will be my second one at Gloria Dei. We will hear reports of how God has engaged us in God's ministry at Gloria Dei at this meeting. We will say God's blessing on those retiring from the Vestry and elect new members to fill the spots vacated by the retiring members. The hopes and dreams we envisioned and discerned as God's future for us are clearly and succinctly expressed in the profile report presented at the Annual Meeting. On behalf of the Church, we thank each of you who serves on the profile committee.

The most important thing we, as a church, do every week is our Sunday morning worship. I am happy to report that we did not miss a single day of Church due to the pandemic. We strictly followed the protocols CDC and the City of Philadelphia recommended and required each time we met. We worshiped safely and responsibly. And throughout the pandemic, we also kept our online presence. The only time we canceled Sunday morning worship was due to inclement weather while I was on vacation. We thank our dedicated Altar Guild, whose diligent and meticulous work made our altar the most inviting place. Thanks to Cathy

Ufheil (the chair), Jeanette Woehr, and Barbara Potts. Another integral part of common worship is reading lessons and leading intercessory prayers. We are blessed with this team of twelve amazing Lectors and Intercessors whose love for scriptures and prayers is evident in how they do their ministry. Thanks to each of you.

Most first-time visitors decide if they will return in the first 10 minutes. So, one can imagine the importance of ushering at our Sunday worship services. Huge thanks go to our most faithful and dedicated Ushers: Jim Ufheil, Bob Jenkins, Mark Roberts, and Nils vanAmers. I see Richard Woehr too ushering sometimes. You are the first people a visitor would come across when they come to Church. Your ministry was even more crucial in the last two years of the pandemic.

Another thing we appreciate when we come to worship is to receive that crispy bulletin. Thanks to Bob Jenkins or Mark Roberts for printing them. By the way, before the bulletins are sent for printing, Cathy Ufheil does the final proofing. Thank you, Cathy, for all you do to ensure that our Sunday morning Eucharistic services are orderly. Music sets the tone of our worship services. With Paul Fejko playing the organ, we seldom think of the lack of a choir or professional musicians helping with our singing. Paul's nimble hands on the organ lift our spirits and set the tone of our joyful gathering. Our Sunday morning service is not over until we have a beautiful and often ebullient postlude, a mini-concert by Paul. Thank you, Paul, for all you do to make our services lively and vibrant. Whenever we have special services or services on high holydays, our already beautiful Church is appropriately decorated for the occasion. Carol Jenkins is the go-to person for this beautiful ministry. Thank you to Carol Jenkins, Jeanette Woehr, and Cathy Ufheils for your lovely touch.

Tuesday Evensong with Bible Study provided another opportunity for worship. Thank you, Jamie Konowal, for your technical support. Evensong participants are grateful to Jim Minacci for his leadership in seeing that this service is inclusive and contextually present. Paul Fejko regularly provides the most fantastic music for this service. It is quite an experience. Evensong draws an average of 8 to 10 people each week.

Our ministry to the sick and home-bound, under Megan Bartlett's leadership, is now again more organized. The Lay Eucharistic Ministry team includes Lisa Reeves, Christine Pickup, and Jeanette Woehr. Special thanks to Megan for her faithful running of the Prayer Chain ministry by listing the names of the sick every week to those who are in the Prayer Chain. Thanks to each of you for your service to our fellow members who are home-bound.

For a church to be, it needs to be an inviting, forming, sending and serving entity. Our hospitality would bring people into the Church. Once people are in Church, they are informed and formed through worship and education. When we gather for worship weekly in Church on Sunday mornings or for Evensong on Tuesday, we not only worship our God but also learn about faith. It is through worship we come to believe and grow in faith. So far this year, we did three baptisms during our worship services. Each time we do baptisms, we renew our baptismal covenant, which our parents and godparents did on our behalf when we were small. Each of our Sunday morning rituals has a purpose, and each one provides our people an opportunity for faith development.

Faith formation is also achieved through small group book studies. This past year we gathered to study Presiding Bishop Curry's book, *Love is the Way*, led by Jill Drink, and Henry Nouwen's book, *The Life of the*

Beloved, led by Megan Bartlett. Thank you both for your passion for conducting these studies. Thanks to Jaime Konowal and Nora Melley for providing the Zoom link to make this group's studies possible during the pandemic. The zoom made it easier for us to come together to study and to have fellowship. To prepare our teens for Confirmation, we followed the Confirm Not Conform syllabus. It is a joy for me to co-teach this class with Megan Bartlett. We're grateful to Jill Drink for challenging us to write Advent Reflections, which she then compiled to make a booklet and distributed to members of the Church for Advent meditation.

Our outreach ministry to Mercy Hospice is going strong under the leadership of Jill Drink. Church made special collections during Advent and Lent to buy gift cards for Christmas and Recovery Books for the residents of Mercy Hospice. In addition, a group from the Church provided a meal for the residents at the Hospice. Our outreach this past year went beyond the borders as well. Amy Grant came up with an idea involving our members in a mission project to help disadvantaged students affected by Covid. These students were from Church Mission Society College in Kerala, India. Proceeds from selling Rakhis to our members provided the funds needed for the project. Rakhi is a wrist band that sisters tie on the wrist of their brothers for their protection and well-being. It serves as a symbol of mutual care among siblings. Using this concept, Amy Grant and Candy Roberts wrote a grant proposal as a way to be engaged in a mission overseas during Covid. The proposal was such a hit. The World Mission Commission liked the proposal and awarded this Gloria Dei the grant. This effort generated \$5000 for the mission project, and it helped 50 disadvantaged students in India. Members of the committee also got to speak to the students from India on Zoom.

Gloria Dei continued to be a place of welcome and hospitality to our neighbors and tourists from far. The historical aspect of our Church draws people to the campus. We also held a Pet Blessing event on Saint Francis Day last year as in previous years. Many neighbors brought their pets and received the blessing from the priest. Thanks to Cathy Ufheil for her commitment to making this outreach to the community a reality. Thanks also go to Jim Ufheil and the Minaccis for their help organizing the event and Paul Fejko for the joyful musical accompaniment.

We have held a couple of holy listening sessions during this past year before forming a profile committee in January. One was led by the Rev. Bud Holland and the other by the Rev. Barbara Abbott. Both sessions were well attended. Thank you, Megan Bartlett, for organizing and working hard to make this happen.

Extravagant Generosity Stewardship of resources comes in time, talent, and treasure. The sign of a fruit-bearing church is the attitude of abundance. We see ourselves as abundantly blessed by God, and we live that sense of abundance in the Way we give to the Church in different ways. I think of our members coming from far and near to tend to the Church. The Church is grateful to the Property Committee headed by Mark Roberts for seeing that our property is well maintained. Recently, our Church underwent some major pipe repairs. Mark had to get involved in the work physically. Special thanks to Mark for all the work he does in our Church. We thank HGDPC, headed by Candace Roberts, for its work getting a grant to do some much-needed work on Riverside Hall and the Church. Thank you, Candy, for your tireless effort in putting together our Wedding Business Plan. Hopefully, it will be approved by the appropriate committees of the Diocese soon. We have just hired Amy Liberi as our first Wedding Business Developer this week. Welcome, Amy.

Green Committee, headed by Julie Daye, serves as the Church as the conscience of the environment and God's creation. This year we added one more water barrel in our property, and we chose an

environmentally friendly energy company as our electricity supplier. We also thank our Vestry, led by Jaime Konowal as the Senior Warden, for their time and expertise for the Church's well-being. Here I offer my special gratitude to Jim Ufheil. He served the Vestry for two consecutive terms and, much of that time as the Senior Warden, is stepping down this year. During his tenure, Jim helped the Church and its interests well, and I'm incredibly grateful to you, Jim, for your support and wise counsel for me. I also want to thank Amy Grant and Jaime Konowal for their technical knowledge and help in having a vibrant presence in social media through our most up-to-date website and lively Facebook page. I express my gratitude to Christine McBride, our Church Administrator, for her faithful behind-the-scenes work, ensuring that the office runs smoothly and efficiently. Thank you, Christine. We are grateful to Jim and Paula Minacci for keeping church properties and our campus neat and tidy. Many tourists and neighbors frequent our campus daily. Jim and Paula serve as the face of our Church to the community. The Sexton's Side Show they organize raises revenue for the Church and creates goodwill and bonding with our immediate neighborhood and businesses. Thank you to Jim and Paula for your Love for Gloria Dei.

You will see in the following pages an account of the faithful ministries of the people of Gloria Dei. It is an account of fruit-bearing branches connected to the vine. It is abiding. It allows the life-giving sap of God's Love to pass through every one of us. Life in Christ and belonging to the Church are more than just a connection; they are relationships.

Respectfully submitted,
Koshy+

RECTOR'S WARDEN REPORT - Jaime Konowal

Wow! What a year it has been. Covid is still keeping us on our toes, and the search for a rector is keeping us busy. The Profile Committee is working vigorously, and has produced a beautiful document that I am personally very proud to put in the world. I hope they are pleased with their work as much as I am. Julie, Nora, Eric, Candy, & Jill deserve a great deal of thanks. The search committee will be formed shortly, and then our new permanent rector will be "discovered". It is so exciting to know that they are out there, and God has already decided who it will be.

Despite how many roadblocks a global pandemic has caused, we continue to accomplish numerous things. Our Vestry, HGDPC, and volunteers are always busy keeping our beautiful church running smoothly. The flea market has returned after a 2 year hiatus, the Sextons are holding live music fundraisers again, Jazz and Joe has resumed, and Sunday services are continuing. We have so much to be thankful for.

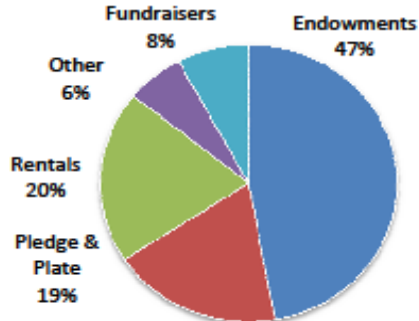
Koshy will be leaving us in June. His last Sunday will be June 26th. I am currently working with the diocese to find supply clergy for each Sunday until we find our rector. Also, on June 12th Koshy will be celebrating 20 years of ordination. Please save the date and plan to be here for that special service. Koshy has been a blessing to have with us. He and Susan will surely be missed, and will always be part of our Gloria Dei family. I'd also like to send a huge thanks to Jim, Paula, Chris, & Paul. Our support staff deserves so many kudos for the work they do. Their relationship with the neighborhood, park service, congregation, and so much more helps to keep our church running. When you see them, give them a Covid safe elbow bump, and say THANKS!

2022 Annual Meeting 2021 Financial Report – Financial Committee

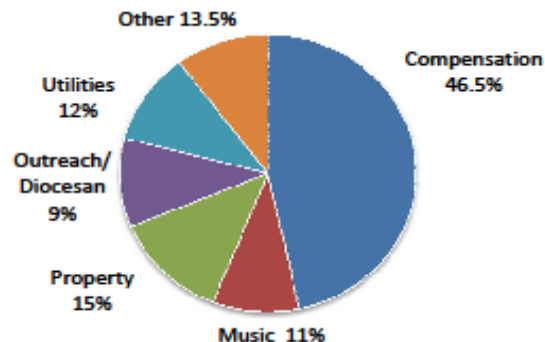
In 2021 we were able to be more open and to have more in-person time together than in 2020. While our endowment, pledge, and YCCA rent income remained thankfully similar to pre-pandemic years, our fundraisers and rentals income again suffered. We missed the joy of being together for Lucia (we enjoyed a virtual celebration!), but we were able to hold our Flea Markets, two Sexton Sideshow events, and one Jazz & Joe gathering. The list and charts below describe our 2021 income and expenses.

- Endowment income was our largest income source at \$131,072, which was \$9,250 more than 2020 endowment income.
- Fundraising profit in 2021 was \$8,170, \$21,765 in income less \$13,595 in expenses. In 2020, our fundraising (including some Lucia expenses carried over from 2019), was a loss of \$1,247.
- Pledge and plate giving totaled \$50,964, which was \$4,792 more than 2020 giving.
- Our largest expense was compensation and related benefits at \$126,391.
- Our property expenses totaled \$34,444.
- Our budgeted outreach spending and diocesan contributions totaled \$20,316.
- Our donations and grants supporting our missions of Mercy Hospice, the Cathedral in Jerusalem, Healing Communities Pennsylvania, Cristobal, and Bond of Care totaled \$8,075.

2021 Income \$277,398



2021 Expenses \$271,275



Total income exceeded total expenses by \$6,123 in 2021.

Our utility expenses totaled \$28,059 in 2021, about \$200 less than in 2020. Utility costs are also a reminder to conserve energy and water as a part of our mission to protect God's creation.

2021 BUDGET

DESIGNATED GIFTS BUDGET				0.00
11 - Designated Gifts - IN				
Flowers	183.30			
Donations for Mercy Hospice	2,404.10			
Donations for HCPA and Christosal	608.63			
Donations for Cathedral in Jerusalem	53.00			
Donations for Bond of Care, India	3,008.16			
Donations for Parishioner Christmas Gifts	300.00			
Christmas Plate and Gift	746.00			
TOTAL 11 - Designated Gifts - IN	9,305.21			
18 - Charity - OUT				
Flowers	183.30			
Sent out for Mercy Hospice	2,461.00			
Sent to HCPA and Christosal	600.00			
Sent out for Cathedral in Jerusalem	53.00			
Sent out for Bond of Care, India	4,761.34			
Expenses for Bond of Care, India	236.82			
Parishioner Christmas Gifts	300.00			
Episcopal R&D Tornado Relief	746.00			
TOTAL 18 - Designated Gifts - OUT	9,343.46			
BALANCE - Designated Gifts	-38.25			
BANK AND ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES				
Account	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	
CHECKING TD Bank	113,344.41	53,024.13	73,298.37	
Debit Card TD Bank	2,432.24	2,127.74	4,317.43	
Discretionary Fund Checking	215.39	339.39	466.89	78,544.76
Petty Cash			262.05	
	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	
PNC 16-35-035-0464262 - Gloria Dei Church	2,123,623.84	2,133,856.25	726,385.28	
reduction for real estate value included	(2,064,000.00)	(2,064,000.00)	(634,454.00)	
PNC 16-35-035-0617188 - Simes	243,036.69	254,474.75	269,905.62	
Church F 064786 - Alfred C Young [500.00]	43,726.93	48,147.64	52,136.74	
Church F 064791 - A Adele Rudolph [6,501.15]	128,763.91	141,783.69	133,330.91	
Church F 064934 - Dorothy Maynard Smith [380,000.00]	1,264,230.84	1,392,951.95	1,307,374.98	
Church F 065033 - 4th Century Fund [300,000.00]	313,810.41	411,870.94	480,622.76	
Church F 065117 - Simes	136,273.08	150,148.10	162,481.91	
Church F 065140 Book 300 Joint Account	24,124.21	17,304.57	15,296.82	
Church F 065157 - Amandus Johnson Churchyard Fund	15,207.98	34,577.77	42,209.92	
Wells Fargo 1513091190 - Charles I Stille	116,714.82	126,241.94	132,867.90	
W Fargo 1519175748 - Gloria Dei Church [46,000.00]	372,926.15	410,366.98	442,133.41	
WF 1519178383 - Lunsbeck, Roebeling, Hogeland [50,000.00]	359,906.94	389,830.56	415,167.74	
	3,078,347.80	3,447,555.14	3,745,859.99	250.00
PETTY CASH	0.00	0.00	0.00	
LIABILITY ACCOUNTS				
Liability Accounts	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	
Amandus Johnson Fund	0.00	4,076.50	0.00	
Archaeological Study	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Book 300th	-2,411.36	1,750.02	-2,253.93	
Capital Improvement		6,000.00	6,000.00	
Churchyard Renewal Project	2,100.54	2,530.54	2,630.54	
Green Fund	4,877.93	4,877.93	5,264.78	
HGDPC	0.00	150.00	0.00	
Historical Committee	-77.89	-101.06	-181.12	
Lucia Forever Fund	2,006.77	1,726.97	3,679.84	
Memorial Fund	1,067.18	1,140.78	2,030.78	
Music Fund	318.05	-100.00	287.00	
Sunday School Fund	105.67	105.67	105.67	
Youth Group Fund	405.67	405.67	405.67	
TOTAL Liability Accounts	8,692.58	22,683.04	18,089.23	

EXPENSES

Annual Meeting

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EXPENSES 03 - Regular Expense

	Actual	Budget	Difference	Yearly Budget
Easter and Christmas Flowers	566.33	1,000.00	-433.67	1,000.00
Total 03 - Regular Expense	566.33	1,000.00	-433.67	1,000.00
05 - Fund Raising Expenses				
Baptism Expenses	188.78	0.00	188.78	0.00
Flea Market Expenses	359.63	600.00	-240.37	600.00
Funeral/Burial Services Expenses	1,310.00	500.00	810.00	500.00
Lucia Expenses	1,898.83	15,000.00	-13,101.17	15,000.00
Other Fund Raising Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
Riverside Hall Rental Expenses	2,133.23	1,300.00	833.23	0.00
Roak, Church, Rectory Rental Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sexton Sideshow Expenses	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	1,300.00
Wedding Expenses	2,425.00	2,000.00	425.00	2,000.00
* Other Book Sales - 80% to Swedish Colonial Society	1,629.72	0.00	1,629.72	0.00
TOTAL 05 - Fund Raising	13,595.19	19,400.00	-5,804.81	19,400.00
12 - Diocesan				
Assessments	13,347.00	13,347.00	0.00	13,347.00
Mission	4,705.00	4,705.00	0.00	4,705.00
TOTAL 12 - Diocesan	18,052.00	18,052.00	0.00	18,052.00
13 - Outreach from Operating Budget				
Other Outreach	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
TOTAL 13 - Outreach from Operating Budget	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
14 - Operating Expenses				
Clergy Expenses				
Clergy Continuing Ed	825.00	500.00	325.00	500.00
Clergy Telephone	540.00	540.00	0.00	540.00
Clergy Travel, Other	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL Clergy Expenses	1,365.00	2,040.00	-675.00	2,040.00
Compensation				
Benefits				
Rector Health	4,920.00	5,200.00	-280.00	5,200.00
Sexton Life & Disability	409.24	380.00	29.24	380.00
Sexton Medical Supplemental	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
TOTAL Benefits	10,329.24	10,580.00	-250.76	10,580.00
Salary				
Christine McBride	13,613.15	13,650.00	-36.85	13,650.00
Gloria Dei Rector	57,999.96	58,000.00	-0.04	58,000.00
Jim Minacci	17,532.00	17,532.00	0.00	17,532.00
Paula Minacci	17,532.00	17,532.00	0.00	17,532.00
Supply Clergy	1,067.20	2,400.00	-1,332.80	2,400.00
TOTAL Salary	107,744.31	109,114.00	-1,369.69	109,114.00
Salary-Tax				
Medicare	1,576.40	1,584.00	-7.60	1,575.00
Soc Sec	6,741.09	6,768.00	-26.91	6,700.00
TOTAL Salary-Tax	8,317.49	8,352.00	-34.51	8,275.00
TOTAL Compensation	126,391.04	128,046.00	-1,654.96	127,969.00
General				
Adult/Family/Growth	836.36	1,000.00	-163.64	1,000.00
Advertising & Banners	650.00	2,000.00	-1,350.00	2,000.00
Alter Guild - Liturgical	422.90	1,000.00	-577.10	1,000.00
Deanery/Convention	300.00	500.00	-200.00	500.00
Flowers	101.75	240.00	-138.25	240.00
Hospitality and New Member	400.10	1,040.00	-639.90	1,040.00
Miscellaneous General Expenses	257.70	840.00	-582.30	840.00
Search Consultant	375.00	4,000.00	-3,625.00	4,000.00
Sunday School	149.00	200.00	-51.00	200.00
TOTAL General	3,492.81	10,820.00	-7,327.19	10,820.00

Insurance

Comprehensive - Umbrella	5,968.00	6,500.00	-532.00	6,500.00
Work Comp	676.00	1,200.00	-524.00	1,200.00
TOTAL Insurance	6,644.00	7,700.00	-1,056.00	7,700.00
Music Budget				
Music and Organ Maintenance	1,367.02	2,200.00	-832.98	2,200.00
Tsunami Productions - Organist Supply	24,210.00	24,210.00	0.00	24,210.00
TOTAL Music Budget	25,577.02	26,410.00	-832.98	26,410.00
Office				
Bank Charge	287.43	600.00	-312.57	600.00
Computer supply	758.80	900.00	-141.20	900.00
Internet/Phone/WiFi	5,528.82	4,320.00	1,208.82	3,600.00
Miscellaneous Office Expense	1,153.59	1,400.00	-246.41	1,400.00
Payroll Service	783.09	800.00	-16.91	800.00
Postage (\$700.67 used to mail Book 300 orders)	1,531.28	500.00	1,031.28	500.00
TOTAL Office	10,043.01	8,520.00	1,523.01	7,800.00
Property Expenses				
Alarm	2,735.00	2,500.00	235.00	2,500.00
Lawn/Landscape Service	4,000.00	5,000.00	-1,000.00	5,000.00
Terminix	1,230.00	900.00	330.00	900.00
Property Expenses	26,478.60	20,000.00	6,478.60	20,000.00
Church	727.19	0.00	727.19	
Church Yard	16,365.92	0.00	16,365.92	
Rectory	3,714.71	0.00	3,714.71	
Riverside Hall	1,985.99	0.00	1,985.99	
Roak House	3,521.55	0.00	3,521.55	
Sexton House	163.24	0.00	163.24	
TOTAL Property Expenses	34,443.60	28,400.00	6,043.60	28,400.00
Sundries				
Food/Paper Products/Misc	1,045.97	3,000.00	-1,954.03	3,000.00
TOTAL Sundries	1,045.97	3,000.00	-1,954.03	3,000.00
Utilities				
U-Gas				
1114501039 Rectory	3,388.92	3,000.00	388.92	3,000.00
2114501047 Church	3,643.85	3,800.00	-156.15	3,800.00
3114501055 Riverside Hal	2,270.82	2,800.00	-529.18	2,800.00
4114501063 Sexton House	1,026.87	1,200.00	-173.13	1,200.00
5114501071 Roak House	4,041.92	3,200.00	841.92	3,200.00
14,372.38	14,000.00	372.38	14,000.00	TOTAL U-Gas
U-PECO Energy				
34262-00609 Rectory and Church	3,499.64	3,100.00	399.64	3,100.00
37355-01208 Church - Charged in Error	-2,472.21	1,300.00	-3,772.21	1,300.00
40448-01504 Riverside Hal	2,243.77	3,200.00	-956.23	3,200.00
43451-01700 Sexton House	2,319.49	2,000.00	319.49	2,000.00
49850-01702 Roak House	3,230.11	3,500.00	-269.89	3,500.00
8,820.80	13,100.00	-4,279.20	13,100.00	TOTAL U-PECO Energy
U-Water 012-75780-00904-xxx				
003 Rectory	394.59	0.00	394.59	0.00
005 Church	89.01	360.00	-270.99	360.00
005 Rk-S-RSide	4,382.27	3,300.00	1,082.27	3,300.00
TOTAL U-Water 012-75780-00904-xxx	4,865.87	3,660.00	1,205.87	3,660.00
TOTAL Utilities	28,059.05	30,760.00	-2,700.95	30,760.00
TOTAL 14 - Operating Expenses	237,061.50	245,696.00	-8,634.50	244,899.00
TOTAL EXPENSES for Operating	271,275.02	286,148.00	-14,872.98	285,351.00
OVERALL TOTAL	6,663.02	-797.00	7,460.02	0.00

TOTAL 11 - Designated Gifts - IN 9,305.21

18 - Charity -

Sent out for Mercy Hospice	2,461.00
Sent to HCPA and Christosal	600.00
Sent out for Cathedral in Jerusalem	55.00
Sent out for Bond of Care, India	4,761.34
Expenses for Bond of Care, India	236.82
Parishioner Christmas Gifts	300.00

TOTAL 18 - Designated Gifts - OUT 9,343.46

BALANCE - Designated Gifts -38.25

BANK AND ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT

Account	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/20	
CHECKING TD Bank	113,344.41	55,024.13	73,298.3	
Debit Card TD Bank	2,452.24	2,127.74	4,517.4	
Discretionary Fund Checking	215.39	559.39	466.8	78,544.76
Petty Cash			262.0	

	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	
PNC 16-35-035-0464262 - Gloria Dei Church	2,123,623.84	2,133,856.25	726,585.28	
reduction for real estate value included	(2,064,000.00)	(2,064,000.00)	(654,454.00)	
PNC 16-35-035-0617188 - Simes	243,036.69	254,474.75	269,905.62	
Church F 064786 - Alfred C Young [500.00]	43,726.93	48,147.64	52,136.74	
Church F 064791 - A Adele Rudolph [6,501.15]	128,765.91	141,783.69	153,530.91	
Church F 064934 - Dorothy Maynard Smith	1,264,230.84	1,392,951.95	1,507,374.98	
Church F 065033 - 4th Century Fund	313,810.41	411,870.94	480,622.76	
Church F 065117 - Simes	136,273.08	150,148.10	162,481.91	
Church F 065140 Book 300 Joint Account	24,124.21	17,304.57	15,296.82	
Church F 065157 - Amandus Johnson	15,207.98	34,577.77	42,209.92	
Wells Fargo 1513091190 - Charles I Stille	116,714.82	126,241.94	132,867.90	
W Fargo 1519175748 - Gloria Dei Church	372,926.15	410,366.98	442,133.41	
WF 1519178585 - Lunsbeck, Roebling, Hogeland [50,000		359,906.94	389,830.56	
	3,078,347.80	3,447,555.14	3,745,859.	250.00
PETTY CASH	0.00	0.00	0.00	

LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

Liability Accounts	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/20
Amandus Johnson Fund	0.00	4,076.50	0.00
Archaeological Study	100.00	100.00	100.0
Book 300th	-2,411.36	1,750.02	-2,253.9
Capital Improvement		6,000.00	6,000.0
Churchyard Renewal Project	2,100.54	2,550.54	2,650.5
Green Fund	4,877.95	4,877.95	5,264.7
HGDPC	0.00	150.00	0.00
Historical Committee	-77.89	-101.06	-181.1
Lucia Forever Fund	2,006.77	1,726.97	3,679.8
Memorial Fund	1,067.18	1,140.78	2,030.7
Music Fund	518.05	-100.00	287.0
Sunday School Fund	105.67	105.67	105.6
Youth Group Fund	405.67	405.67	405.6
TOTAL Liability Accounts	8,692.58	22,683.04	18,089.2

DESIGNATED GIFTS BUDGET

0.00

11 - Designated Gifts - IN

Flowers	183.30
Donations for Mercy Hospice	2,404.10
Donations for HCPA and Christosal	608.65
Donations for Cathedral in Jerusalem	55.00
Donations for Bond of Care, India	5,008.16
Donations for Parishioner Christmas Gifts	300.00

Christmas Plate and Gift 746.00

ALTAR GUILD REPORT - Cathy Ufheil

This past year, the Altar Guild has sought to continue the constant care of the linens, altar items and altar vestments we currently have.

During this time, hampered as we were by Covid restrictions, we received donations to buy and embroider a fair cloth to the memory of the Rudderow family, by Sally Daly. Sally just recently donated another altar cloth, this one with lace, to the memory of her nephew, James Redman.

This Palm Sunday, we used the Swedish frontal on the altar. In the past it was used only at Lucia because it was Swedish but it actually depicts Christ entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We explained its story and history to the congregation and celebrated its use on its feast day.

While we now have enough altar linens, the Altar Guild would like to refurbish some of the older ones probably from the 1930's and 40's so that we can continue to enjoy their history and beauty. The expense for these restorations will fall well within our current budget and no additional monies are needed.

The Altar Guild is also called on to provide flowers for the SS Poet Service in October and to organize the Blessing of the Animals. This past St. Francis Day, we blessed 32 animals and distributed St. Francis, Bless My Pet medals to all participants.

The Altar Guild distributed pins that said "Jesus, the Reason for the Season" in Advent of 2021. The Altar Guild assists in planning services and events for Lent, Advent and other church seasons as well as assisting at funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc. in conjunction with the rector.

The one thing that the Altar Guild really needs is more participants. We currently have only 3 members...myself as Chair, Jeanette Woehr and Barbara Potts. I had hoped to start a Junior Altar Guild to teach the older girls in our congregation the way to set the Lord's Table while not making them responsible for cleaning, polishing, ordering etc. I have also asked for volunteers...men and women...and not much luck. It seems no one wants to commit to a specific time or day even though it would only require one Sunday a month at most.

I will continue to recruit members of the Altar Guild and am hoping to find more men and new members of the congregation to participate in this rich spiritual experience.

LUCIA REPORT – Carol Jenkins

The 84th Annual Lucia Fest was a virtual event again this year.

The Lucia Committee had met several times during the year. Every effort was made to push forward with hopes of having an in-person Lucia for 2021.

As the fall approached and the pandemic continued, along with new variants of the virus, things were complicated even further.

Our youngest Lucia participants were not eligible to receive the vaccination at the time practices were to begin. This was the deciding factor.

The hard decision was made to not have an in-person Lucia for the 2nd year in a row.

We just were not willing to risk the health of any participant or member of the audience.

This decision was driven by 3 things.

Faith - That our Lucia family would come back and that our audience would also return

Hope - That this year we can live our lives as we did before the pandemic

Love - The love of our Lucia family.

Our Lucia performance was recorded a few weeks before being presented virtually on Sunday December 12th. Thus allowing us to continue the tradition of being the 84th Annual event.

This year we included photographs from past Lucias, along with written and video testimony from our Lucia participants (past and present) on “what Lucia means to me.”

The most common statement was that the Gloria Dei Lucia is so much more than an annual tradition. It is where we all gather to celebrate our special bond as the “Lucia Family.

We had a large number of people viewing our 2021 Lucia event and had wonderful feedback from everyone.

A special thanks to Paul Fejko for his expertise on making this production a success, we could not have done it without him!

With great expectation we look forward to the probability of an in-person Lucia for 2022.

The Lucia Committee

Jim Batista

Pete Flamini

Carol Jenkins

Jeanette Woehr

Elizabeth Batista Keane - Director

SEXTON REPORT - Jim and Paula Minacci

21 years Sextons, 25 years as Parishioners

Cleaning is a major part of our daily activities: bathrooms, refrigerators, floors, windows, etc, etc, etc. We also spend time organizing and prepping for the regular weekly and monthly events here on our grounds. In 2021, Covid was still present with us – our sexton duties included safety and sanitizing in the buildings, making sure the Sunday services were safe with plenty of masks, hand sanitizer and the Covid tracing sheets. We took the time to complete a lot of reorganizing and cleaning out of closets and storage areas this year.

In addition to the upkeep of the buildings, there is outdoor groundwork, like mulching the Memorial Garden, front parking lots, leaf blowing in the fall, snow removal, planting grass seed, daily weeding of the walkways, and tending to the graveyard all seasons. We also work with the NPS Rangers & maintenance crew to ensure they are addressing the jobs they are responsible for.

We receive and distribute packages and mail deliveries, including on weekends and after business hours.

Security is a very important part of our job. All day & night, we monitor the security cameras and respond to calls if the alarms are set off. The church has an expansive and beautiful grounds, and we are only able to keep them secure by being vigilant about knowing who is on the property and why they are here. Thankfully, we know many

faces from the surrounding community, and the amazing NPS Rangers arrive within minutes of our call whenever there is a problem.

Just talking to people ends up being a big part of what we do and who we are! We open and close the buildings every day, answer questions about history, and make recommendations for other sites in our community. YCCA brings a lot of foot traffic through church grounds, along with the dog walking people. We try to engage them by saying “hello” and inviting them to our community events.

Our homeless community is always a constant. We try to feed them and give them small jobs to do in order to occupy their time. Sometimes we just have them sit peacefully in church, if that is what they need.

We look forward to a bright and vibrant future with more activities, rentals, and community events!

SEXTON SIDESHOW REPORT – Jim & Paula Minacci

Fundraising is something we enjoy doing for Gloria Dei! Through our own entity, Sexton Sideshow raises money for the general church fund. It is our way of giving and creating community within the church and the outside community. In 2021 we raised \$7652.00 (a much lower number than past years, thanks Covid!). With help from our Sexton Sidekicks, who are friends, neighbors and church folk who faithfully donate their time & talent to help with our events. We couldn't do it without them!

This 2021 was a new, slower beginning. We crawled out from our Covid sleepover! We did Jesus Christ Superstar via livestream, and also with a captive live audience of 20 people, wearing masks, showing vax cards, and being socially distant. Also, for the first time, we performed O Brother! Where Art Thou? for 2 nights instead of one. This turned out to be a great idea, we filled the seats – it seems people were excited to get out and see some live entertainment.

All of our events and photo recaps can be found on Facebook and Instagram under Sexton Sideshow.

We are working towards a future at Gloria Dei that is filled with music, dance, art, fellowship and community.

GREEN COMMITTEE REPORT – Julie Daye

God calls us to love the people we know and the people we will never know by loving and protecting the living things that provide air, water, food, and beauty for all.

This past year, Gloria Dei continued its tradition of using sustainable energy to provide electricity for the church buildings. The Green Committee researched the options available in Philadelphia and presented them to the vestry. We chose Energy Co-op, a local, non-profit cooperative that provides sustainable energy to south eastern Pennsylvania. Although more expensive, the vestry and the Green Committee feels that using sustainable energy is one of the most significant things we can do to fight climate change. To help with the additional cost, the Green Committee contributed funds from its budget.

If you are interested in purchasing sustainable electricity from Energy Co-op, check out their website at theenergy.coop.

PRAYER MINISTRY REPORT – Megan Bartlett

Since my last report in May 2021, the prayer ministry has received about 75 prayer requests for health/healing or for the repose of the soul. I'm grateful to all who participate in this hidden ministry: Dolores Collins, Sally Daly, Julie Daye, Re Henning, Richard Janssen, Margie Kucinski, Nora Melley, Cathy Ufheil, and Rita West. We had two intercessors step down from the ministry this year, so if you are interested in participating, let me know: megan77777@yahoo.com. If you have a prayer request, please contact me or the church office (215-389-1513).

PASTORAL CARE AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION REPORT – Megan Bartlett

Prayer Ministry

- Prayer requests that Megan receives are sent to the nine intercessors once a week. Please send requests by Sunday, since updates are sent out on Monday.
- Names continue to be printed in the bulletin and newsletter so the whole congregation can lift up these individuals in prayer.
- A group of four individuals have been praying together on Thursdays at 9:30am since September 2021 for Gloria Dei's parish profile and search committees and our prospective rector. Anyone is welcome. Zoom link is available on our website.
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Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry

- Jeanette Woehr, Christine Pickup, Lisa Reeves, and Megan Bartlett have received training as visitors for the lay eucharistic ministry (LEM).
- Eucharistic visits to the homebound and sick have been limited due to the coronavirus, but are now resuming.
- If you know of anyone in need of eucharistic visits, let Megan know.

Inreach

- Cards have been sent and phone calls made several times to six homebound/sick church members.
- Anyone interested in sending a card to homebound or sick church members can let Megan know and she'll give you the name/address.
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Spiritual Formation

- A Sunday morning Lectio Divina group was offered in June/July 2021.
- The Lenten book study on Henri Nouwen's "Life of the Beloved" was a success, with 9 different people participating at least once.
- If you have interest in particular Bible, prayer, or book studies, let Megan know.
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Thank you to everyone participating. If anyone else is interested in any of these groups, please contact Megan: megan77777@yahoo.com

MISSIONS REPORT – Jill Duink

Mercy Hospice

Mercy Hospice, located in Center City Philadelphia, provides residential support for women and their children. Life skills, education, job readiness, recovery help, childcare and parenting support services are provided. Gloria Dei collected and donated food, needed items, and financial support throughout the year. We gathered a special collection of craft and art supplies at Easter. We gifted the staff and residents with Wawa gift cards, journals, and our prayers at Christmas. Several parishioners volunteered their time and talents in person at Mercy Hospice in 2021.

Our Martyrs Walk With Us

In March of 2021, Gloria Dei joined with many and hosted a Peace and Healing Service in memory of Martin Luther King Jr. of the United States and Archbishop Romero of El Salvador, two giants of faith and non-violence of our lifetime. They are, though different from our tradition, in the Episcopal Book of Lesser Feasts and Fasts. The service drew inspiration from the words of Dr. King and Archbishop Romero to confront unjust policies based on white supremacy and racism and to pave a way forward for the beloved community.

The zoom service was attended by about 90 people. Donations were sent to two organizations, Cristosal and Healing Communities PA. Cristosal works to advance human rights in Central America through rights-based programs and provides protection for victims of violence. Healing Communities PA is a faith-based group that supports men and women who are affected by crime and the criminal justice system.

The Bond of Care

During the summer of 2021, Gloria Dei raised funds to provide tuition and living expenses for underprivileged students enrolled at *Church Mission Society College* in Kerala, India.

We applied for and received a grant from the DIOPA Global Mission Project to support this project. We sold Rakhi brackets to the congregation and other donors to raise additional funds to support these students. We pledged our support to these students through a special Sunday Service and later connected with them via video conference. The program is continuing. Please see: <https://www.old-swedes.org/news/the-bond-of-care>

Our 2021 Easter plate collection was sent to the Cathedral in Jerusalem through the Episcopal Diocese of PA.

Our 2021 Christmas plate collection was sent to Tornado Relief through The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund.

RIVERSIDE WEDDINGS REPORT – Candace Roberts

As we know, Gloria Dei has been blessed by donations from prior congregants whose gifts have multiplied over the years to sustain us as a congregation. While we have been, and currently are, a congregation who can operate effectively, we do not have resources to keep up with deferred maintenance issues, and we are often unable to make a financial gift to missions that we would like to support.

Three years ago, the Vestry undertook a strategic planning activity. We wanted to explore how we might ensure long term source of revenue that would be separate from our endowment funds. During this process, the committee learned that there was little to no interest in conducting capital campaigns to raise funds for

maintenance and other needs. We learned that congregational growth and an increase in pledging would certainly be a long-term activity.

We learned that compared with area congregations, Gloria Dei is a perfect size for small to medium weddings. Further, the enchanting simplicity of our Church is an ideal setting for a variety of wedding service options.

Our wedding opportunity is possible due to Pennsylvania law that was enacted with the Quakers to allow self-uniting marriages. *Riverside Weddings at Gloria Dei* will offer full Episcopal marriages where our rector will officiate as he or she deems appropriate, following the Canons for an Episcopal sacrament. Couples will also be able to secure a self-uniting license from the Commonwealth and bring in their own officiant. We have prepared a guideline booklet with details for wedding rentals.

Riverside Weddings at Gloria Dei launched in April 2022. The Vestry approved a name for marketing and social media purposes. *Riverside Weddings at Gloria Dei* was market-research tested and we feel confident that this name will help us achieve a high placement in search results for wedding venues.

The Vestry approved the creation of a 20 hour/week Wedding and Event Specialist to secure and manage wedding rentals of the Church, grounds, and Riverside Hall. Amy Sampson Liberi has accepted this new staff position at Gloria Dei. Amy built a highly successful wedding planning business and brings this experience to Gloria Dei to help us achieve increased revenue from this wedding opportunity.

Please see our website: <https://riversideweddings.org>



Committee members: Candace Roberts, Chair, Amy Grant, Jaime Konowal, Amy Sampson Liberi, Christine McBride, Paula Minacci, Christine Pickup, Alan Segal, Jim Ufheil

HGDPC REPORT – Candace Roberts

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Candace Roberts, Board Chair — Christine Pickup, Treasurer — Amy Grant, Corporate Secretary Jeanette Woehr, Vice Chair — Terry Brasko, Trustee — Joshua Thomas Castaño, Trustee — Thomas Daley AIA, *emeritus* — Mike Duffy, Advisor — Marco Federico, Trustee, Amy Sampson Liberi, Trustee — Mark Roberts, Trustee — Mary Ryan, Trustee — Alan Segal, Trustee — Michael Schreiber, Trustee — Ray Spera, *Advisor* — Robert A. Stewart, Trustee — Cynthia Temple, Trustee — Jerry Walker, Trustee — Rev. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams, *emeritus*

OUR WORK

Our Keystone Grant project is nearly complete. The final step will be the painting of the steeple this spring. We won the 2021 Preservation Alliance Award for excellence in historic conservation.

We applied for and were awarded a 2022 Art & Culture Grant from the Philadelphia Cultural Fund (PCF). The amount to be used for cultural expansion at Gloria Dei is for \$8,771. We will be using the funds to create an audio walking tour accessible for free from smart phones, and for interpretive signage.

We have scheduled a series of Walking Tours in the neighborhood. The tours are selling out and raising funds for our new roof in 2026.

We have resumed hosting our "Great Talks at Gloria Dei" **lecture series** in the church starting in the fall.

With these reports and plans in place, we continue the work of **outreach and communication**. We publish a monthly e-newsletter containing a history story and update on our events and projects. We published three issues of FOUNDERS Magazine to great acclaim. Current and back issues are now available for sale.

LOOKING AHEAD

- We will be welcoming the Rambo Family on June 12th for their 375th Family Reunion. Herb Rambo has donated 8 Rambo apple trees for our churchyard.
- We are seeking a grant for work on the organ that will be needed in 2023. The cost is expected to be approximately \$20,000.
- We continue to **update our churchyard map** to include the known final resting places for all confirmed internments. This will help visitors locate the exact locations where their ancestors were buried, even if their headstones are missing.
- We are **growing our contact list** regionally and across the country.
- Trustee, Mary Ryan, continues to create a firm foothold for us in **social media** — please follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- We will work to meet our **fundraising goals** through donations and grants. We are focusing on fundraising for the replacement of the Church roof in 2026.
- We are actively **recruiting** additional **volunteers** for our various programs.

The Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Preservation Corporation was established to fund, support, and supervise the restoration, renovation, and ongoing maintenance of the Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church buildings, grounds, and graveyard so that future generations may share in this historic and architectural treasure. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Federal ID# 45-3210057)

C L E R G Y

The Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews, Rector

S T A F F

Paul Fejko, Music Director

Christine McBride, Parish Administrator

Paula & James Minacci, Sextons

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Candace Roberts (Accounting Warden) – Jim Ufheil – Nils vanAmmers