

## **All Saints' Episcopal Church** **The Episcopal Church in Fort Worth**

All Saints' Episcopal Church has been the leading Anglican parish in this region for more than 75 years. We have started a world-class Episcopal school, served for a time as the diocesan cathedral, helped found and now solely support Amazing Grace Children's Home in Kenya, maintained the longest continuously running Godly Play program in the world, and all the while upheld an excellent standard of liturgy and music. Despite the trauma of schism and the violence of our eviction in early 2021, All Saints' continues to grow and thrive. We intend to continue to serve God and his Church as the exemplar Episcopal parish in this region. We look forward to propagating the spread of our way of being Christian through our new relationships within the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

At All Saints', we execute the Great Commission to "Go and make disciples" by structuring our common life in a three-fold shape: IN... UP... OUT. First, we bring people IN through ministries of invitation and welcome; second, we grow and build people UP through worship, Christian formation, pastoral care and fellowship; third, we send people OUT to love and serve God's Church and the world in service, outreach and mission. Christ gave the Church her mission when he tasked the apostles to make disciples of all nations. At All Saints', we style the Great Commission as: Go and Grow as One.



As ONE. Our experience with schism has taught us the importance of protecting the unity of Christ's Church. We believe that any action or statement which threatens that unity is a sin. We are stewards of Christ's Church, called to see to its growth and thriving. We believe that we have been knit together by God into one communion and fellowship. To tear the Church apart is to rend God's handiwork, and, in the words of our Lord, "Those whom God has joined together, let no one rend asunder." In our day to day, this often looks like refusing to take a stand on controversial issues which divide the Body of Christ. But, we do take a stand, and that stand is our God-given union. This stand requires that we prize one another over our need for validation and our desire to be right. We have no desire to say to any person of good will, "We have no need of you." We vote sparingly, making every effort to do so only when we know that the outcome will be unanimous. If we are not yet unanimous, we know that we are not yet finished listening and learning and discussing.

We understand our diversity of thought to be crucial to our mission. No one can see the full truth on his own. Each of us can see a small piece of the truth from our particular perspective. It is only in comprehending each perspective that we come close to the truth. Here, we prize the words of the collect for the feast of Richard Hooker: "Grant that we may maintain that middle way, not as a compromise for the sake of peace, but as a comprehension for the sake of truth." At

All Saints', we strive to be the middle way, made richer by our diversity of thought, opinion, and belief.

Of her many programs, guilds, and commissions, All Saints' is best known for her beautiful, traditional **Liturgy and Music**, her robust **Mission and Outreach**, and her outstanding **Christian Formation**. In the following pages, you will find an introduction to these crucial areas of our common life.

## Worship

First and foremost, All Saints' is known for her beautiful, traditional liturgy. Our worship of God is by far the most important thing we do. We often say that if you only have one hour each week to be with us, you ought to spend it at the Holy Eucharist. The liturgy is our best teacher, the most formative piece of our common life. It is also the best expression of our identity. In it, you will see a parish which values its ancient heritage, which treasures its relationship with the transcendent Triune God, which equips its members to serve God in the world, and which prizes its unity as an expression of the Gospel.

We are a traditional parish. We understand our liturgy to be a gift from the past, thoughtfully and masterfully crafted over many hundreds of years by the saints who came before us. It is not our job to innovate, reimagine, or retool this remarkable gift. To do so would be to breach of the trust of this sacred treasure. Instead, we believe that our role is to be stewards of that gift, servants entrusted with the thriving and growth of our beautiful tradition. Our liturgy has been an incredible gift to us, forming us well. If we are good stewards, our liturgical tradition will be a wonderful gift to the future.

All Saints' is a High-Church parish, meaning that we have a very high theology of the Church. We believe that the Church is a sacred institution created by God. Our unity is to be an expression of God's union with us in Christ. We also have a high sacramental theology. We believe that God's real presence is with us in the sacraments. Our formal, reverent, beautiful worship is our response to God's true presence among us. All Saints' also enjoys her strong Anglo-Catholic roots. You can see that heritage primarily in our physical piety, our Eucharistic devotion, and special fondness for the Blessed Virgin.

We treasure the beauty, theology, and sensibilities of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982. We believe that they are the best liturgical resources available in the Church Catholic. We have found no other liturgical document which adequately articulates our theology, supports our culture, edifies the people, or draws them into deeper worship of our Lord. Therefore, we make no use of any "experimental rites" or supplemental liturgical materials.

Parishioners of all ages participate in every part of the liturgy. Sunday mornings at All Saints' are like Thanksgiving dinner – we wear our best clothes and use our best China, but it would not be a family meal if the children were missing. Our liturgy is for all of us.

Before our eviction in 2021, we celebrated the Eucharist at least once a day, prayed the Daily Office in our small chapel, welcomed our School for Baccalaureate and Matriculation, hosted ordinations, and had many weddings and funerals. We now have access to our School chapel only on the weekends, which severely limits our opportunities for worship. We do have a small chapel in the Gray House, in which we have mass on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sunday evenings.

During the pandemic, we began a podcast as a means of keeping the church together as we sheltered in place. We continue to pray the Daily Office twice a day every day online. This podcast reaches far beyond the walls of our parish, with more than 150,000 downloads which have been listened to on every continent save Antarctica. Our Sunday morning livestream not only allows us to reach out to our homebound parishioners but it also provides an opportunity for new folks to visit us. From time to time, we hear from some of our online members who watch us online every Sunday but who have never joined us in-person; some live in Fort Worth but many live across the country. Although we are traditional, we are open to learning and adapting with the needs of the modern world.

The Daily Office podcast gave us an opportunity to realize a dream we have had for many years: Evensong every Sunday night. During the pandemic, we formed our first Evensong choir, who rehearsed psalms, canticles, and anthems for the podcast each week. Since emerging from lockdown, we have added monthly in-person Solemn Evensong. Beginning in the Fall of 2022, we look forward to having in-person Solemn Evensong every week for the first time in our parish's history.

## **Christian Formation**

At All Saints', we believe that children and youth are important members of the priesthood of all believers. They are active participants in every facet of parish life – making sandwiches for the Presbyterian Night Shelter, traveling on pilgrimage to Canterbury, and serving in the liturgy as acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, lay eucharistic ministers, and subdeacons. We never send them out for “children’s chapel” because we believe that they are deeply formed by our liturgy, even before they are old enough to speak. The Holy Eucharist is the single most important piece of our Christian formation. The unspoken message of sending children out of church is that our worship is not for them. It tells them that they are not good enough/special enough/old enough to participate in the fullness of our common life. Because young people are enthusiastically included in our worship, it is not uncommon to hear children singing the Lord’s Prayer at the top of their lungs, a baby fussing during the prayers, or a child fidget in his pew. We would not want it any other way.

## **Godly Play**

All Saints' is known throughout the country as a leader in Godly Play. Before our eviction, we had four fully-stocked, lovingly-prepared Godly Play classrooms with a strong cohort of well-trained, certified teachers. Our teacher-cohort is comprised of parents, grandparents, school teachers, and confirmed youth who were formed in Godly Play. Many of our youth value Godly Play so much that they quickly choose it to be their new ministry after confirmation. We have hosted Godly Play teacher trainings for many years, attracting new Godly Players from across the southwest.

In our classrooms, we created artful, developmentally appropriate sacred spaces for children. The Godly Play foundation has used images of our rooms as teaching tools, illustrating the gold-standard. The Rev. Jerome Berryman, founder of Godly Play, has said on many occasions that his very favorite classrooms were those at All Saints'.

We treasure Godly Play because it beautifully supports our sacramental, liturgical tradition. Founded in the Montessori method, Godly Play gives children the tools to create meaning through wonder, play, and story telling. Each session mirrors the work in "big church," hearing a sacred story, wondering and responding to that story, and then gathering for a feast. We also appreciate that Godly Play values the holiness of the children, reminding them, their families, and the church itself that in them we see God.

Our Godly Play program is for children aged two through third grade.

Today, we have access to three Godly Play classrooms – one in our School Chapel and two pop-up classrooms in the All Saints' Lower School. These spaces are not ideal, but enable us to keep All Saints' tradition of Godly Play alive as we form our youngest saints.

## **Godly Talk**

After graduating from Godly Play, children enter a homemade bridge curriculum called "Godly Talk" in which the lessons are based on the week's lectionary readings. Teachers facilitate a discussion on the meanings of the readings and how the tweens might apply those lessons to their lives. Discussions focus on serving others, the Christian vocation, and Church community. During these two years, we also focus on building the social bonds of the cohort, preparing the group for EYC.

## **Pre-EYC, Jr. EYC, Sr. EYC**

This curriculum supports our youth throughout their teenage years, building their spiritual tools, engaging them in the life of the church, and preparing them for Confirmation. Students prepare for and make a confirmation pilgrimage to Canterbury, the homeland of our way of being Christian. After they have returned, students find a new adult ministry which will be for them an

expression of their Confirmation. We are preparing to take high schoolers on a pilgrimage to Canterbury in July 2024.

### **Adult Education**

On Sunday mornings during the Christian Education hour (10:10-11:05), adults gather for the Adult Forum. Usually taught by the clergy, this class has focused on a variety of topics over the years – liturgical studies, end-of-life preparations, financial wellness, seminars on spiritual gifts, lessons on theology and church history, scripture studies, updates from our local and international mission partners, as well as issues and concerns in the life of the parish. Beginning in the Fall of 2021, Fr. Jambor led the parish in a series called “All Saints’: Who We Are and Where We’re Headed.” In this class, we have articulated core elements of our parish, crafted a parish program, provided crucial legal and diocesan updates, and begun our strategic plan. Those who have been regularly present at these Adult Formulae are well equipped to serve the parish as leaders in the upcoming transition.

Beginning in the Fall of 2022, we studied the “Scandals” – or, stumbling blocks – of our faith, our scriptures, and in the history of the church. This series, which was remarkably well received, enabled us to explore the trickiest aspects of our faith. Over these three semesters, we were reminded that All Saints’ is a community which prizes continuing Christian Education, refusing to accept simple, pat answers for the sake of our own comfort.

Our Wednesday night Adult Bible Studies have not skipped a beat in the midst of the pandemic and our relocation. We have a strong tradition of academic, intellectually stimulating Adult Education which refuses to dumb down or oversimplify the “stumbling blocks” of Holy Scripture. Our Bible Study regulars have a strong understanding that the scriptures were not written by God and handed down to human beings. The Bible is not “the inerrant Word of God.” Rather, they were written by human beings over the course of many hundreds of years, each author writing for a particular audience at a particular point in history. Our parishioners understand that although we do not take scripture literally, we do take it very seriously and reverently.

### **Outreach and Mission**

Thirty years ago, All Saints’ Outreach and Mission took the form of grant making, collecting monies over the course of the year which would then be given to applicants. Under Fr. Jambor’s leadership, we at All Saints’ have developed a deep love of rolling up our sleeves and getting our hands dirty in service of our neighbors. Our Outreach and Mission has flourished, reaching both Fort Worth and far across the globe, while transforming us here at home.

At His Ascension, Christ commanded the apostles to make disciples of all nations, baptizing in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the Ends of the Earth. At All Saints', this charge guides our ministry zones. They are:

**Jerusalem:** Home, All Saints'

**Judea:** Our neighborhood, West Fort Worth

- Como Feeding Ministry
- INA Feeding Ministry
- Presbyterian Night Shelter Sandwich Ministry
- Boulevard Heights Feeding Ministry
- Jo Kelly Elementary Feeding Ministry
- Glen Park Elementary Feeding Ministry
- Bonnie Brae Elementary Feeding Ministry
- WestAid
- Adopt-a-Family

**Samaria:** Texas and the United States

- All Saints' Episcopal School, Fort Worth established 1951
- Seminary support
- UTO
- Diocesan Support

**The Ends of the Earth:** Regions beyond: San Pedro, Belize and Awasi, Kenya

- Holy Cross Anglican School in Belize (15 years)
- Amazing Grace Children's Home in Kenya (17 years)

### **Jerusalem**

To serve in Jerusalem is to serve at home, right here at All Saints'. That might look like joining the Usher corps, serving on the endowment board, or stuffing inserts into Sunday leaflets. Any service to the All Saints' community is grouped here.

### **Judea**

Judea is our surrounding area, our neighborhood. Almost all of our local outreach focuses on feeding hungry children.

### **Como**

For almost 10 years, we have purchased, packed, and sent "backpacks" of shelf stable, kid friendly food to the children served by the Como Community Center. Many of these children depend on free and reduced lunches throughout the week and are at risk of going hungry over the

weekend. These bags are passed out at the community center on Friday afternoons. Before the pandemic, we packed 75 bags each week that school was in session. Because of the pandemic, the need has soared. We now send 150 bags every week throughout the year.

Before the pandemic and our eviction, we packed food once a month on Sunday mornings in the parish hall. During the height of the pandemic, we packed food throughout the week in small, masked, socially distant groups by appointment. In the months immediately following our eviction, we packed food in a parishioner's garage near the old church. Beginning in October of 2021, another parishioner converted the warehouse at the back of his business into a feeding ministry center.

Members of the parish participate in this ministry by donating food, giving money to support the program, and by packing food on Sunday afternoons. It costs about \$40,000 to run this ministry each year.

### **International Newcomer Academy**

The International Newcomer Academy is a Fort Worth ISD school which serves the children of immigrants and refugees. Many of these families have no access to social services like food stamps. They arrive in Texas with no furniture, no clothing, and with no money. Most do not speak English.

Our support of INA began in sending snacks to feed the children during their after school program. All Saints' also provided financial support to send the children on one fieldtrip each year. Throughout the pandemic, we provided grocery gift cards to families who were struggling.

In the Fall of 2021, FWISD relocated INA to new, much smaller, building. In the move, they lost space for their much needed food pantry. Throughout the 2021-2022 school year, we ran a mobile feeding pantry for INA families, packing bags of staple groceries and delivering them to INA's campus once per week. We are still working with INA to discern the best way to get food into the hands of hungry families who are new to the United States.

### **Presbyterian Night Shelter Sandwich Ministry**

All Saints' began making sandwiches for the Presbyterian Night Shelter almost 30 years ago as a ministry of the youth group. Today, members from across the parish gather to make and deliver 1,000 sandwiches every month. Due to health and safety concerns, the night shelter no longer allows volunteers to make food for the residents in their on-site kitchen. We make these sandwiches in our feeding ministry warehouse.

### **Elementary School Feeding Ministry**

Beginning in the Fall of 2022, we expanded our feeding ministries to include two additional FWISD schools. We began by sending 75 "backpacks" to Boulevard Heights every week and 25

“backpacks” to Jo Kelly Elementary. These numbers have grown with each passing month! Boulevard Heights serves students with intellectual and physical disabilities, many of whom live in group homes. Jo Kelly serves medically complex students, most of whom are fed through g-tubes. The “backpacks” sent home with them will feed their siblings. This ministry will follow the same patterns as our Como Feeding Ministry, supplying the same food from the same supplier.

As word began to spread about our passion for feeding hungry children, other schools reached out, asking if we could feed some of their children as well. Every week, we send hundreds of bags of food to children across the city of Fort Worth.

We have also been thrilled to deepen our relationship with Boulevard Heights. The guidance counselor called in 2022 asking if some of their older students could come and work in our warehouse to gain vocational skills. They have absolutely loved serving with us, and look forward to their time in our warehouse. Their work has enabled us to meet the increasing demand for food at our local elementary schools.

### **WestAid**

37 years ago, churches in West Fort Worth gathered together to establish a food pantry to serve the hungry folks who were knocking on church doors for assistance. All Saints’ was one of the founding churches. We have supported WestAid in a variety of ways over the years, sending volunteers, gathering in-kind donations, and even paying their rent in their new location.

### **Adopt-a-Family**

During the season of Advent, parish families sign up to purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need. These children are connected to us through local FWISD guidance counselors. Gifts are purchased, wrapped, and delivered to the families in time to appear under the tree on Christmas morning. For the last few years, we have “adopted” more than 300 children. Parish families can participate in a variety of ways. Many choose to adopt a family, purchasing, wrapping, and delivering the gifts themselves. Others donate money so that those without the financial means can shop for a family in need. Others still donate gifts – usually socks, underwear, uniforms, toys, and books. On the feast of St. Nicholas, many gather to wrap presents together while snacking on Christmas cookies. There is a way for every member of the parish to contribute to this beloved annual ministry.

### **Holy Cross Anglican School in San Pedro, Belize**

All Saints’ has partnered with Holy Cross Anglican School in Belize since its inception 15 years ago, but our relationship with the people of San Pedro is even older. 17 years ago, we traveled



to Belize on a medical mission. Serving in a local clinic, we provided basic health care to the residents of San Mateo, one of the most disadvantaged neighborhoods in the country.

15 years ago, Holy Cross was founded by Episcopal missionaries Francis and Vernon Wilson. On a trip to the island, they noticed children selling wares on the beach when they should have been in school. The Wilsons quickly learned that schools did not have the space or the resources to support all of the local children. Many simply were not able to get an education. Francis and Vernon felt God's call to open a school to serve these poor children and their families. All Saints' helped them to realize this vision, sending mission teams regularly to work on a variety of projects – building classrooms, constructing playgrounds, furnishing the computer lab and training their teachers to use the technology, and even building a house in which the school's future Episcopal clergy chaplain will make his home.

Holy Cross has transformed the people of All Saints'. They have been inspired by Holy Cross to give sacrificially of their time, talent, and treasure – both at Holy Cross and beyond. One parishioner even serves on their Board of Directors. But Holy Cross' impact is most evident in our young adults who grew up on mission trips to Belize. Many have chosen professions as nurses, teachers, and EMTs because they developed a love for service on these trips. Many have carried Holy Cross with them into their adult lives, gathering groups of their friends to take a trip to San Pedro to serve the school, organizing fundraisers with their sororities to support the mission of the school, and using breaks from college or graduate school or their first jobs to join an All Saints' mission trip.

All Saints' has been loved very well by the Holy Cross community. After they heard of the loss of our building and personal property, Francis and Vernon wanted to give us a gift. At their request, we collected silver from members of the parish and mailed the scraps to their home. There, Vernon melted them down and transformed them into a one-of-a-kind chalice and paten. We were so oved by their care, their thoughtfulness, and their generosity.

### **Amazing Grace Children's Home in Awasi, Kenya**

Amazing Grace Children's Home was founded by Fr. Ogacho and Clarice Abuto in partnership with All Saints' Episcopal Church. We first came to know the Abutos and their family when Fr. Ogacho was studying at TCU. During that time, he assisted at both the parish and our day school. While in Fort Worth, Fr. Ogacho discerned God's call to open a home in Awasi for girls orphaned by HIV/AIDS. When he returned home to do this, he left with the prayerful support of the community of All Saints'.

We have partnered with Amazing Grace since its opening in 2005 and remain its sole supporter. The home began with a cohort of 72 girls chosen from a very long list because they were the neediest. When they arrived, we hoped each girl would achieve basic literacy and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade education. But, they have far surpassed our expectations! The girls of the 2005 cohort are

now young women. Many have college degrees. One just finished her Master's in Economics in May of 2022. The youngest just began her university studies, preparing to be an Occupational Therapist. Many have returned home to serve the next generation of girls at Amazing Grace as teachers, house mothers, cooks, and mentors.

Over the years, the physical plant has grown tremendously. Shortly after the first five acres were acquired in 2004, we built a girls' dormitory, water cistern, and latrine. The following year, just after the first girls arrived on campus, we built a refectory, kitchen, second water cistern, a chicken coop, and drilled a well. Today, the orphanage is well equipped with electricity, shower blow, matron's house, strengthened security, a green house, tilapia pond, and a second dormitory.

All Saints' has made significant relational and financial commitments to Amazing Grace. Our parishioners know many of these girls by name, writing them letters, and getting to know them over the years through mission trips. They consider themselves (and, of course, we consider them to be) important members of the All Saints' family.

Some of our financial contributions prior to January of 2021 include:

- \$749,746.62 Guest House: land, construction, and furnishings
- \$492,201.58 School: construction, furnishing, and books
- \$659,268.47 Support for girls
- \$477,243.33 Elementary/high school/college Tuition & Fees
- \$132,070.00 Utilities & Infrastructure
- \$30,000.00 Transportation
- \$27,046.70 Furnishings, cooking equipment, clothing, bedding
- \$8,000.00 Matron House
- \$7,652.00 Chickens & Chicken Coop
- \$3,871.86 Medical support/supplies
- \$1,850.00 Greenhouse

**Total: \$2,588,950.56**

As our first girls finished primary school and headed to high school, we raised the funds to pay their school fees. But, we quickly realized that if we opened our own high school, we could make a greater difference in the lives of our girls, the lives of girls in the surrounding area, and in the institution of Amazing Grace. Additionally, funds raised from tuition could provide crucial revenue for the orphanage. Amazing Grace Girls Secondary School (AGGISSA) opened in 2013. In its 9 years, AGGISSA's test scores have risen steadily. Enrollment has gotten stronger. As the school continues to make a name for itself, All Saints' provides scholarships for local orphans and partial orphans who would not otherwise have access to a high school education.

In an effort to raise additional funds for the orphanage, we opened the Barbara Tucker Cummings Guest House in 2015. With 38 bedrooms, a restaurant, and a large conference room,

the Cummings not only brings in funds and raises awareness of the orphanage but it also provides employment and vocational training opportunities for our young alumni, especially those for whom university is not a good option. During the pandemic, the Cummings survived only because of additional support from All Saints'. Today, business is booming! Projected earnings for the next few years look very promising.

By 2016, we had 16 girls in college, 45 in secondary school, and 6 in primary school. Although many of the older girls needed significant funds in order to continue their education, the nest was becoming quite lean. We discerned that in addition to supporting our older girls in their post-secondary education, we could bring in a new group of girls. In 2017, we welcomed 25 little ones.

Once we took over the secondary schooling for our girls, we saw that their primary schooling had been far from adequate. Our first cohort went to the local public school, which did not adequately prepare them for the next phase of their education. In order to give them the greatest chance of success, we sent the 2017 cohort to a local, private, primary school.

In 2019, we opened Amazing Grace Primary School (AGPS), both for our own little ones and for boys and girls from the surrounding neighborhood. AGPS is one of the fastest growing edges of Amazing Grace. Enrollment is booming (especially in the early childhood division) and test scores are very impressive. We are confident that AGPS will be a strong source of revenue for the orphanage in the very near future.

By early 2022, many members of our original cohort had grown up, finished school, and were out in the world as working adults. In April, we brought in a new cohort – the 10 top performing orphaned students in our high school and 14 orphaned little ones in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Our newest girls are getting settled in to the Amazing Grace family.

As we look to the future, we hope that our alumnae will serve as key leaders. We have identified future leaders for the Primary School, Secondary School, and the Guest House. Each of these young women is receiving additional education, mentoring, and support. With Fr. Ogacho, we have even discussed preparing one young alumna, Caroline Adhimabo, to serve as the future Executive Director of the whole Amazing Grace Organization. Our motto at Amazing Grace is that we “provide strength for today and hope for tomorrow.” As you can see, with God’s help, we have certainly done our best to live up to this calling.

### **All Saints’ Episcopal School, Fort Worth**

All Saints’ Episcopal School is our oldest and best parish outreach ministry. It began as a preschool, founded in the undercroft of our old building in 1951 – a full two years before the Nave was built. From this small beginning, like a mustard seed, the School flourished. Over the years

the preschool grew, grades were added, campuses purchased, classes moved, and at one time the preschool program dropped.

Today, All Saints' Episcopal School is a pre-K through twelfth grade college preparatory school of the highest caliber. The Episcopal identity and mission of the School are ensured through the continuing ministry of this parish in the life and governance of the School. The School sits on 147 acres, just off Loop 820. We have a student body of more than 1,200 – one fourth of whom receive financial aid.

All Saints' is a uniquely Episcopal day school. The students and faculty gather daily for chapel, either the Daily Office or the Holy Eucharist – both straight from the Book of Common Prayer. According to the School bylaws, the chaplains must be Episcopal priests in good standing.

We consider the relationship between the Church and the School to be of the utmost importance. While we are very grateful to have found a temporary home in our School chapel, we know that we cannot remain here forever. Like grown siblings, we both need our own space.

### **In Conclusion**

In our 78 years, All Saints' has grown and changed tremendously. We began as a small, Anglo-Catholic neighborhood parish. Almost all of our parishioners in those early days lived “within the shadow of the steeple.” Today, we are the cardinal parish in these 24 counties, steadily leading the Episcopal Church through periods of great transition. We have become a destination church. Our parishioners live all over the metroplex, many traveling almost an hour to church each Sunday. After weathering schism and losing our home, we know that no one sits in our pews by mistake or out of convenience. Our people do not worship with us because they found a home in their pew 50 years ago. The people of All Saints' know who they are, who we are, and have a clear vision of their future. They know – and will gladly tell you – that we are on the rise!