

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

We've seen the truth of this promise in 2020. The timeline that follows tells just some of the story of a remarkable year. We had to learn to do almost everything differently – worship, learn, serve, communicate, share communion, pray, give, care for the facility, care for our neighbors, care for one another.

But God remained faithful. You remained faithful. The light of Christ continued to shine around us and through us.

I give thanks to God for the faith and flexibility St. Thomas demonstrated in 2020. St. Thomas members seized this unexpected season as an opportunity to grow, give, and glow with the light of Christ. The most common response from our leaders and members, when faced with challenge or disappointment, was the baptismal promise: "I will, with God's help."

We look back at 2020 with thanksgiving for God's provision. We look ahead to 2021 in hope, trusting that the light will continue to shine.

Blessings,  
Grace

## 2020 Finances at a Glance

OPERATING ACCOUNT	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Contribution Income	545,441.00	537,082.00	538,874.00
Other Income	124,903.00	116,891.00	184,344.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>670,344.00</b>	<b>653,973.00</b>	<b>723,218.00</b>

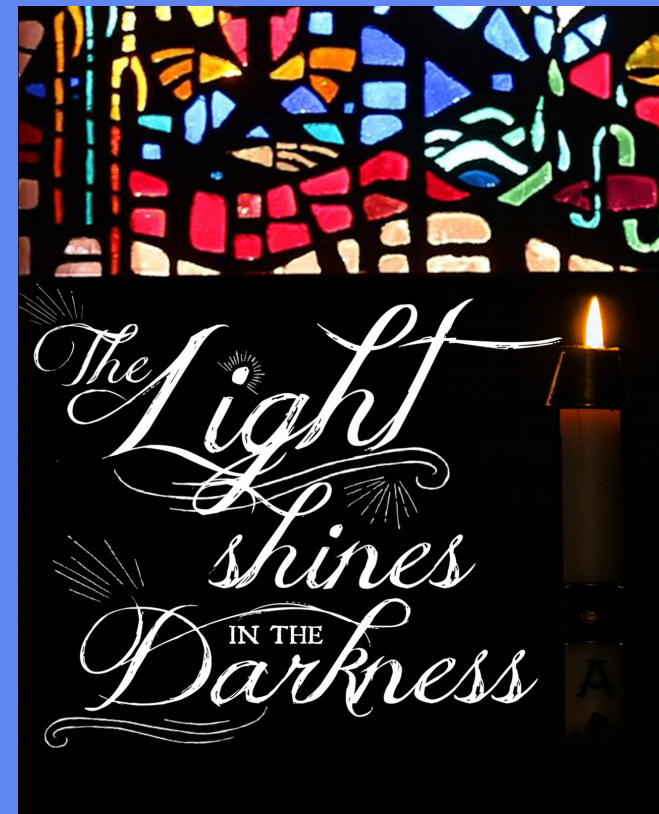
OPERATING ACCOUNT	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Admin/Payroll/Benefits	369,849.00	430,179.00	462,144.00
Christian Education	12,695.00	7,729.00	10,195.00
Diocesan Pledge & Exps	59,428.00	59,403.00	62,085.00
Evangelism	4,000.00	3,826.00	3,500.00
Outreach	43,332.00	43,478.00	40,892.00
Parish Life	11,600.00	5,773.00	3,600.00
Properties	91,992.00	104,485.00	98,300.00
Capital Reserve	13,000.00	13,000.00	23,000.00
Stewardship	1,500.00	2,139.00	2,000.00
Music	19,095.00	16,963.00	8,500.00
Worship	10,500.00	9,524.00	9,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>636,991.00</b>	<b>696,499.00</b>	<b>723,216.00</b>

Note: The deficit in column B was covered by a PPP grant. Expenses it covered are not included in column A but are included in column B.

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT	2020 Actual
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	145,755.41
Revenue	619,930.09
Expenses	(451,277.15)
<b>12/31/20 Cash Balance</b>	<b>314,408.35</b>

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS	Dec.31 Balance
Unrestricted (Wilkins)	2,166,221.63
Restricted (Baird)	596,874.86

Outreach Collections	
African Mission	7,460.66
CVEM	6,022.00
Rector's Discretionary	19,836.27
WNN	7,010.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,328.93</b>



## 2020 Summary Annual Report

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# The Light Shines in Darkness:

## 2020 Timeline Review

