Almighty and ever-living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we strive for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what it right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Dear Saints,

There is so much to give thanks for in the life that we share on this block. Since joining this vibrant parish in August of 2017, I have been astounded at the depth of talent and commitment that abounds at All Saints'. From parishioners to staff, younger to older, those new to church and those who have been churchgoers their whole lives, this is a truly remarkable community of faith, and I am deeply blessed to serve as rector. In 2017, the saints gave thanks for the love and leadership of The Rev. Martha Sterne as she ended her tenure as Interim Rector and as the parish came to the end of a season of transition from one rector to the next. I continue to be thankful for the leadership of The Rev. Geoffrey Hoare, and have so enjoyed growing in friendship with him as I have settled into the chair that once was his.

Upon learning that I had been called to serve as rector at All Saints', Geoffrey got in touch to say that I was going 'to the most wonderful parish in the world'. Week by week, I see how this heartfelt sentiment is lived out in the mission and ministries of this parish. In the pages of this annual report, you will get a glimpse of how very full the life of this church is. We are so much more than merely the sum of our very many parts. We are deeply bound to one another in love and we are also firmly committed to the life of this city. Sunday by Sunday I see you welcome newcomers to our community, extending the hand of friendship and opening up a space for grace in the lives of the people around us. From summer swims with kids who only recently arrived in this country as refugees, to Christmas caroling with commuters across the street at the MARTA station, we are sharing our story of God’s abundant love on and off this block.

2018 will bring challenges and transitions of its own. We will give thanks for the Chenaults decades of service in music leadership and we will welcome new staff members in other areas of the church’s life and mission. We will continue to be an inwardly loving community of Christ followers and grow into our vocation as outward facing stewards of the good news of the living God, offering welcome and respect to all whose lives intersect with ours. There is no place I would rather be, and I am so very glad that we are on this journey together.

Grace and Peace,

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Sharing Our Story
All Saints’ is a parish located in the heart of the city with a heart for the city. Our adult formation opportunities in 2017, both on Sunday mornings and throughout the week, reflected our commitment to engage with a diversity of issues impacting our city. We explored and celebrated Atlanta cultural arts through classes focused on music, dance, and the visual arts. From classical music to Leonard Cohen, to African American expressions of arts, our classes connected the songs in our ears with the stories in our souls. We met our neighbors: Refugees and Dreamers, Immigrants and Water Rights’ experts. Each of these formation classes provided opportunities to grow closer to God through better understanding and loving our neighbor.

All Saints’ truly is a church for all ages. With the youth of our parish we aim to create opportunities for youth to engage deeply with their faith, creating events, learning experiences, outreach opportunities, retreats and community-building moments to allow for a deeper connection to one another and with God. In 2017 we shared our gifts of music and friendship through the youth choir trips and the pilgrimage to Santiago De Compostela. In August, we added to our ministry team with the arrival of Joel Smith as Youth Minister. Joel brings years of experience of working with youth and children at Camp Mikkel and he has been a huge part of our having more “off-hour” presence in the lives of our youth, leading groups to diocesan retreats and helping us to create new events like our “Rock the Courtyard” concert planned for April 2018.

Over 400 people participated in Sunday morning Adult Formation offerings.
Among our youngest saints, we continue to bustle with energy and joy. Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings find the Pritchett Center awash with the color and joyous sounds of children, from our various children’s choirs to the multiple opportunities for spiritual formation children are regularly told that they are loved and cherished by God and the adults in this church. They hear the stories of our faith, try to discern what they may mean for them today in their world, and ultimately, are challenged to practice the lessons out in their communities. In 2017, we have started including more children in our services as lectors and ushers, and have created opportunities to work more with families and parents through book clubs, parenting classes, child and parent art classes, cross-generation service activities, and a new family service club in the planning for this year. In all our ministry among children, we encourage children's ability to show and share God's love and grace in the church and in the world, to be a community where children and adults work together to follow Jesus’ teaching and do God’s work, and to recognize the gifts our children bring.
Nearly 400 saints attended our annual parish retreat at Kanuga in North Carolina.

We are a parish that loves to celebrate life together! We love to eat good food and we love to share good company even more. Wednesday nights continue to grow as rich feasts of food and fellowship as we share eucharist around the table among a truly diverse crowd offering us all an image of the beloved community on this block. There are book groups, and gatherings for discussion, and more than a few committee and other volunteer groups that help to keep our life as a parish moving forward. So many of the saints offer their time and talent to make this church what it is, especially on Sunday mornings. Ushers and greeters, singers and lectors, vergers and acolytes – these and so many more offer their gifts for the community we call our church home.

In 2017 an average of 150 people share supper on a Wednesday night at All Saints’.
In 2017, we enjoyed a full calendar of events. We blessed backpacks, presented musicals, celebrated our many ministries, hosted a highly successful Fall Festival, had picnics in the courtyard, and extended care to one another in our hours of need. We also were enriched this past year by opportunities to grow deeper through men's and women's retreats, vigils in the church, an exhibition of stoles in the chapel, and a wide variety of guest speakers and facilitators who have helped us gain a more expansive perspective on what it means to follow Christ in this place and time.

All Saints' is a profoundly caring parish. This past year, hundreds of parishioners received calls and cards and acts of love and care in response to their request for prayers for those they love. Our eucharistic visitors, e-care team, and Sunday callers, along with the ten pastoral care staff at All Saints' have expanded their care for those members of our community who are no longer able to make it to church services on Sundays, and we continue to visit all those in hospital and rehabilitation care, extending the love for one another that makes our church the special community that it is.

In 2018, we intend to continue to build on the culture of welcome and inclusion that is the hallmark of this wonderful church community. As we grow our staff and invite more saints to live out their ministries of service to the church, so will our capacity be enlarged to reach even more of our neighbors, near and far, as we seek to widen our circle as a beloved community in and for this city.
Service lies at the heart of who we are as a church. From making sandwiches on MLK day, to moving furniture for Refugee Super Saturday’s, we as a church family, across the ages, share in the teachings of Jesus by lovingly caring for our neighbors. At its core, our service ministries are about the extraordinary team of volunteers who give not only their time, but of their love to people who through these acts of service and care see something of the life of God that lives in them.

Our service ministries at All Saints’ remain rooted in our four core ministries: Threads, Midtown Assistance Center, Covenant Community, and Refugee Ministries. Thanks to our generous volunteers we were able to provide 1,375 children with clothes, help provide stabilization for over 300 Refugee families in Clarkston, care for dozens of men on their journey towards recovery, and assist in the Midtown Assistance Center’s mission of caring for the working poor of our city.

Thousands of volunteer hours were committed to the ministries of our parish in 2017.

Over 800 were directly served by All Saints’ ministries in 2017.
Over 200 people who arrived in the U.S. as refugees were supported by All Saints’ in 2017.

The range of services provided by our volunteers is imaginative and expansive. On one hand: we tutor children, take them on hikes, give them winter coats, share our backyard pools, and furnish their homes. On the other hand: we provide legal services, build lasting friendships, assist families in navigating complex issues with Medicaid and health insurance, help people get into school, find jobs, and we help men in recovery mend their lives. Our service for and with our neighbors sometimes comes in the form of kicking a soccer ball in Piedmont Park, or serving up hundreds of meals for people who are homeless during the Thanksgiving season, or offering to host people in our homes during hurricane evacuations.

We are a community of many gifts, and the generosity with which we share those gifts is beautiful and a true testament of our faith in the God who calls us to love and serve all.
Let your Generosity get Out of Hand

Our Annual Canvass this past year offered this theme: “Let Your Generosity Get Out of Hand” as we invited the parish to talk about generosity. Each Fall in the Kennedy Courtyard, the Canvass team engaged the parish in brief discussions and invited everyone to consider how generosity impacts our lives. The conversations we shared with one another were rich. We asked ourselves “Who has been generous to you?” and “To whom have you been generous lately?” In reply, we heard ourselves answer, “My grandmother taught me that giving is loving” and “I discovered when I am generous my world becomes larger and when I give, I receive.” We offered stories of faith in videos during church. Canvass volunteers wrote personal notes and made hundreds of phone calls to remind families to pledge, and the canvass reached its conclusion as we walked the baskets of pledge cards to the altar to be blessed on Commitment Sunday. In so many ways, our canvass this past year taught us that generosity is deep within our bones as a church, and our response as a parish to our shared conversation about generosity was to make history with such enthusiastic generosity that our 790 pledges totaled over $2.9 million; the largest amount of dollars ever pledged at All Saints’!

In 2018, we continue to deepen our appreciation of the legacy entrusted to us as saints on this block. On All Saints’ Sunday and on March 4, Legacy Sunday, we celebrated those who have made legacy gifts or planned gifts. Most of our planned gifts come from parishioners who leave a portion of their estate to the church in their will, and those fund our well-managed endowment and serve to support our future ministries as we meet the changing needs of our church in its mission to the world. Our legacy gifts to All Saints’ and our yearly commitment to our canvass offer each one of us tangible ways to give thanks for the abundant blessing that this community is in our lives. Part of our legacy is the extraordinary heritage we enjoy in our buildings and grounds. In 2017, several important renovations and repairs were made across our campus, including: the restoration of our narthex stained glass windows, upgrades to the first floor and repairs to the roof of the Pritchett Center, investment in the music suite, and improved lighting in the arcade. Our grounds continue to be well cared for and we are proud to share our extraordinary spaces with Atlanta organizations as well as visiting groups from near and far. We are profoundly thankful for all the saints who offer their faith and a deep and abiding investment in this parish community.

Pledge Amounts:

- Under $1,000
- $1,000–$2,499
- $2,500–$4,999
- $5,000–$9,999
- Over $10,000

The Gifts of God for the People of God
We received 790 pledges, totaling over $2.9 million, the largest amount pledged in the history of the church!

2016 Canvass: $2,866,256
- $1,192,215 (62 Pledges)
- $1,179,661 (57 Pledges)
- $612,539 (100 Pledges)
- $552,191 (160 Pledges)
- $396,580 (262 Pledges)
- $112,729 (266 Pledges)

2017 Canvass: $2,802,918
- $1,179,661 (57 Pledges)
- $639,099 (102 Pledges)
- $503,084 (144 Pledges)
- $370,390 (244 Pledges)
- $110,682 (255 Pledges)

2018 Canvass: $2,914,210
- $1,274,487 (63 Pledges)
- $665,633 (106 Pledges)
- $505,939 (147 Pledges)
- $360,376 (236 Pledges)
- $107,773 (236 Pledges)
Over 100 people joined All Saints’ in 2017.

Just under 700 people on average per Sunday worshipped at All Saints’ in 2017.
All Saints’ worship life continues to lie at the very heart of who we are as a parish. Sunday by Sunday, our church pews are filled with people offering voice and prayer to a faith that we share and traditions that we cherish. We are a community who sings, celebrates, and worships together with an abundant joy. We also share times of worship where comfort and solace are gifted to those in need of support and care. We are abundantly blessed to enjoy such a rich architectural heritage in our church building, but even more greatly blessed by the glory of God that comes alive in the lives of parishioners and newcomers as we worship together at All Saints’.

For so very many, music is a language of love that enables us to see the divine. This year, Ray and Beth Chenault’s leadership of our music ministries at All Saints’ will come to an end after over four decades of outstanding service. They will leave behind a legacy not only of nationally recognized musical excellence, but of a choir family who truly loves making music and being a part of our worship life. We will continue to be a “singing congregation” because of their life together with us. We look forward to continuing to having music and worship in our church that will be an expression of God’s glory in, around, and among us.

We are blessed at All Saints’ with a rich tradition of excellent and contextually astute preaching, and are deeply thankful for the many and varied gifts of our current clergy offered week by week as they seek to make the good news of God come alive for others in our own day and time. Our worship life continues to be supported and served by a faithful legion of volunteers who serve God in this place behind the scenes with humility and grace.

In worship and music we are deeply blessed and yet we wish for more to receive that blessing. With that hope, in 2017, we began a process of thinking deeply about how All Saints’ can make our worship life even more welcoming, especially mindful of those who are new not only to this congregation but to the Episcopal Church as a whole. This year we will develop a fully inclusive bulletin with all music and liturgy incorporated into one publication each Sunday. We will also explore new worship expressions during the week and on Sunday evenings as we seek to open our shared life of prayer to an even greater diversity of current and future saints.
Dear Friends,

It has been exciting for us to behold All Saints’ going from strength to strength since our last annual family gathering.

A source of that strength is the many dedicated members who give of themselves. Our past and current vestry members in particular have provided sound guidance and creative leadership in the governance of our church and stewardship of our resources. Led by vestry member conveners in collaboration with other leaders, important strategic planning is underway as we seek to refine our mission and share the love of Jesus with our neighbors.

Looking ahead, the development of our block will require specialized expertise as well as the vision of our entire community. Please share your ideas and hopes as together we seek more abundant life for all of God’s creation.

We believe that our vestry nominees have the knowledge, wisdom and spirit to help All Saints’ meet the challenges and opportunities before us. We are profoundly thankful that they have offered themselves for service.

With gratitude,

Leighton Stradtman, Senior Warden

The 2018 Vestry Nominees can be found in the supplement.
2017—2018 Vestry
Leighton Stradtman, Senior Warden (far left)
Beth Blalock, Junior Warden
Dot Miller, Clerk
Charlie Ogburn, Treasurer

Administrative, Facilities and Program Staff
Lauri Begley, Director of Parish Life
Lisa Bell-Davis, Director of Communications
The Rev. Timothy H. Black, Associate Rector
Elizabeth Chenault, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
Raymond Chenault, Organist and Choirmaster
Michael Crowe, M.D., Assistant Choirmaster
Nancy Dodson, Director of Finance
Bruce Garner, Head Verger
Betsey Gibbs, Administrative Assistant
Lori Guarisco, Threads Coordinator
Fred Hart, Sexton
Ellen Hayes, Director of Stewardship and Development
The Rev. Kimberly S. Jackson, Associate Rector
Reece Johnson, Head Sexton
Pat Kiley, Rector’s Assistant
Karol Kimmell, Director of Youth and Children’s Music
Terry Kinton, Accompanist for Youth & Children’s Choirs
Benjenia Lee, Sexton
The Rev. Dr. Simon J. Mainwaring, Rector
Louisa Merchant, Director of Refugee Ministries
Randy Miller, Director of Security
Marie-Louise Muhumuza, Receptionist
Maurice D. Reddick, Project/Facilities Manager
Kathy Roberts, Director of Children’s Ministries
Joel Smith, Youth Ministry Assistant
Shawnne Smith, Nursery Coordinator
Phil Turks, Sexton
Mark Wirtz, Program Assistant
Victor Young, Sexton

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This Amazing Church

In The City, For The City

All Saints’ is a celebratory, life-giving, inclusive and welcoming community of faith in the heart of Atlanta. As a parish, we value one another deeply and are committed to serving the needs and learning the hopes and passions of the neighbors around us from Midtown to metro-Atlanta. We give thanks to God for the abundance of life, for the generosity we meet in one another, and for the hope in Christ that is set before us.