

**Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ through supporting and leading the community's Worship of God.**

**We are part of this Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in Worship of God, Discipleship for all ages, Serving Christ in the world.**

**This Vision for the Worship Ministry of this parish includes:**

- Our worship always seeks the Glory of God rather than the entertainment of an audience,
- Our worship is grounded in the liturgy and sacraments of the Book of Common Prayer, and the Anglican liturgical tradition, with the Eucharist as our primary act of worship on Sundays,
- Our liturgy is planned and coordinated for an integrated and coherent experience effective in: glorifying Jesus Christ, expressing and supporting the prayers and praises of the congregation, and drawing people into the presence of God,
- The whole congregation (not just those leading) actively participates in worship,
- Children and youth are integrated into the liturgical leadership of this parish in any role for which they are equipped,
- Our worship style is characterized by reverence for God, and warmth & welcome to one another.

**This Worship ministry also Grows Disciples of Jesus Christ by:**

- Proclamation of the Biblical texts, and sermons that teach and proclaim the Good News of Jesus,
- Spiritual Formation through the liturgy and music of the church, shaping our prayers, theology, and approach to God and each other,
- Spiritual Formation for those who support worship, gaining a richer experience and knowledge of God through ministry, liturgy and music,
- Effective Christian Hospitality that welcomes everyone (especially the seeker) to share in the worship of God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ,
- Practicing good stewardship of parish resources,
- Learning, prayer and Christian Community of its ministry groups:
  - Each ministry group includes learning, prayer and healthy Christian relationships,
  - Each ministry group is integrated into the ministry of the whole congregation,

**Our basic programmatic framework for this ministry is:**

- Acolytes: helping to lead worship,
- Altar Guild: preparing for worship, in close collaboration with the Flower Guild,
- Eucharistic Ministers: helping administer the sacrament,
- Eucharistic Visitors: helping share the sacrament with those who cannot attend,
- Flower Guild: preparing for worship, in close collaboration with the Altar Guild,
- Lectors & Intercessors: reading Scripture in worship and leading prayers in worship,
- Media Ministry: helping the Word to be heard,
- Music Ministry: especially adult, children and youth choirs,
- Ushers: showing Christian Hospitality, and assisting with the liturgy,
- Vergers: for a smoothly run liturgy focused on God,
- (Greeters from the Evangelism Forum also provide Christian Hospitality)

**Ministry Development Goals to implement this Vision:**

- Restart & build Children's and Youth choirs, continue to build the Adult choir
- Training and development for Acolytes and Vergers (liturgy; adult acolytes as well)
- Refresher training for Lectors, Intercessors, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors
- Training and development for awareness of Christian Hospitality (Ushers, etc.)
- Spiritual development of the Forum (ministry team leaders) as a group