

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Following
Jesus
in the power of the
Spirit
To the glory of the
Father



RECTOR'S LETTER



Dear Holy Cross Family,

If you had one last opportunity to speak to your closest friends, what would you say? When the Son of God stood on a mountainside in Galilee to deliver His final words, what he shared changed the course of human history. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me,” Jesus said. “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...”

It’s hard for me to get my head around the implications of Jesus’ commission. The Son of God and Savior of the world is empowering us to participate in the transformation of lives and the world. We get to help welcome people into life with God. God’s plan to save the world is us, the church. There is no plan B.

This is our calling, Holy Cross. **To be disciples who make disciples.** To be a disciple means to be a learner, an apprentice. To be a disciple is to say “yes” to Jesus, to make him the all-consuming center of everything. To be a disciple is to live a life of joyful surrender. In other words, Jesus doesn’t just want our time, our money, or our effort—He wants us. *He gave all of Himself for all of us.*

Our broken world doesn’t need an impressive church; it needs a church that is fully surrendered to Jesus Christ. It needs a church rooted in His humility, grace, and courage. As we move into this new year, **God is calling each of us to give Jesus all of us.** When we do, our lives will be transformed, and so will the lives of those around us. At the heart of our church is this vision: **go and make disciples.** When we say “yes” to Jesus’ commission and walk humbly in the power of His Spirit, God will be glorified in ways we can’t even imagine.

Holy Cross, in 2025, let’s say YES to Jesus!

David Cumbie

RECTOR / SENIOR PASTOR

SENIOR WARDEN'S LETTER



Dear Holy Cross,

As Senior Warden, I humbly and with gratitude testify that 2024 has been a challenging, yet highly rewarding year.

God has been gracious to us, bringing new members into our community, blessing us with a significant reduction in debt, and opening new opportunities for service. He has also led us to fresh avenues for Biblical teaching and learning His Word.

The Vestry is excited to see what God has in store for us in 2025, and we are confident that as we obey Him, follow Him with greater commitment, and live out the Great Commission, His blessings and rewards will be abundant. We look forward to making disciples and growing closer together as followers of Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Holy Cross, for your continued support in every way. May we strive for love and unity in the year ahead, deepening our love for our Lord and Savior as we journey together in 2025.

Dan McNeill

SENIOR WARDEN

GRATEFUL FOR IN '24

**“The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.”
Psalm 145:9**



Christian Education

The successful launch of Foundations for children, teens and adults on Sunday mornings; our Essentials series on the Gospel and Anglicanism; the blessing it is to have Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon.



Tithing

Generous giving of tithes and offerings above and beyond our annual budgeted giving!



Debt Reduction

Reducing our debt by *over \$1 million dollars* in 2024 through your faithful, sacrificial giving.



Parish Lunches

Gathering for fun and fellowship to help us connect and care for each other as ONE church.



Relaunching Children's Ministry

Reprioritizing and relaunching our Sunday morning discipleship for children, hosting family-friendly events, and calling Claire Buxton as our new Children's Ministry Director.



HIS School

Continuing to grow our HIS School by adding a kindergarten class and HIS Camp outreach over the summer.



Hurricane Helene Support

Raising funds and providing supplies, including our “Books and Blankets” drive and men's ministry service project at LutherRidge.



Islands Outreach

Renewed commitment to connecting with our neighbors on SI and IOP through our Easter Egg Hunt and Fall Missions Festival.



Men's Turkey Fry

Provided 80 turkeys on Christmas Eve for local foster families and first responders.



COOKING TEAM



YOUTH GROUP



KIDS TIME



FOUNDATIONS



PALM SUNDAY



TURKEY FRY



INDIA MISSIONS TEAM



FALL FESTIVAL



BOOKS & BLANKETS

HIS SCHOOL

Raising up future generations in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ!

At Holy Cross Island School, or "HIS" School, we're dedicated to planting Gospel seeds that the Lord will nurture and grow in each student. Our mission is inspired by John 10:10, that "they have come to have life, and life to the full." Every teacher and staff member here works hard to create a nurturing, educational environment where children feel safe, loved, excited for the day ahead. Most importantly, our desire is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our children and parents.

Looking ahead to 2025, as HIS school continues to grow and thrive in its mission, our hope is that our families would come to see Holy Cross as their church family and receive the support and encouragement they need as parents to help their children grow spiritually.

We thank God for the ways He is at work in HIS School and thank all of you for your prayers and support of this important ministry!

Karen Miller
Laurin Ward

HIS SCHOOL DIRECTORS



KAREN MILLER



LAURIN WARD

Thank you, Karen!

After 16 years with HIS School, the last six as Director, Karen Miller will be leaving HIS School. We are so very grateful for the amazing impact Karen has had and pray the Lord blesses her in this next season of life and ministry. She will be missed!

WAYS TO SERVE

**Worshipping together as a community
is at the heart of what we do as God's
people!**

It takes a lot of hands and hearts each Sunday for all of us worship and learn together. We'd love for you to be a part of what God is doing here. Below is a list of teams that need more help. Just scan the code or visit holycross.net/serve and sign up today! And don't worry, we provide all the training and support you need to serve so join a team and bless our church family through your gifts and personality!



TEAM	PEOPLE NEEDED	FREQUENCY OF SERVICE/TIME
Readers & Communion Servers	4-6 people	1x every 2 mos./15 min.
Children's Ministry*	4 people	1x every mo./1.5 hrs.
Youth Ministry*	4 people	1x every month/1.5 hrs.
Communications/Social Media	2 people	As needed
Prayer	8 people	1x ever month/15 mins.
Flower Guild	6-8 people	1x every 2 mos./1 hr.
Choir/Praise Team	8-10 people	2x every mo./3.5 hrs.

**Background check required*

2024 FINANCIALS & 2025 BUDGET

The Church of The Holy Cross Revenues and Expenses

	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
Revenues		
Pledge Contributions	751,492	758,000
Plate Contributions	373,529	490,000
Other Income	34,084	6,500
HIS Camp - Summer Program	63,150	63,150
HIS School Tuition	582,281	687,081
Total Revenues	1,804,535	2,004,731
Expenses		
Personnel		
Clergy Expense	393,155	347,476
Lay Employee Expense	438,156	484,742
Total Personnel	831,311	832,219
Worship		
Worship General Expenses	7,646	6,000
Music Ministry	2,392	3,525
Total Worship	10,038	9,525
Discipleship		
Children's Ministries	5,308	5,600
Youth Ministries	3,050	5,000
Adult Ministries	24,984	33,500
HIS Camp	26,430	26,430
Total Discipleship	59,773	70,530
Holy Cross Island School		
HIS School Expenses	39,662	48,375
HIS School Payroll	367,228	453,360
Total Holy Cross Island School	406,890	501,735
Facilities and Operations		
Facilities Expense	319,972	355,623
Operations Expense	40,483	34,100
Total Facilities and Operations	360,455	389,723
Media		
Communications	25,126	23,613
Technology	31,470	24,000
Audio Visual	13,288	2,887
Total Media	69,884	50,500
Parish Giving		
Diocesan Pledge	112,502	124,800
Discretionary	2,400	2,700
Compassion	794	3,000
Missions	1,303	20,000
Total Parish Giving	116,999	150,500
Total Expenses	1,855,350	2,004,731
Net Gain/(Loss) from Operations	(50,814.62)*	0.00

*The loss of \$50,814.62 is not a reflection of our cash position, but of unbudgeted and non-recurring facilities repairs approved by the vestry during the year. These repairs included the replacement of a 10-ton HVAC unit for the main sanctuary and installation of a vapor barrier and dehumidifying system in the crawlspace of the Great Hall.

NOTE: Although we provided financial services for the Daniel Island campus through March and Daniel Island HIS School through May, this financial statement is a report of financial operations for Sullivan's Island only.