Summary of 2026 Congregational Survey Results

What is your favorite aspect of St. Gregory's?

Community, Fellowship, and Feeling Like Family

- Welcoming and friendly
- A place where people feel at home
- Accepting and nonjudgmental
- A place of genuine relationships and fellowship

- "I feel like I am part of a family."
- "Always felt at home."
- "The people, the community, the love."
- "Warm welcome feels like home."

Our Rector, Father Andrew

- Inspiring sermons
- Biblical teaching
- Personal engagement
- Spiritual leadership
- Authenticity and relatability

- "Father Andrew's sermons are incredible."
- "The rector is phenomenal."
- "He brings scriptures to life and makes them relevant."
- "Pastor Andrew inspires me to be a better person."

Sermons and Spiritual Growth

- Thought-provoking sermons
- Biblical teaching
- Spiritual formation
- Bible studies and classes
- Opportunities for deeper faith

- "Listening to Father Andrew's sermon every Sunday."
- "The faith-inspiring sermons."
- "The Bible teachings and preaching."

Music and Traditional Worship

- Choir
- Organ music
- Traditional liturgy
- High-quality worship services

- "Outstanding music and chorus."
- "Traditional services with great church music."
- "Love the organ music and the choir."

Inclusiveness, Diversity, and Acceptance

- Open to all
- Diverse
- Inclusive
- Affirming
- Welcoming to different backgrounds and viewpoints

- "Everyone is welcomed."
- "Acceptance of all people."
- "Diversity—open to all."
- "A welcoming, inclusive and authentic community."

Ministries and Opportunities to Serve

- Meals with Meaning
- Community outreach
- Healing ministry
- Yoga ministry
- Beloved Community initiatives
- Sunday School and children's formation

- "Many opportunities to serve."
- "Meals with Meaning."
- "Community outreach."
- "Many on-ramps for people to get involved."

Sense of God's Presence and Spiritual Nourishment

- Feeling the Holy Spirit
- Experiencing peace
- Feeling God's presence
- Spiritual healing and nourishment

- "I feel the Holy Spirit every time I walk into the sanctuary."
- "The deep sense of peace I feel the moment I walk in."
- "The love I feel when I am there."

What would you like St. Gregory's to add or change?

Nothing!

- The most common response was **“Nothing” or “Very little.”**
- Many respondents expressed strong satisfaction with St. Gregory’s and emphasized preserving what makes the church special: its welcoming community, traditional worship, strong preaching, and existing ministries.

More Fellowship, Hospitality, and Connections

A recurring desire was to help people build deeper relationships and integrate newcomers.

- More opportunities to meet fellow parishioners
- Stronger newcomer hospitality
- More interaction between attendees of different services
- Better awareness of ministries and volunteer opportunities
- More church social events and fellowship gathering

Youth, Children, and Family Programming

Many respondents would like increased investment in younger generations.

- More youth programs and youth group activities
- Dedicated youth minister
- More children's choir opportunities
- Additional Sunday School support
- Family service projects and activities
- Biblical literacy programs for youth

Outreach, Service, and Community Engagement

Many respondents want additional opportunities to serve both the church and broader community.

- More volunteer opportunities
- Habitat-style projects
- Community service hours for youth
- Outreach to lower-income communities
- Ministry to immigrants
- Expanded social justice efforts
- Additional short-term mission opportunities

Thank you all for participating!