

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
March 2026 Music Survey Summary
April 16, 2026

SUMMARY

St. Matthew's Director of Music Search Committee released a survey in March 2026 that requested feedback about St. Matthew's current and future music ministry.

We are grateful for the 76 responses we received! Thank you! We will use the information to define the qualifications for the Director of Music. We will give the information and comments to Christopher and the vestry as leadership defines music ministry at St. Matthew's.

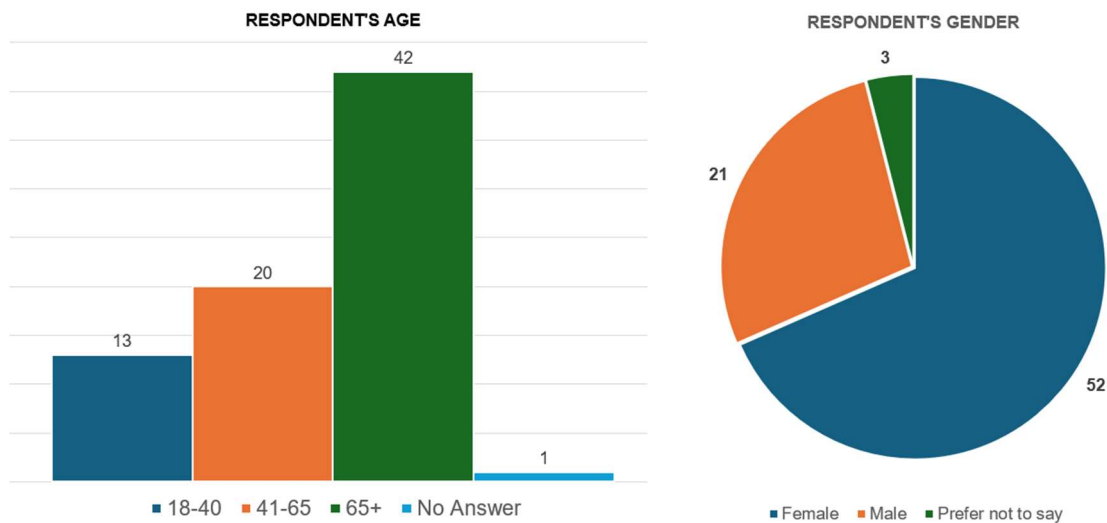
This document presents summary information about:

1. The demographics of the respondents;
2. The respondent's perspective of music at St. Matthew's;
3. A description of the music ministry program components that should continue and could change; and,
4. The desired traits of the Director of Music.

The survey provided wonderful information and feedback about St. Matthew's Music Ministry, its current state and options for the future! We are appreciative!

Katie, co-chair, Chris, co-chair, Audrey, Kristine, Alan and Steve

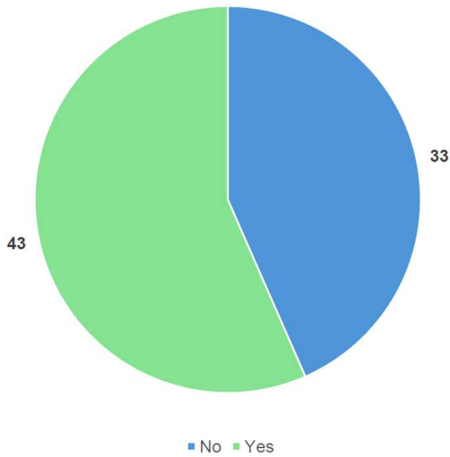
RESPONDENTS' DEMOGRAPHICS



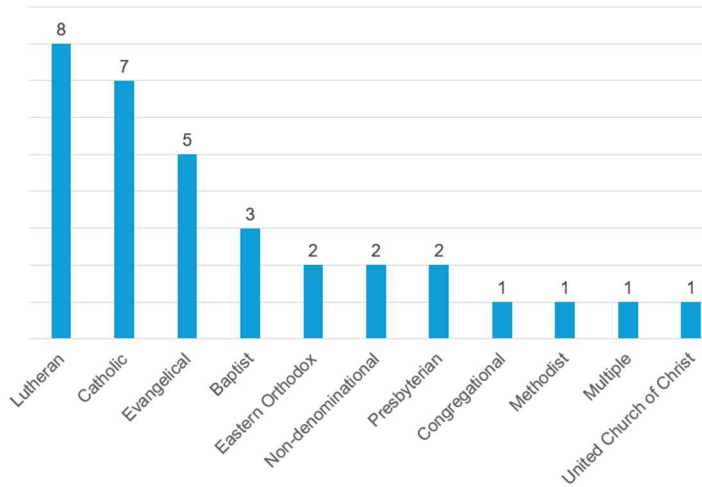
55 respondents described themselves as congregational singers. 17 respondents indicated that they participated in music ministry as choir members or as instrumentalists.

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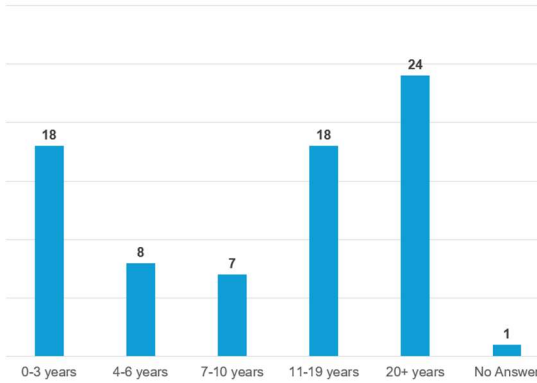
EPISCOPAL TRADITION BEFORE ST. MATTHEW'S?



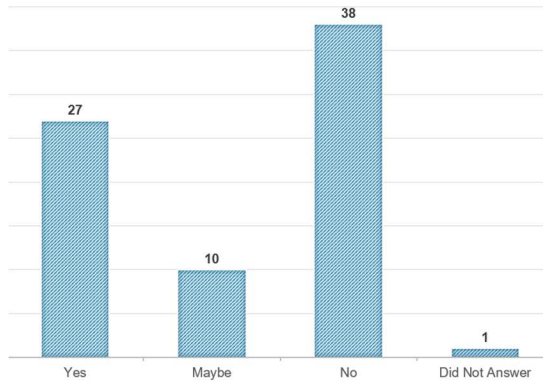
PRIOR RELIGIOUS TRADITION (33 RESPONSES)



RESPONDENTS' YEARS AT ST. MATTHEW'S



DID MUSIC PROGRAM BRING ME TO ST. MATTHEW'S?



THE PARISHIONER'S ONE WORD DESCRIPTION OF MUSIC AT ST. MATTHEW'S

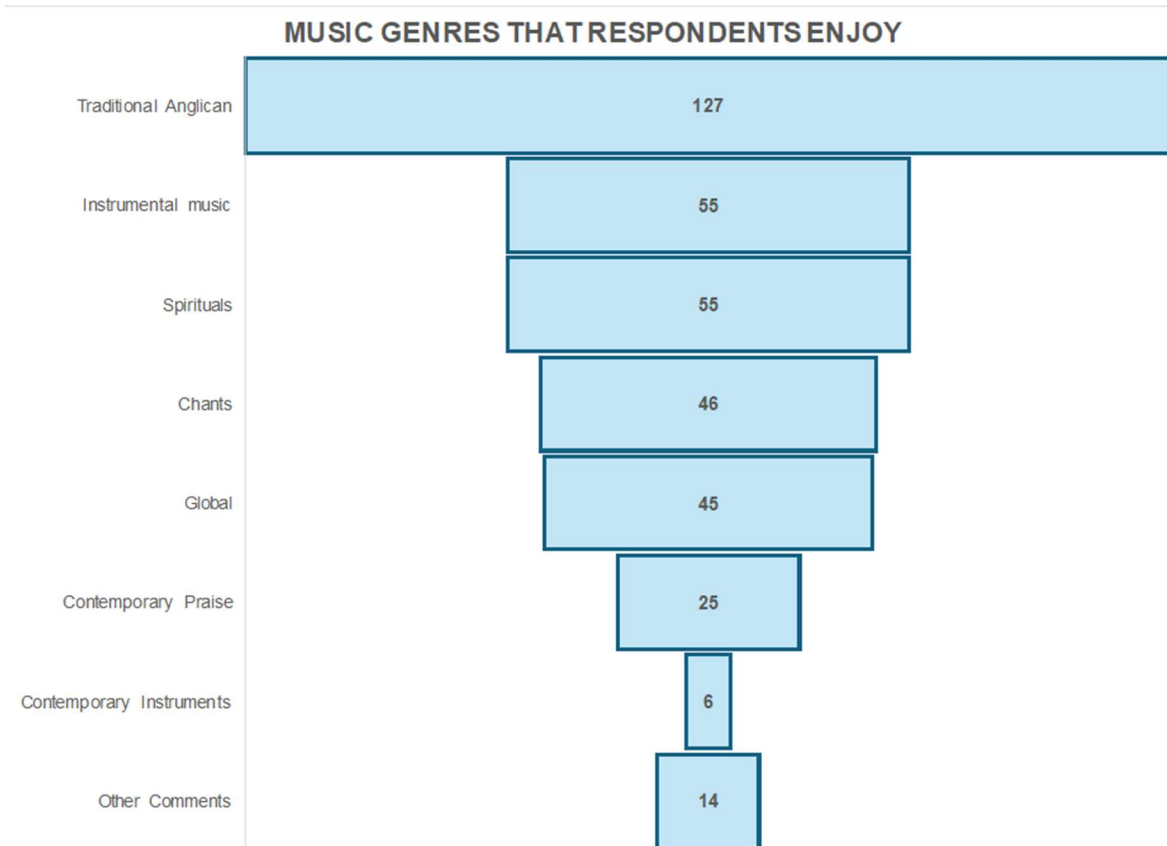


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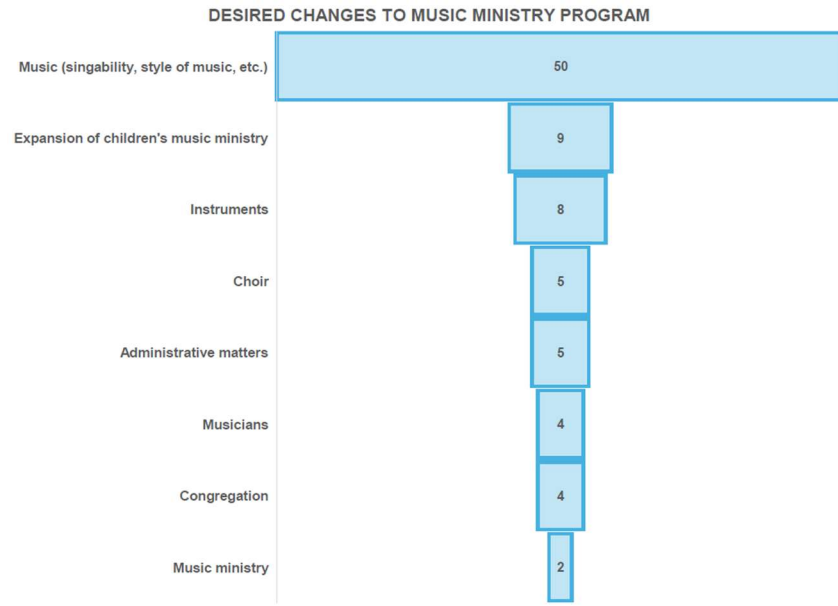
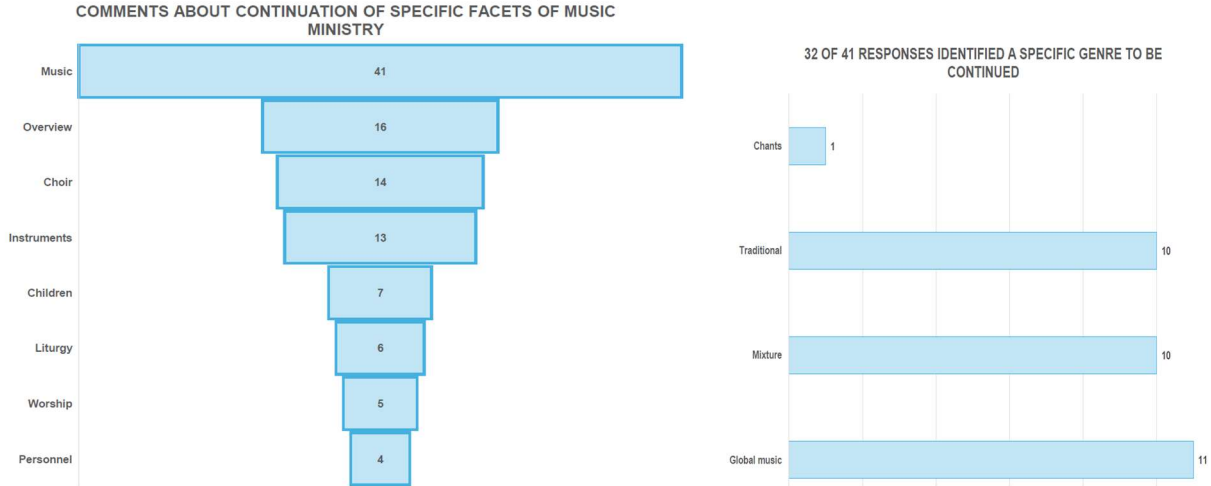
SURVEY FINDINGS

Comments about Music at St. Matthew's

	<u>% to Total</u>	<u>Count</u>
Music ministry is very important to our mission as a church.	69%	53.00
I am happy at St. Matthew's but not because of the music.	30%	23.00
I appreciate a mix of styles.	82%	63.00
I appreciate traditional (organ, choir, liturgical) music and styles.	74%	57.00
I appreciate global music and styles.	58%	45.00
I appreciate contemporary music and styles.	25%	19.00
Singing music fulfills me/makes me feel closer to God.	81%	62.00
Listening to the music makes me feel closer to God.	69%	53.00
Music is not my priority in worship.	5%	4.00
I dislike the music program at St. Matthew's.	1%	1.00



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**DESIRED TRAITS FOR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
 (Average Score of 3.0 or Higher)**

<u>Very Important - 4 pts., Somewhat Important - 3 pts., Important - 2 pts., Not that Important - 1 pt.</u>	
Recruitment, welcoming and effectively utilizing new volunteer musicians	3.4
Knowledge of the hymnal and worship liturgy options	3.2
Understanding and performing repertoire from diverse musical cultures	3.1
Conducting skills	3.0
Organist skills	3.0
Knowledge of Episcopal music tradition	3.0