



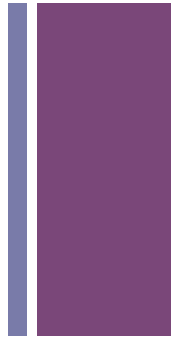
Trinity Parish Survey



**Results from the Parish Profile survey
October 23 and 30, 2011**

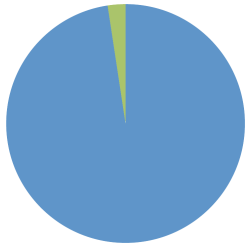
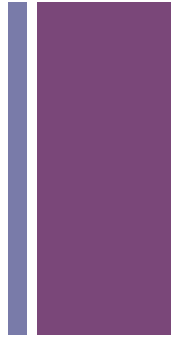
+ Trinity Parish Survey

- The Parish Profile Survey gathered information about our parish. The results will be **incorporated into a profile** that will help recruit our new rector
- **125** parishioners completed the survey
- For questions that allowed more than one choice, percentages relate to the responders

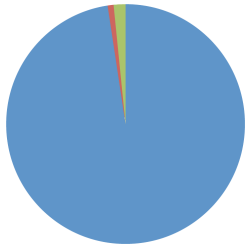




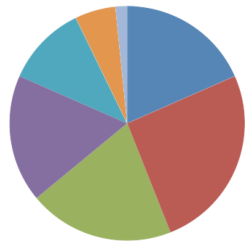
I. Relationship to Trinity Church



98% of respondents consider Trinity to be their church home



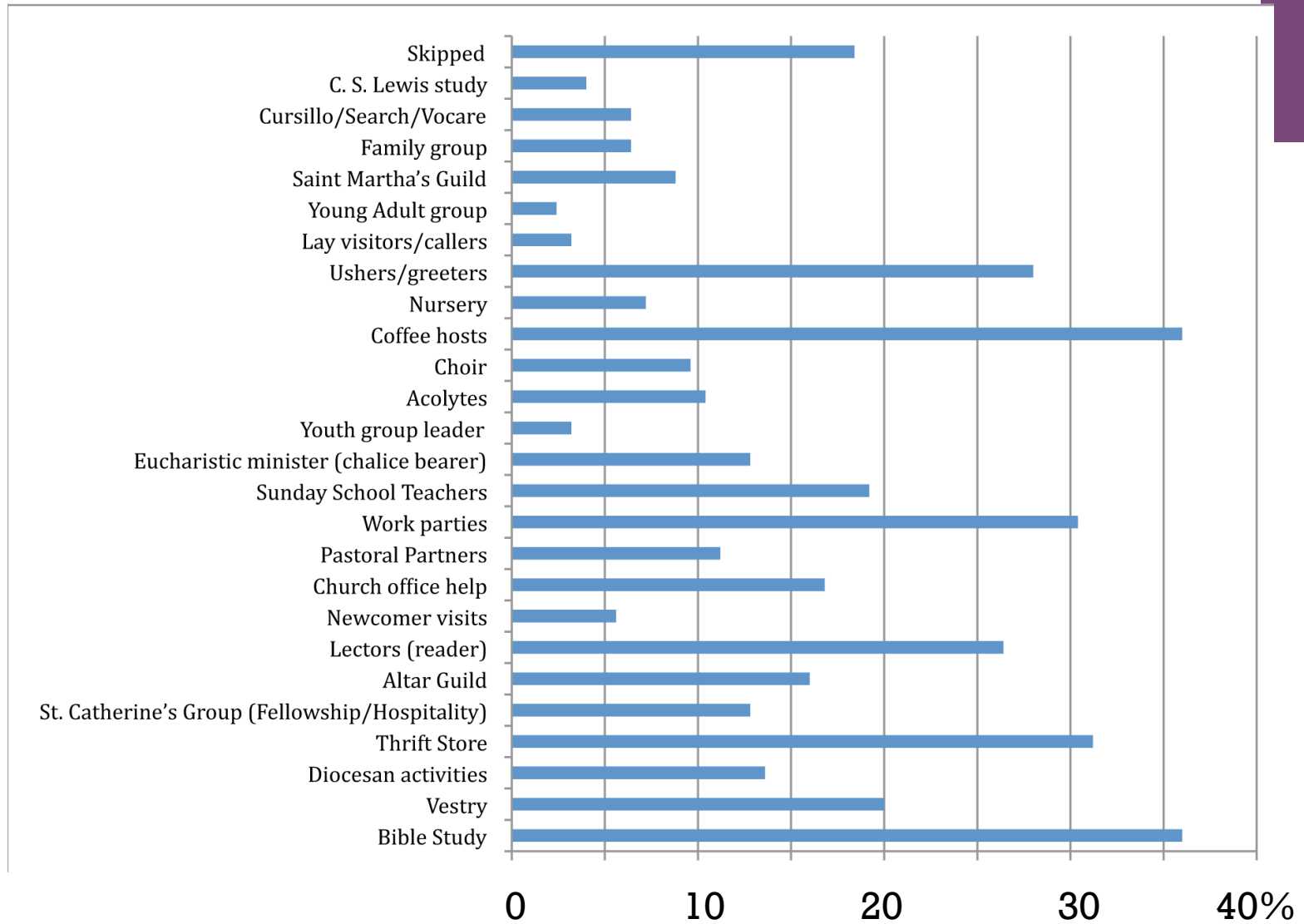
98% have been baptized; **77%** have been confirmed or received as Episcopalians



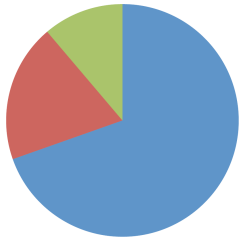
18% of parishioners have attended Trinity 25 years or more; **81%** have attended more than five years; **6%** have attended less than one year



I. Participation in ministries

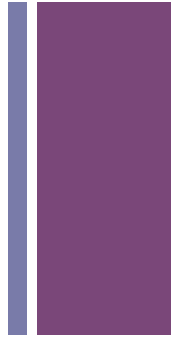


+ I. Our calling to spiritual gifts



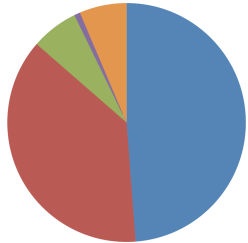
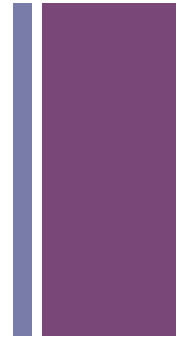
70% of parishioners say they have used their spiritual gifts at Trinity

- The spiritual gifts most often indicated:
 - giving (61%)
 - faith (51%)
 - compassion (46%)
 - mercy (39%)
 - forgiveness (38%)
 - hospitality (36%)
 - knowledge (32%)
 - intercessory prayer (29%)
 - wisdom (28%)
- The least-indicated gifts were **preaching** and **evangelism** at 4% each





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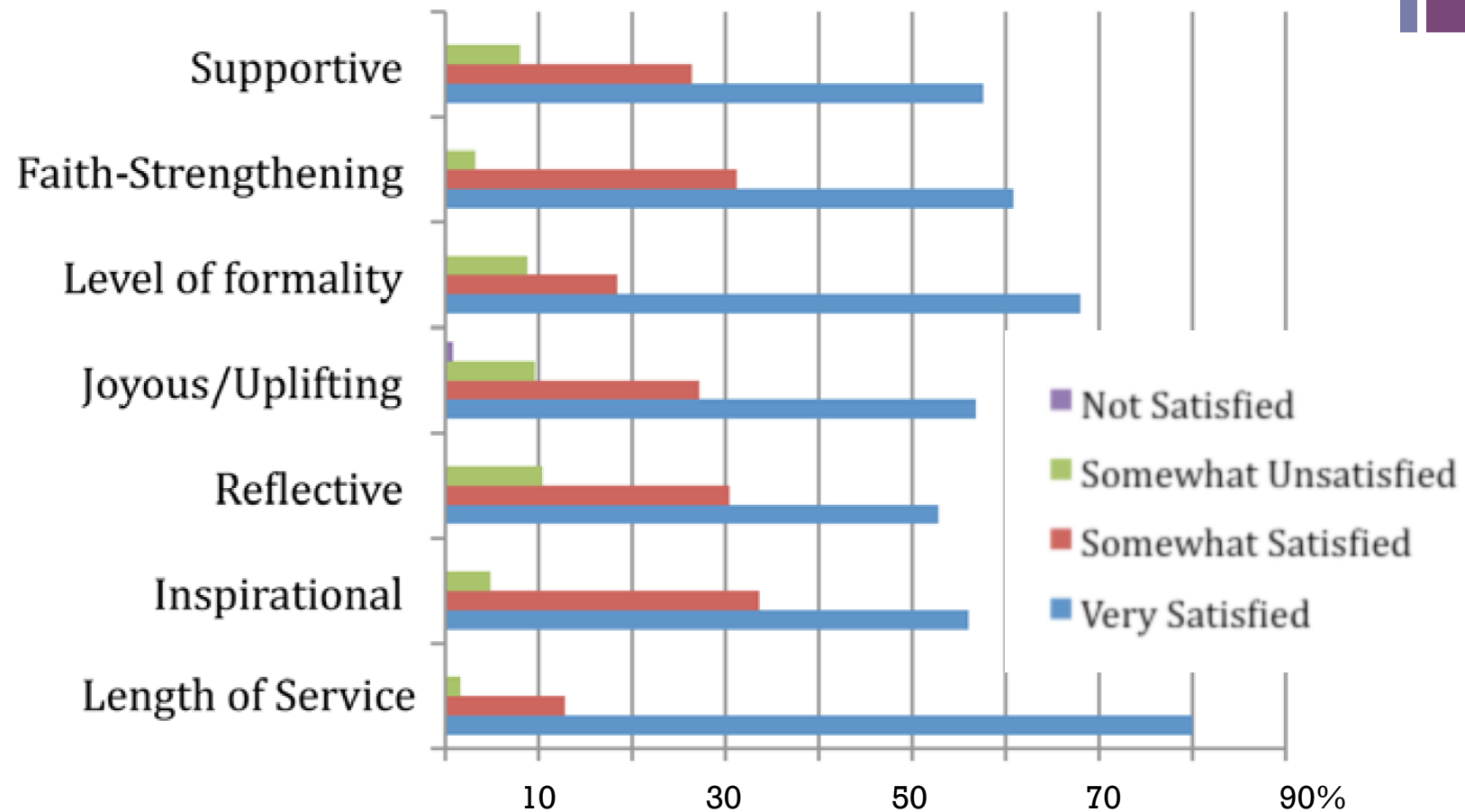


Nearly half of respondents said Trinity provides 'abundantly' for their spiritual growth and needs. **No one** responded 'not at all'

- **More than 80%** said Trinity's purpose in their lives was to help them:
 - grow in their relationship with the Lord
 - worship in ways that are meaningful
 - receive the sacrament
- **More than half** of Trinity parishioners pray daily; **one-fourth** pray several times a week. **Most** read the Bible occasionally

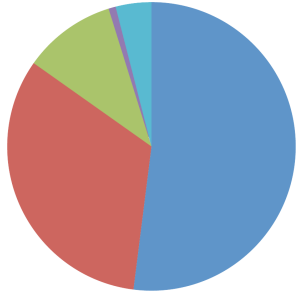
+ II. Worship at Trinity

■ Most are 'very satisfied' with worship at Trinity



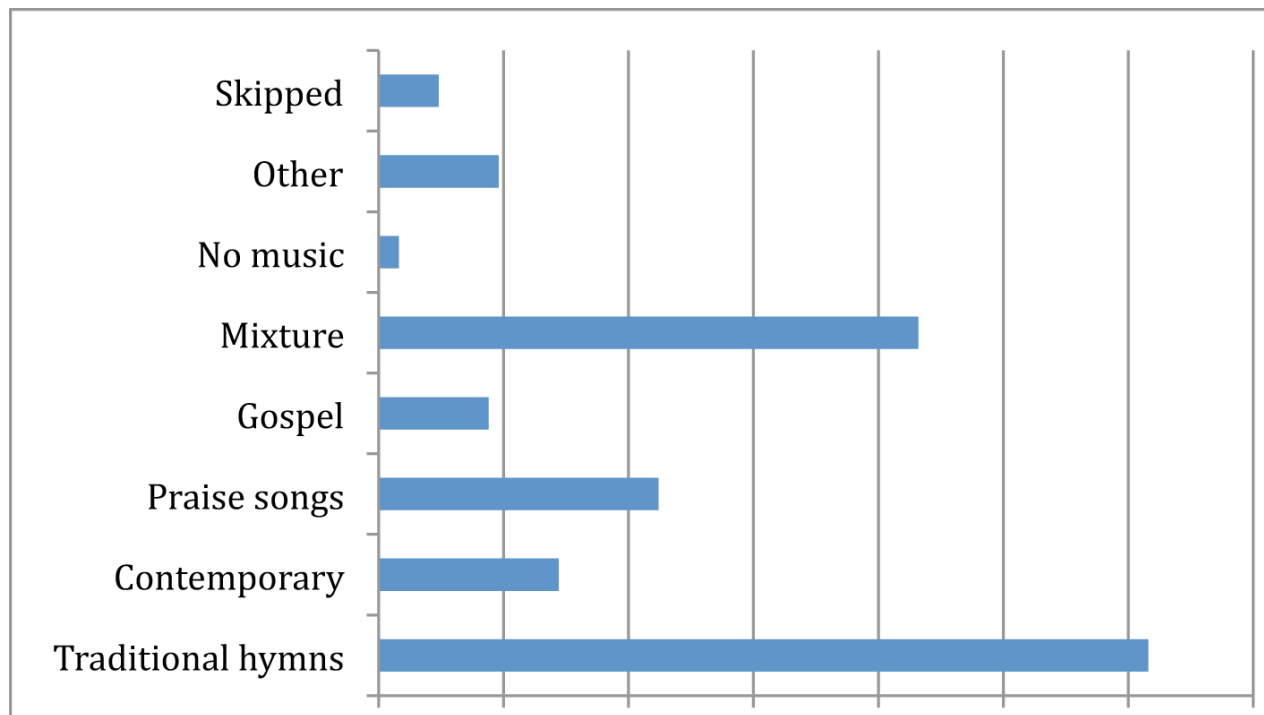
92% say Trinity is 'excellent' or 'good' at fulfilling their spiritual needs

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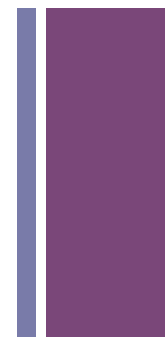


52% of parishioners say music in the service is important

62% prefer traditional hymns:

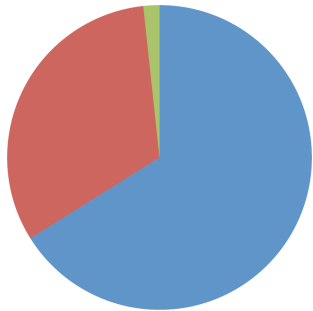


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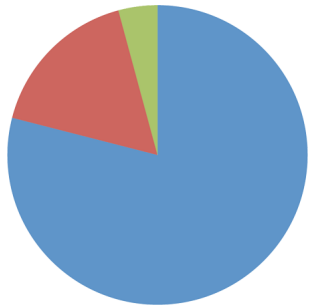


+ III. Welcoming newcomers

- Nearly 90% of respondents agree Trinity should work to grow and attract newcomers



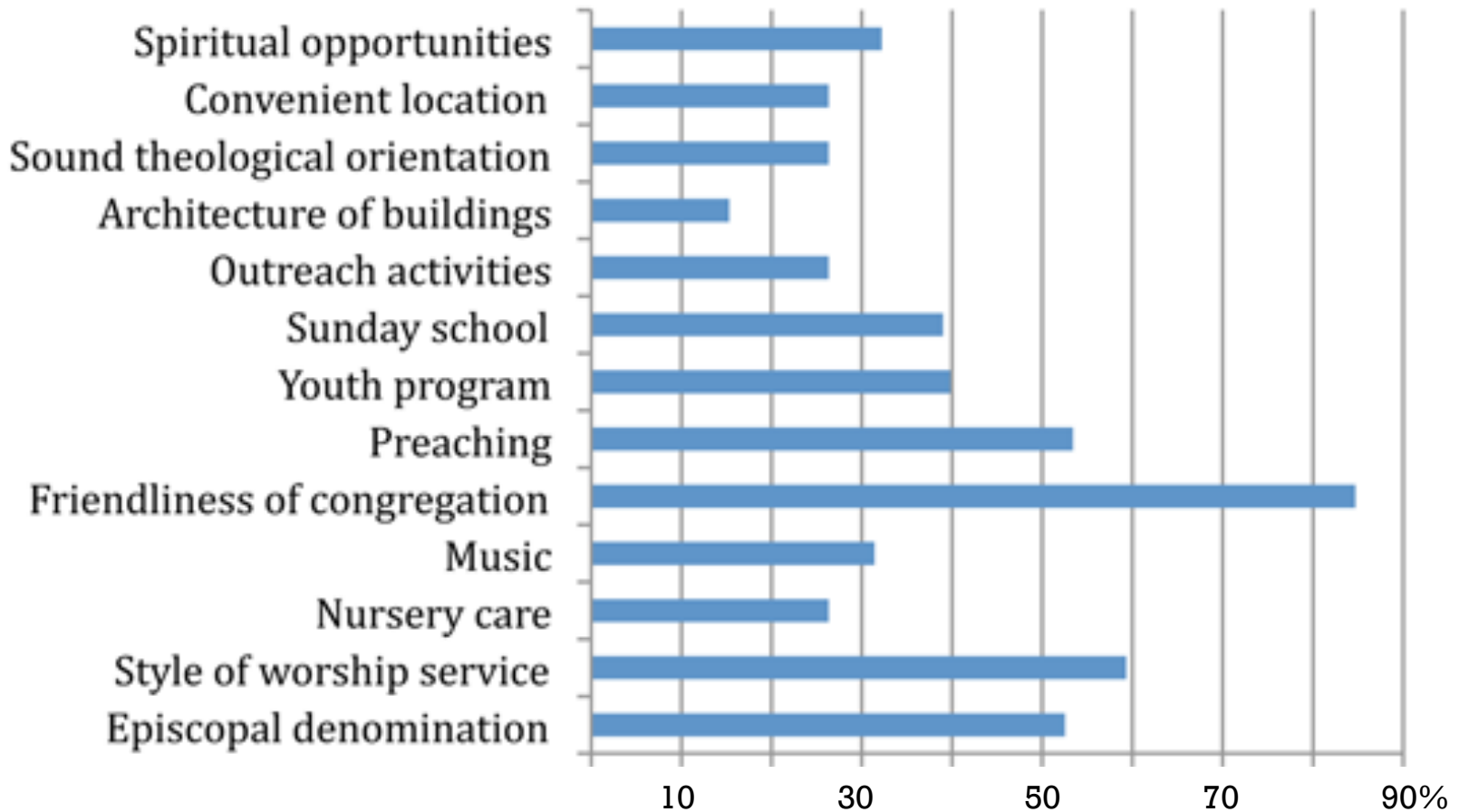
68% of respondents feel Trinity does a good job of welcoming newcomers; 30% say we need to do more



80% felt welcomed when they first attended Trinity; 25% felt 'somewhat welcomed'

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- Parishioners say newcomers will most likely be attracted by our **friendliness** and **worship style**:



+ IV. Trinity's outreach programs

Trinity is committed to serving its congregation and the community:

- 59% are happy with Trinity's outreach efforts; 31% say we should increase our outreach
- 79% feel they are adequately informed about Trinity's outreach opportunities

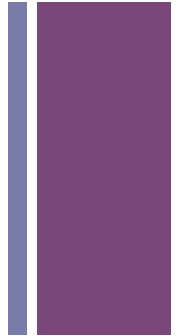
Programs they'd like to hear more about: Food Bank, nursing homes, Boy Scouts, St. Catherine's, coffee hour, WIND, gay-lesbian support group, Forward Movement publications

+ V. Sunday School

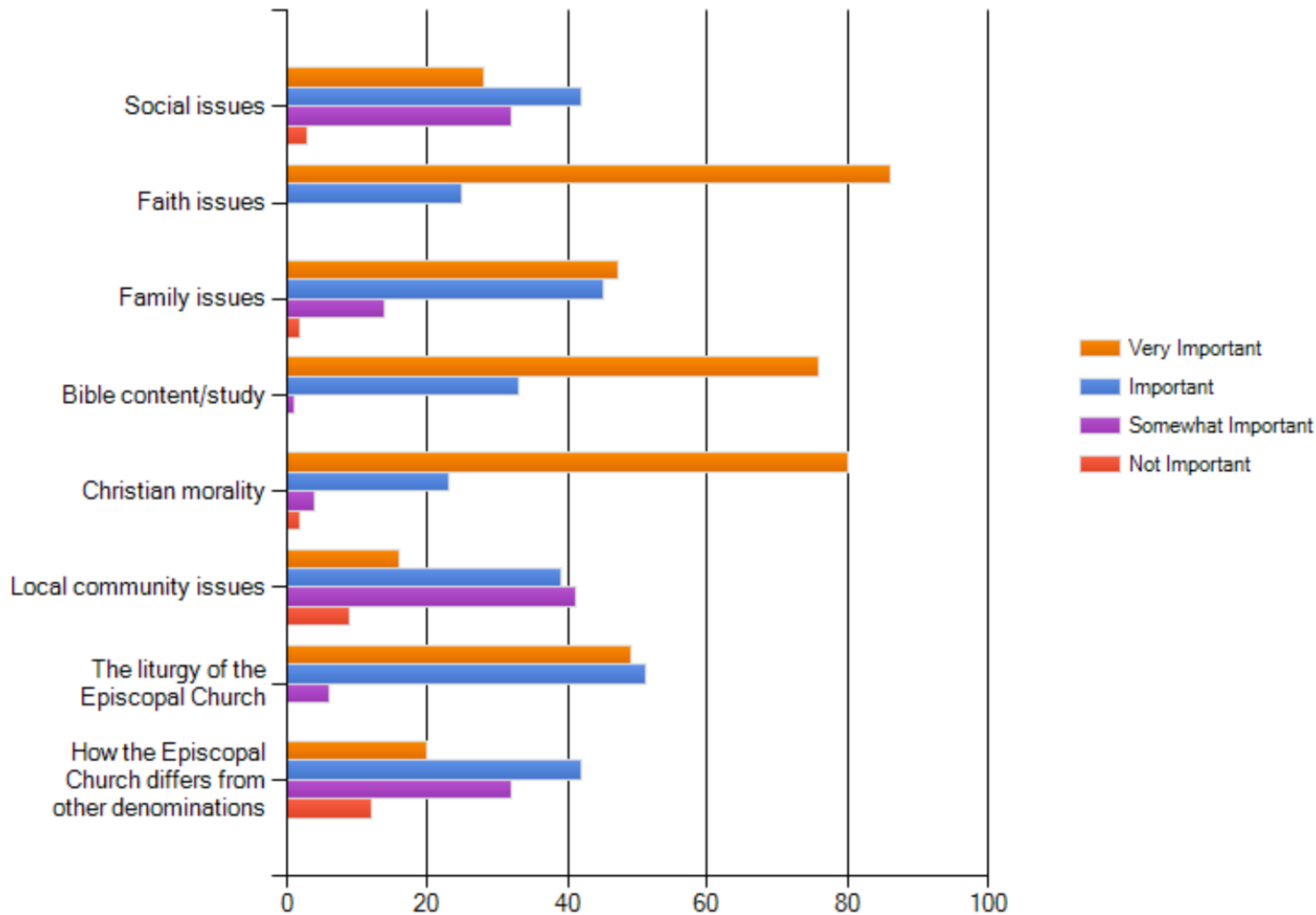
Trinity offers Sunday School during the school year at the 9 a.m. service

- 97% of parishioners support the Sunday School program, whether or not they have children

Activities parishioners would like to see included in the Sunday School program: children's choir, music and singing; fun; arts and crafts; bible study and stories; field trips; outreach; catechism; 'a vibrant and engaging program'



+ Respondents rated **faith issues, Christian morality and Bible study** the most important Sunday School topics:

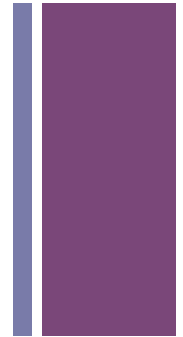


+ VI. Potential changes at Trinity

In what areas would parishioners most like to see changes or improvements at Trinity?

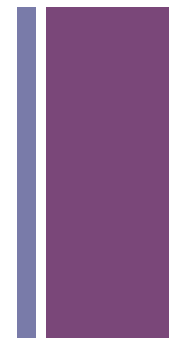
- Parishioners are most happy with Trinity's:
 - quality of worship (74%)
 - spiritual emphasis (61%)
 - community outreach (53%)

- Several suggestions drew high 'no opinion' responses:
 - Sunday School (37%)
 - evangelism (34%)
 - adult classes (32%)
 - youth program (30%)
 - Bible study (28%)



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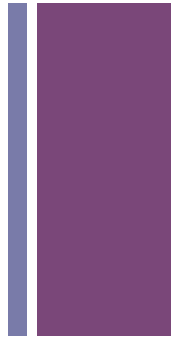
- Parishioners most want ‘substantial improvement’ or ‘some improvement’ in:
 - attendance at Sunday services (80%)
 - financial giving (60%)
 - youth program (40%)
- These categories also got decent positive responses: 16%, 20% and 20% respectively
- Parishioners are evenly split on their preference for an all-inclusive Sunday bulletin



+ VII. Attributes of the new rector

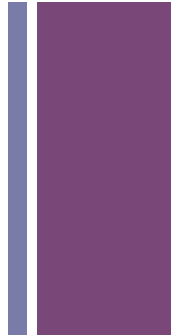
Parishioners were asked to choose characteristics they wanted our new rector to possess:

- They marked as 'very important' and 'important':
 - Attends most parish functions (79% very important, 10% important)
 - Is a strong preacher (72% very important, 40% important)
 - Is active in the secular community (27% very important, 67% important)
 - Spouse is active in parish activities (14% very important, 38% important)



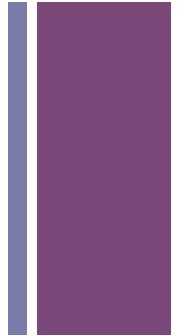
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- They marked several issues as 'not important':
 - Is female (95% chose 'not important')
 - Has never been divorced (95%)
 - Is married (84%)
 - Is male (81%)
 - If married, spouse is Episcopalian (62%)
 - Is heterosexual (58%)



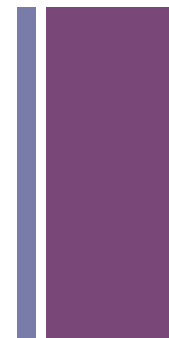
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- How old should the new rector be?
 - 63% had no age preference
 - 36% want a rector between the ages of 35 and 50
- What preaching style do you prefer?
 - 61% want an informal, conversational style
 - 32% want an interactive style
 - 28% want a formal style



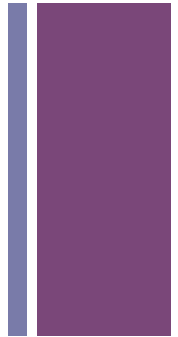
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- Parishioners were asked to rank 12 **personal qualities** a new rector might possess. The results:
 - Integrity: 107 'very important'; 10 'important'
 - Dedication: 91 'very important'; 26 'important'
 - Warmth and caring: 87 and 31
 - Enthusiasm: 81 and 35
 - Inspirational leadership: 75 and 40
 - Sense of humor: 74 and 39
 - Spirit-filled: 65 and 45
 - Commitment to spiritual growth: 64 and 48
 - Humility: 50 and 53
 - Self-assurance: 41 and 71
 - Creativity: 40 and 63
 - Scholarliness: 32 and 62



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- Parishioners rated three administrative skills the new rector might possess:
 - Strong leadership to develop goals and strategies: 50 'very important,' 63 'important'
 - Strong executive and administrative skills: 33 and 72
 - Significant prior experience as a rector: 18 and 50
- Should the new rector be grounded in scripture as the foundation of preaching?
 - 'Very important' 41%
 - 'Important' 47%
 - 'Not important' 9%



+ The next steps

Thank you for attending our profile presentation.

The Profile Committee will now begin the task of compiling and writing the church profile. This document will be approved by the Vestry and Diocesan representatives before it is final

For more information on our progress, watch your weekly eblasts and monthly Tidings or contact committee chairwoman Jill Spencer at bobjill@sbcglobal.net

