

Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Committed to living a faith journey that is
sacred, intentional, compassionate and inclusive*



**The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27**

November 10, 2024 ☩ 9:30 am

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Rector
Worship: Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday
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Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist!

This bulletin will guide you through the liturgy (worship service). The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are used throughout this service.

We are a school for transformation, as we seek to become a more diverse community of people, a kaleidoscope of different lifestyles, ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, financial circumstances and more. We invite all who seek God and wish to explore being part of a Christian congregation to our table and into our fellowship. We welcome those seeking a safe place for the expression of personal spiritual practices, ideas, politics, questions, doubts -- and faith. We also confess that as a community we are not perfected in love. However, we seek to become more fully loving and to accept all who wish to join this journey.

St. John's wishes to acknowledge and honor the Yokut and Miwok people[s] upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the resilience and strength of all our indigenous siblings around the world.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Sharon Farnsworth in loving memory of her husband, George for his birthday, November 9.

If you would like to donate flowers, please contact the church office at 369-3381.

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Elwood (C)

Lectors: Debby Weberski & Rosemary Cress

Camera Acolyte: Carlo Bagnasco (GF)

Crucifer: Stacey Bagnasco (C)

Ushers: Greg Soligan & Debby Weberski

Sound: Dick Williams

Altar Guild: Cheryl Nix & Aleathea Langone

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Debby Weberski / Stacey Bagnasco

Designer Guild: Janie Williams & Allison Dooley

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Ruth Diekman

Coffee Hour: Robert & Diane Elliott

Counters: Eric Goossens & Sharon Farnsworth

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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

by William Owen

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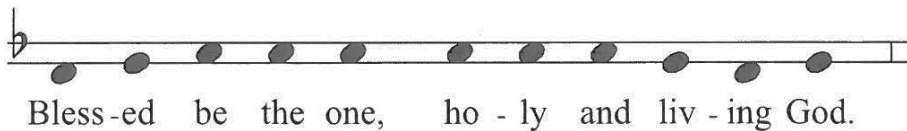
Entrance Hymn (*Stand as able.*) *Come thou font of every blessing*

Hymnal 686

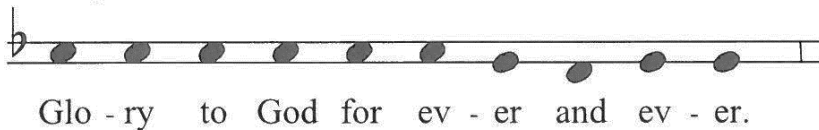
Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant



People



Collect for Purity (*Celebrant continues*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (*All stand*)

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of 1 Kings *All are seated.*

Debby Weberski

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. (1 Kings 17:8-16)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

Debby Weberski

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;

the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews *All are seated.* Rosemary Cress

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. (*Hebrews 9:24-28*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Lo! He comes with clouds descending (Vs. 1 & 4)* Hymnal 57

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (*Mark 12:38-44*)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Silence

Stewardship Personal Testimonial

Stephanie Pilcher & Eric Goossens

Nicene Creed *All stand as able.*

BCP p. 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People *Form VI*

Beth Elwood

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and David our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially Marilyn and Jack Cook, Jack Christy and family, Katie Long, Scott, Nichole O., Greg Soligan, Yvonne M., the Canwells, Rosemary and Richard Cress, the Wilson family, Corky Kuykendall (for travel). *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Rev. Betsy and All Veterans Come Forward.

BCP p. 839

Veterans Day Prayer for Heroic Service: O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(stand or kneel as able.)*

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Peace is exchanged.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries Blessings *All together,*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Hymnal 410

The Doxology

Praise to God (vs. 3 only)

Hymnal 380

The Great Thanksgiving *(Standing)*

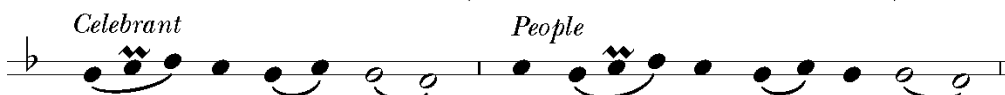
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Celebrant *People*



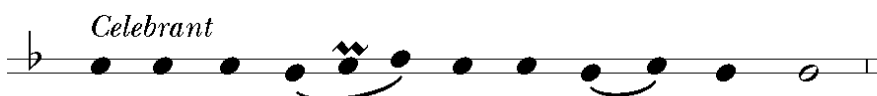
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as parents care for their children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

(Celebrant and People)

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-125

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer

(traditional)

BCP p. 364

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

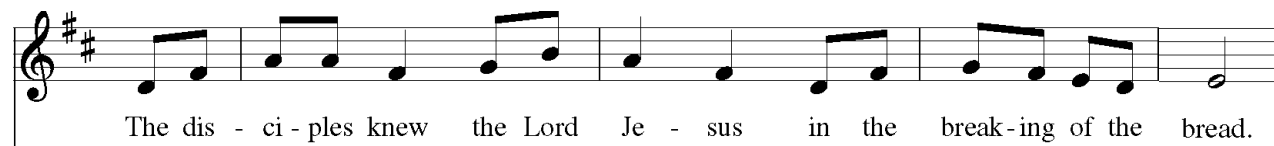
People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Fraction Hymn

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

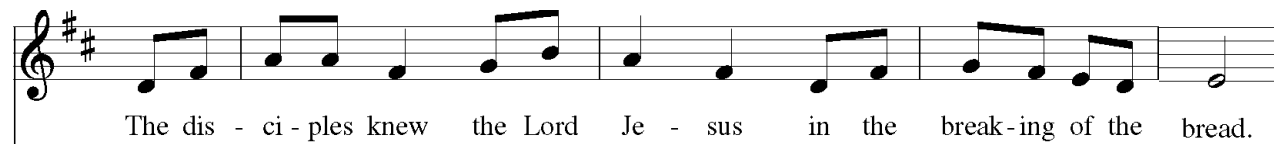
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Choir/Cantor



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Refrain- All Sing



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Choir/Cantor

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain - All Sing

Choir/Cantor

One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread.

All Sing



Celebrant continues,

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn *Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord* Hymnal 328

Sending Eucharistic Visitors *All together*

In the name of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post communion Prayer *Standing* EOW

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn *God of grace and God of glory* Hymnal 594

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

You can also give through GIVELIFY app. If you go to our website: www.stjohnsoflodi.org On the right side of the page you can click on GIVELIFY. Put in Episcopal church of St. John the Baptist and indicate the amount of your gift and what is for, i.e. pledge, rector/deacon discretionary, other, etc.). Givelify App is available at: [the "App Store"](#) or ["Google Play"](#) Or scan this code:



Announcements

Sunday, November 10

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

1:00 pm, Set up for 3:00 pm Concert for Valley Community Orchestra, Church

Monday, November 11 – Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

4:15 pm, Salvation Army Dinner Service, Hope Harbor

Tuesday, November 12 November 12-14 – Clergy Conference

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

4:15 pm, Salvation Army Dinner Service, Hope Harbor

Wednesday, November 13

12:00 Noon, Noonday Prayer, Chapel

6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, November 14

8:00 pm, Compline Prayer, Zoom Meeting

Sunday, November 17 – Blessing of our Pledges

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

10:45 am, Pancake Breakfast End of Pledge Campaign Celebration

11:15 am, Questions Class, Hospitality Room

Join us every Wednesday at 12 Noon for Noon-Day Prayer in the Chapel.

Compline Prayer Thursdays @ 8:00 pm: Here's the link for the **Thursday, 8:00 PM, Compline service.** Topic: Compline Time: 8:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82473384767?pwd=7xJY6MbaOLFjrnlnNWm41nZPDJIT87>

T.1 Meeting ID: 824 7338 4767 Passcode: 168908

How to help with Hurricane Helene & Milton Relief - The damage, destruction, and loss of life caused by Hurricane Helene & Milton is devastating. You can help support those affected through Episcopal Relief and Development by using this QR code.



Big Questions Class, Nov. 17 - The next installment of our Big Questions Class will be after church on Sunday, Nov. 17. If you didn't attend the first meeting, it's not a problem. Bring your questions and quandaries to this open-ended conversation. Hope to see you there!



When we gather in love, bless, break, and share our gifts and ourselves with the world, we bring healing and transformation to our world.

Walk in Love 2025 Pledge Campaign

Sunday, November 10th

Personal Testimonial from Stephanie Pilcher and Eric Goossens

Sunday, November 17th – Blessing of our Pledges

Celebration Pancake Breakfast Immediately Following Worship Service

~ Thank You for Joining Us As We Walk in Love ~

Advent Study Opportunity Sundays during Advent

This Advent, we invite you to join us in reading the Book of Isaiah. Each Sunday during the Season of Advent, we will meet after the service in the Historic Chapel to discuss the chapters assigned for that week. Materials, including the reading schedule and links to introductory videos, are provided on the ministry table. If you have questions, please see Rev. Betsy or Dc. Tom.

Las Posadas Celebration, December 14, 4:00 to 6:00 PM - St. Johns is joining with two other congregations - Salem United Methodist Church and Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria Peregrina - to celebrate Las Posadas this year. We'll also be joined by Bishop David along with clergy and parishioners from other Episcopal congregations of the Northern Deanery. It should be a great event!! Please join us for this beloved tradition that recreates the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem in search of lodging. Enjoy an evening of unity and fellowship for the whole family. Savor the tamales and hot chocolate, the mariachi music, and the good company. The celebration will take place at Salem UMC at 345 E Elm Street and will include a short walk through the neighborhood.



Dec 14
4:00PM
community
Las Posadas

Live Music	Música en Vivo
Tamales and Hot Cocoa	Tamales y Champurrado
Piñata	Piñata

Route:
 Begin at Salem United Methodist
 345 E Elm St, Lodi, CA 95240
 Walk to 502 E. Lodi Mural
 Return to Salem United Methodist
 for Celebration

Ruta:
 Comenzaremos en la iglesia Salem
 United Methodist en el
 345 E Elm St, Lodi, CA 95240
 Caminaremos hacia el 502 E. Lodi Mural
 Y Volvemos a Salem United Methodist
 para la Celebración

Sponsors/Patrocinadores





Vestry Nominations are Open . . . Feeling Called? - We are in the process of gathering names for our 2027 Vestry Class. The vestry serves as the board for St. John's. The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to support the clergy, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances. Time commitments include monthly meetings (~2hr on the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month), helping to open or close the church on Sunday mornings, and one - two Friday-Saturday leadership retreats a year.

To serve on the vestry, you must be 16 years old, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, and a communicant in good standing (giver of record and regular Sunday attendance).

Please let any of our current vestry members, Rev. Betsy, or Dc. Tom know if you are interested in putting your name forward or if you know someone who'd serve well in this ministry.

Vestry Clerk Position Opening - We are in search of a clerk for our vestry. The Vestry Clerk records the minutes of the vestry meetings. These minutes are approved by the vestry and kept in the parish's permanent records. In addition, the clerk maintains the official vestry binder and records. We prefer that the clerk not be a vestry member so that all the vestry members can focus on the details of meetings instead of taking notes.

The time commitment for this ministry is ~2hrs/mo to attend the vestry meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month) plus time to edit, publish, and file the minutes after the meeting.

2024 Vestry Members

Margaret Meyers, Senior Warden

Kelly Olds, Junior Warden

Fran Bott, Clerk

Stacey Bagnasco

Beth Elwood

Bob Gorczyca

Charlene Martin

Christina Soria

Debby Weberski

Andee Zetterbaum