

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-sixth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28

November 17, 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:

Mary Ellen Beckman in loving memory of her sister, Pauline for her birthday, November 22.

Steve Manildi in loving memory of his mother, Shirley Parker for her birthday, November 30.

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

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Minister: Anne Reeve (C)

Lectors: Debby Weberski & Christina Soria

Camera Acolyte: Fran Bott (GF)

Crucifer: Stacey Bagnasco (C)

Ushers: Debby Weberski & TBA

Sound: Stephanie Pilcher

Altar Guild: Dee Mayfield & Jim Reeve

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Debby Weberski / Christina Soria

Designer Guild: Ejae Perry & Mandi Sager

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Peggy Moos

Coffee Hour: Pancake Breakfast Celebration

Counters: Eric Goossens & Tom Gundershaug

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Prelude in C

by David N. Johnson

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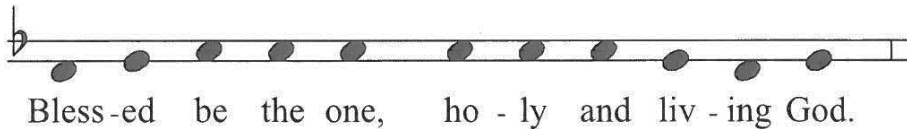
Entrance Hymn (*Stand as able.*) *O day of radiant gladness*

Hymnal 48

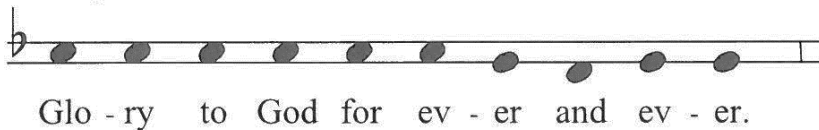
Opening Acclamation

EOW1

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Daniel *All are seated.*

Debby Weberski

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

(Daniel 12:1-3)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Debby Weberski

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (*Hebrews 10:11-25*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The Christ who died but rose again

Hymnal 447

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 came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against

nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs." (Mark 13:1-8)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson

Silence

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*

Anne Reeve

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, The Canwells, Richard and Rosemary Cress, the Wilson family, Katie Long, The McCormick and Badgley families, Scott, Nichole O., Devin L., Corky Kukendall(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

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

O very God of very God

Hymnal 672

The Doxology

Praise to God (vs. 3 only)

Hymnal 380

The Blessing of Annual Pledges

Celebrant: As you have chosen us, O God, and enriched our lives:

People: **We offer ourselves, our time, our talents and income.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for these gifts, the promises of our members for giving in the year to come. We pray that you inspire us with the example of your freely-given love to serve our neighbors, heal the world, and strengthen our community. Bless these intentions, pledges, and promises of our wealth, works, and wisdom for the needs of our church. **Amen.**

People: **We offer ourselves, our time, our talents and income in Christ's Name. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *(Standing)*

EOW2

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.

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the Celebrant and People respectively, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The next two staves are also for the Celebrant and People, with lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People with lyrics: 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.' The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat.

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)

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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.

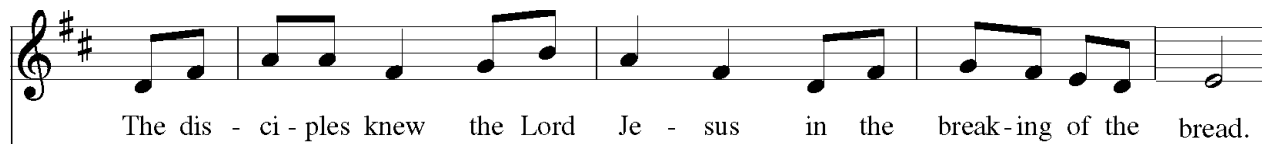
People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Fraction Hymn

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

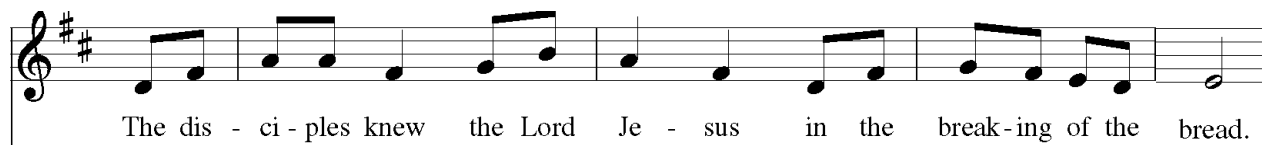
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Choir/Cantor



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



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

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

Thy Kingdom Come! On bended knee

Hymnal 615

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

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

by Douglas Wagner

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Announcements

For the 2025 Walk In Love pledge campaign, please know that Pledge cards are gratefully accepted at ANY time. You can drop off with the office, in the plate or give to Beth Elwood. Thank you.

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 (After you have quick pancake, bring your coffee to the Hospitality Room.)

Tuesday, November 19

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

6:00 pm, Vestry Meeting, Hospitality Room

Wednesday, November 20

10:30 am, People of Faith Study, Nursery

12:00 Noon, Noonday Prayer, Chapel

6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, November 21 - Betsy Out of the Office

8:00 pm, Compline Prayer, Zoom Meeting

Sunday, November 24

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

November 25 – 29: Rev. Betsy gone for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 26 – 30: Deacon Tom gone for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 28 – 29: Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

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=7xJY6MbaOLFjrnlnNWm41nZPDJIT87T.1> Meeting ID: 824 7338 4767 Passcode: 168908

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!

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.



Preparing for Advent

Silent Prayer for Advent – Every Sunday in Advent, the Chapel will be open from 9:00 am to 9:20 am. This is an opportunity for Silent Prayer prior to the church service.

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.

Before diving into Isaiah in preparation for our Advent I discussion, you may find it helpful to watch the following video as an introduction to Isaiah. <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/isaiah-1-39/>

Looking Forward in December

Blue Christmas Service - Tuesday, December 10 @ 5:00 pm -

A Service of Healing and Hope

For Those Persons For Whom the Christmas/Holiday Season Brings Forth Negative Emotions. You are invited to this brief worship service in the Chapel as an opportunity to get in touch with any grief that arises for you during this Season. We hope that after our time together, through prayer, music, and silence, participants will leave the service better able to be present to the season, amidst all life circumstances. Past participants in Blue Christmas worship have experienced benefits from quietly naming their grief before God. All who feel that they can benefit from this service, no matter their level of faith, or connection to our denomination, are invited.

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 Peregina - 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. See Flyer on page 16

**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. Please read the November Newsletter for a detailed description.

If you are feeling called to serve, please let any of our current vestry members, Rev. Betsy, or Dc. Tom know and we will put 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