

*Welcome to*

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



## **The Last Sunday After Pentecost Proper 29 - Christ The King**

November 24, 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.

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## **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.*

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## **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:* Rosemary Cress & Hennie Van Konyenburg

*Camera Acolyte:* Brad Huffman (GF)

*Crucifer:* Beth Elwood (C)

*Ushers:* Andee Zetterbaum & Margaret Meyers

*Sound:* James Bassett

*Altar Guild:* Peggy Moos & Anne Reeve

*Vestry Open/Close (Announcements):* Margaret Meyers / Andee Zetterbaum

*Designer Guild:* Kathy Girard & Barbara Warburton

*Nursery Care:* None until further notice

*Sunday School:* Janie Williams

*Coffee Hour:* The Sorias

*Counters:* Sharon Farnsworth & TBA

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

*Let All Mortal Flesh Speak Silence*

arranged by Lani Smith

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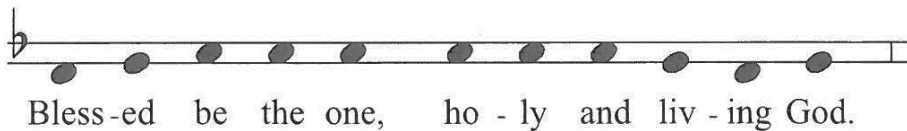
**Entrance Hymn** (*Stand as able.*) *Crown him with many crowns*

Hymnal 494

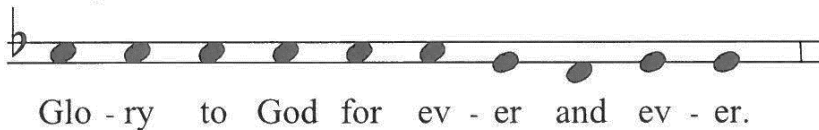
## Opening Acclamation

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Rosemary Cress

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. (*Daniel 7:9-10,13-14*)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 93

Rosemary Cress

- 1 The Lord is King;  
he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord,  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
for ever and for evermore.

## A Reading from the Revelation to John *All are seated.*

Hennie  
Van Konynenburg

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *(Revelation 1:4b-8)*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*Immortal invisible God only wise (vs. 1-4)*

Hymnal 423

## A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

*(John 18:33-37)*

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Betsy McElroy

**Nicene Creed** *All stand as able.*

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 III*

Beth Elwood

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; including from our prayer list Marilyn & Jack Cook, Jack Christy and family, Katie Long, Kevin & Jeannie Canwell, Richard & Rosemary Cress, the Wilson family, Amber & Rick & child, The McCormick and Badgley families – especially Pat, Scott, Nichole O., Devin L.  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Vanessa Jones-Thierry and Laurie McCormick  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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





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.*

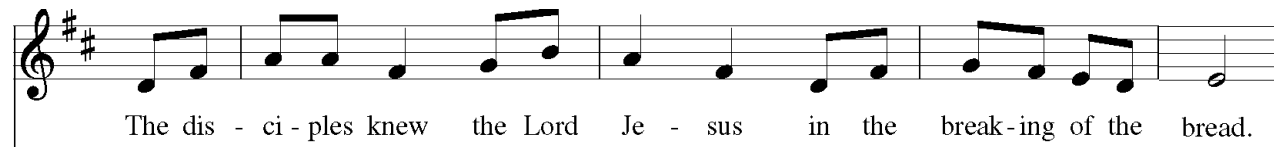
**People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## Fraction Hymn

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

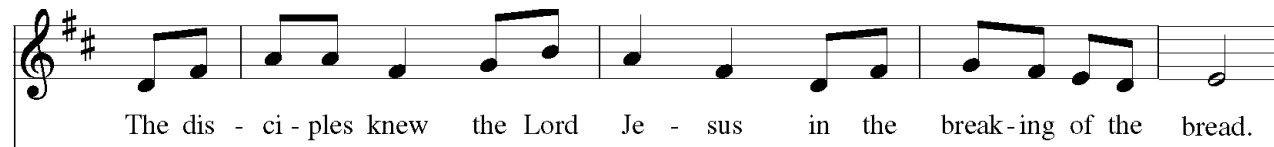
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*Choir/Cantor*



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*



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

*Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor*

Hymnal 307

## 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**

*At the name of Jesus*

Hymnal 435

## **The Dismissal**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Crown him with many crowns*

by George Job Elvey

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*We are still accepting 2025 pledges. See ministry table or any vestry member for information.*

### **\*\*Attention Ministry Leaders! Ministry Reports due January 2, 2025**

It is that time again to start preparing for the Annual Meeting in January. Please have your Ministry reports to Penny in the office by January 2, 2025. Thank you.

## Announcements

### **Sunday, November 24**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

**November 25 - 29: Rev. Betsy gone for Thanksgiving Holiday**

### **Tuesday, November 25**

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

**November 26 - 30: Deacon Tom gone for Thanksgiving Holiday**

### **Wednesday, November 27**

12:00 Noon, Noonday Prayer, Chapel

6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Church

**November 27 - 29: Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Thursday, November 28 - No Compline Due to Thanksgiving Holiday**

### **Sunday, December 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and Youth and Family Sunday**

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

11:00 am, Advent Isaiah Study, Historic Chapel

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

**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 at 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 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.

A red poster for a Las Posadas event. The top left features the date and time: "Dec 14 4:00PM" in white, with "community" in a pink script font and "Las Posadas" in large white letters below it. The middle left lists activities in two columns: "Live Music / Música en Vivo", "Tamales and Hot Cocoa / Tamales y Champurrado", and "Piñata / Piñata". The bottom left shows an illustration of Mary and Joseph on a donkey. The right side contains the route in English and Spanish. The bottom right lists sponsors with their logos: SALEM UMC, The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria Peregrina, and SURAISE.

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**Live Music**    **Música en Vivo**

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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

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**Flowers for Adornment of the Christmas Liturgy** - It is a tradition of our church to list special remembrance and dedications in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service bulletin. You are invited to participate in this ministry. On the ministry table you will find a list from last year. If you want to do the same dedication, please indicate OK next to your entry. If you would like to add a new dedication, please fill out the form next to this list and place in basket provided. If you want to change your listing, please write in red pen and make updates or changes. If you have any questions, please check with Penny in the office.

**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.

**Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family:** St. John's will be promoting this annual event. We have received our family. A gift tree with giving options is by the Ministry Table. Please indicate on the sign up sheet, which gift you've selected. **Gifts must be delivered to St. John's by Sunday, December 8th.**

**Salvation Army Kettle Ringing:** Rev. Betsy and Deacon Tom will be ringing up the season again this year. Should you wish to join in the fun, sign up here: <https://www.registertoring.com/> Or you can call Major Mark at 209-369-5896.

**Salvation Army Dinner Service News** - We are so very blessed to have a thriving ministry team supporting the Salvation Army Dinners at Hope Harbor. Karen Olds is stepping down from scheduling, and we are looking for a person to take on that role. Please talk to Karen Olds or one of your vestry members if you are interested.

**Social Media Liaison Needed!** - We are in search of someone who has expertise in social media marketing. Social Media is so important to our ongoing ministries and if believe this can be you, please contact Rev. Betsy or Deacon Tom or Andee Zetterbaum.

**Families Helping Families 2024** - Once again St. John's will be serving as the collection and distribution site on Sunday, December 15th for Families Helping Families sponsored by A New Lodi. If you would like to support this effort please contact Mickey Ditmore 209-298-8829 or [mditmore28@gmail.com](mailto:mditmore28@gmail.com)



**2024 Vestry Members**

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Kelly Olds, Junior Warden

Fran Bott, Clerk

Stacey Bagnasco

Beth Elwood

Bob Gorczyca

Charlene Martin

Christina Soria

Debby Weberski

Andee Zetterbaum