

Vestry Slate 2026

In addition to the clergy who are called to lead them, Episcopal parishes are governed by the Wardens and Vestry who work with the clergy to identify the missional priorities of the parish and to establish and oversee policies and procedures that support the church's mission.

Trinity has nine Vestry members who are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting for three-year terms. To provide continuity of leadership, three members of the Vestry are elected each year. Vestry members are allowed to serve two three-year terms in a row before they have to take a year off. This provides an opportunity for fresh leadership to emerge and with that fresh leadership, new energy and ideas to arise.

Continuing members of the Vestry are: Angie Carriker, Jack Diedrick, Gary Franklin, Brian Ingman, Kimberly Kefalas-Siu, and Becky Koskinen.

At their December meeting, the following slate of nominees was affirmed by the Vestry. Members of Trinity who are qualified to vote will elect three persons at the Annual meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2026 following the 10:00 am service. Parish by-laws do not allow absentee ballots or proxy votes.



Melanie Schell. My name is Melanie Schell. I've been attending Trinity since early summer of 2023. I had been seeing patients at the apartments across St. Clair when the Black Lives Matter Banner caught my attention. I had been looking for a church where my child would have racial mirrors and would align with my values. Trinity fit the bill, and I've been attending ever since. I'm easy to get along with, sometimes described as "too nice" and often told I'm good at bringing calm to chaos. I'm a mom to a smart, sassy 12-year-old who is my favorite human. My first date with Xavier was when I invited him to Trinity. It's been our standing, weekly date since that first Sunday. I've worked in healthcare for over 35 years both as a provider of care and an instructor. I have the ability to lead by example, am kind, patient, inclusive and always willing to pitch in to help. I believe I can offer these qualities and more as a member of the Vestry at Trinity. I'm looking forward to serving my church family.



Allison Hammons. I have officially been worshipping at Trinity since 2020, before that it was online and here and there listening before I was fully invested. My wife, kids and I love being a part of this church community.

Some of the things I have been involved in are the kid's ministry, helping with the Celebration of New Ministry and Pride Parade. I am very excited to serve on Vestry and be a part of the planning and making things happen for our community. I am blessed because of this church, and I want to give back whatever I can.



Kyle Grefe. When St. Mark's Episcopal Church closed in 2012, Hugh and I came to Trinity as part of a project that incorporated St. Mark's congregation into Trinity. I served on the Altar Guild at St. Mark's and continued to serve in that capacity here at Trinity.

Since that time, Hugh and I have been enriched by our work at Trinity. Last year, before Jon was here, I was asked to fill in the Vestry seat vacated by Leah Reed as she and Will embraced first-time parenthood. Right out of the gate, Priest Stephen asked me to be the Junior Warden! It has been a pleasure to serve on Vestry in that capacity. Having been the Executive Director at FOCUS (now Leading Families Home) prior to retirement, I was well versed in working with a board of directors and volunteers. Now, volunteering to serve this congregation and working with the leadership, both paid and unpaid, has been a joy.

In addition to my work on Altar Guild, I serve on the Parish Life Committee, which I hope brings as much joy and fun to you as it does to me (we are always looking for more committee members!). And how can you not accept an invitation from Meribah to plan and dig on the Plaza?

God is with us! We are energized and ready for the work God has set out for us to do.