



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
CATEDRAL EPISCOPAL SANTIAGO APOSTOL
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN · FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
October 19, 2025

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Psalm: Psalm 121 BCP: Page 779

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Sequence Hymn: Seek Ye First

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain
 2
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Offertory Anthem: I Heard the Voice of Jesus say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

Lay down, thou wea-ry one, lay down Thy head up-on my breast.
The liv-ing wa-ter; thirst-y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live.
Look un-to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright.

I came to Je-sus as I was, So wea-ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je-sus, and I drank Of that life-giv-ing stream;
I looked to Je-sus, and I found In him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest-ing place, And he has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, And now I live in him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav-ling days are done.

Communion Hymns

Hymn #1: Bless the Lord my Soul

p *76* Dm G Dm Bb C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho-ly name.

p Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in-to life.

Hymn #2: I lift up my soul to you

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Ad te Je - su Chri - ste le - va - vi a - ni - mam
I lift up my soul to you, Christ Je - sus, my— re -

②

③* me - am. Sal - va - tor mun - di, in te spe - ra - vi. Ad
deem - er. All earth's sal - va - tion, my hope is in you. — I

④* (Last time)

Processional Hymn: Hymnal #423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Stewardship



Tell Out My Soul: Reflection & Journal Prompt

The Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie, Associate of Holy Cross (AHC), serves as the Chief of Mission Program in the office of The Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe. He is fed by desert spirituality, a musician, capoeirista and an AHC, drawn always to the ocean.

Singing Gratitude

Music is breath. It is heartbeat. It is the voice that rises from within, unfiltered, raw, and real. Sometimes joyful. Sometimes aching. Always true.

The Xhosa melody Ndisondele Kuwe walks with me. It is more than a song—it is a doorway, an invitation into sacred spaces. The words mean I draw near to You. A hymn, yes, but more than that. A prayer. A surrender. A call not to seek answers, but to seek God. To move toward the divine, not from a place of strength, but from exhaustion, from the longing that lives in every human soul.

When this song is sung, something happens. The air changes. A quiet wind moves through the room. Voices tremble, crack, and finally break open. Long-held burdens slip through the cracks. In that moment—vulnerable, stripped bare—the Holy Spirit meets us. Guides us. Pulls us closer to God, and closer to one another.

This is stewardship. To step forward with what we have, trusting that it is enough. Gratitude gives us the courage to give without fear, to pour ourselves out while still holding onto the song that makes us who we are. We do not shrink when we give. We do not lose ourselves. We grow.

Gratitude makes it possible to sing. To share. To let go.

And when we sing together, each voice rising with its own story, we find something greater than ourselves.

Question: I wonder, how does gratitude help you to dare to share your song?

SERVING TODAY

Presider & Preacher: The Reverend Padre Nelson
Deacon: The Reverend Deacon Nancy Key
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeni-Ann Kren & Pam Johnston
Guest Accompanist: Rebecca Messer
Readers: Lisa Brew & Aaron Schuelke
Counters: Aaron Schuelke & Carlos Jacez
Coffee Hour Host: Ana

CATHEDRAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chapter Elections: HAPPENING TODAY! YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**
St. James Cathedral Chapter elections will take place on Sunday, October 19th following all services. Please review the nominee's biographies in the leaflet.
- **Produce Market:** Our produce market happens on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next one is on October 21st from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. All who are in need are welcome. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Deacon Nancy or email admin@stjamesfresno.org.
- **Formation Series – The Parables of Jesus:** Happening Thursday's at 11 a.m. in the Chapter conference room. Based on Thomas Long's latest book, the class will look at each of the parables Jesus told and were recorded by each of the gospel writers. Look for interesting discussions as Emily Niblick leads the class in reading and learning about each parable as we examine and discern the sometimes-hidden meanings of the ways Jesus foretold the coming of God's Kingdom. Zoom link is available on the Cathedral website.
- **Fiber Art's Sew Days:** All Are Welcome! Happening every Wednesday and 4th Saturday of the month. In the Education Wing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Formation Series - Sunday Morning Scripture Reflection:** Please be advised that Scripture Reflection meets at 8:50 a.m. in the Fireside room. All are welcome to join.
- **Pastoral Care:** St. James offers pastoral care to anyone in need. If you, or someone you know needs pastoral care, please call the office at 559-439-5011 Ext. 704.
- **Christmas Market Workshops & Donations:** Join us as we begin our workshops to prepare for this year's Cathedral Christmas Market. All are welcome to join in no experience is needed! Workshops will take place in the new Arts & Education Wing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Saturday, October 25, 2025: Eyeglass Chains

Save the date: Christmas Market Happening November 15th at 10 a.m.



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Chapter Election Candidates

Yolanda Herrera



I am a valley native, but a new Episcopalian. I work as a phonics intervention tutor as well as a private tutor. Before that I spent 10 years in multiple positions at a religious non-profit responsible for organizing religious retreats. I hope to help St. James continue to grow.

Soy originaria del valle, pero recientemente me he incorporado a la Iglesia Episcopal. Trabajo como tutora de intervención fonética y como profesora particular. Anteriormente, ocupé varios puestos durante 10 años en una organización religiosa sin fines de lucro, encargada de organizar retiros religiosos. Espero contribuir al crecimiento de St. James.

Joseph Kieta



I first came to St. James Episcopal Cathedral for a baptism, expecting only to make an appearance. Four years later, I've hardly missed a Sunday. What I've found here is a welcoming, inclusive faith community -- a "yes" when so many churches are a "no." I've become increasingly involved in the cathedral, serving as a lector, usher, and now manage weekly audio/visual duties while chairing the communications committee. Earlier this year, I was appointed to chapter, and I'm seeking election to complete the remaining two years of my term. Professionally, I lead the Central Valley Journalism Collaborative and previously spent many years with McClatchy, most recently as executive editor of The Fresno Bee. I am also the father of an 18-year-old son who attends UC Merced. I hope to use my skills as a parent, journalist, and executive to help St. James grow and thrive, so that others can discover what I have.

Vine por primera vez a la Catedral Episcopal de St. James para un bautizo, esperando solo asistir. Cuatro años después, casi no he faltado un domingo. Lo que he encontrado aquí es una comunidad de fe acogedora e inclusiva: un "sí" cuando tantas iglesias son un "no". Me he involucrado cada vez más en la catedral, sirviendo como lector, acomodador y ahora gestiono las tareas audiovisuales semanales, además de presidir el comité de comunicaciones. A principios de este año, fui nombrado miembro del capítulo y me presento a la elección para completar los dos años restantes de mi mandato. Profesionalmente, dirijo el Colaborativo de Periodismo del Valle Central y anteriormente pasé muchos años en McClatchy, más recientemente como editor ejecutivo de The Fresno Bee. También soy padre de un hijo de 18 años que asiste a la Universidad de California en Merced. Espero usar mis habilidades como padre, periodista y ejecutivo para ayudar a St. James a crecer y prosperar, para que otros puedan descubrir lo que tengo.

Andrew Simpson



As a cradle Episcopalian I grew up playing Nintendo as my father attended Nashotah Seminary in Wisconsin. In the past I have served as acolyte and lector. I last attended Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls, SD where my brother and I set up the streaming hardware during COVID. I am now assisting Joe with maintaining our audio-visual system. This would be my first opportunity to serve as a chapter member; it's weird to be on the vestry of your dad's church. I've been with my girlfriend Ashley for 5 years and am caretaker to her mother Mary and our two former barn cats.

Andrew Simpson Cont'd

Como episcopaliano de cuna, crecí jugando Nintendo mientras mi padre asistía al Seminario Nashotah en Wisconsin. Anteriormente, serví como acólito y lector. Mi última visita fue a la Catedral del Calvario en Sioux Falls, Dakota del Sur, donde mi hermano y yo instalamos el hardware de transmisión durante la pandemia. Ahora ayudo a Joe con el mantenimiento de nuestro sistema audiovisual. Esta sería mi primera oportunidad de servir como miembro de un capítulo; es raro estar en la sacristía de la iglesia de tu padre. Llevo 5 años con mi novia Ashley y cuido de su madre, Mary, y de nuestros dos antiguos gatos de granero.

Ernesto Lovos Melendez



Hello, my name is Ernesto Lovos Melendez. I am from El Salvador. I arrived in the USA in 1999. In June 2022, I joined the St. James Family. I have participated in the church choir, I am a member of the security team, and I volunteer at every church activity and event, actively participating in the monthly food distribution. I am motivated and interested in becoming a member of the chapter. I believe every day is a good day to learn and help. I am a father of three boys and one girl. In my free time, I enjoy walking and watching TV (especially soccer). I was a semi-professional soccer referee. I also enjoy taking care of my chickens, feeding them, and collecting their eggs every day. I also find great joy in being able to help others in whatever way I can.

Hola mi nombre es Ernesto Lovos Melendez. Soy de El Salvador. Llegue a USA en 1999. En Junio 2022 me congregue a la familia san Jaime. He participado en el coro de la iglesia, soy miembro del equipo de seguridad además de ser voluntario en cada actividad o evento de la iglesia y activamente en la distribución de comida cada mes. Estoy motivado e interesado para ser miembro del chapter. Pienso que todos los días son buenos para aprender y ayudar. Soy padre de familia de tres varones y una mujer. En mi tiempo libre disfruto de caminar, ver tv (especialmente soccer). Fui arbitro de soccer nivel semi profesional. Asi mismo disfruto diariamente cuidar de mis gallinas, alimentar y recoger los huevos. Asi mismo siento mucha alegría poder ayudar a los demás en lo que tengo disponible.

Melanie Short



I was born and baptized in the Church of England. I was born in England while my father was in seminary. I was raised in the Diocese of San Joaquin from a young age since my father had been a supply priest. He would serve many of the churches when there was a need for a priest. The first church was a plant church called Saint Aiden. I attended Saint Columba, Saint Mary's, and then Saint James the Episcopal Cathedral. My dad was the vicar in charge of Saint Philip's in Coalinga and Epiphany in Corcoran until he became a missionary in Uganda. I was confirmed at Saint Mary's. I have been active with various roles in the church. I did Sunday school, youth group, first communion, and served as an acolyte. I have held the Lay Eucharist Minister and Pastoral Lay Eucharist licenses in the past. I had been away from Fresno for fifteen years and had recently moved back. I attended Anglican church plants in Southern California and in Las Vegas. I am a preschool teacher and work with birth to three year olds. In Las Vegas, I was an Early Head Start Preschool Teacher. I believe pray is for healing and renewing of this world. I have seen pray in action and is needed more than ever in our chaotic world. I have learned with Jesus' help for me to be more empathetic to others who are not like myself. I have gained the skills of being more intentional and active listening to what is important to others. I love the church and all who is part of it. I believe the calling for the church is to reach people who have not been churchd and those who have been hurt by the church.

Melanie Short Cont'd

Nací y fui bautizado en la Iglesia de Inglaterra. Nací en Inglaterra mi padre en el semenio. Me crié en la diócesis de San Joaquín desde muy joven ya que mi padre era sacerdote de summmministros. La primera iglesia era una de plantas llamada Saint Aiden. Asistí a Santa Columba, Santa María, y a la catedral episcopal de San Santiago. Mi padre fue vicario a cargo de la Coalinga de San Felipe y la Epifanía en Corcoran hasta que se convirtió en misionero en Uganda. Me confirmaron en Saint Mary's. Me estado active con varios roles en la iglesia. Hice la escuela dominical, el grupo de jóvenes, la primera comunión y sereno lo que es importante para los demás. Me encanta la iglesia encanta de ella. Vi como acólito. Había estado fuera de Fresno quince años y recientemente me había mudado de vuelta. Asistí a las plantas de la iglesia en el sur de California y Las Vegas. Soy maestro de preescolar y trabajo desde el nacimiento hasta los tres años. En Las Vegas, fui maestro de preescolar Early Head Start. Creo que el pagador es para de la curación y renovación de este mundo. He visto la oración en acción y es necesaria más que nunca en nuestro mundo. He aprendido con la ayuda de Jesús para ser más empático con otros no son como yo. He adquirido las habilidades de ser más intencional y escuchar activamente, Creo que el llamado de la iglesia es llegar a las personas que no han sido heridos por la iglesia.



Shar Reagan

I have been a parishioner at St. James for about three years. I attend regularly with my husband Kellan and our children Quinton and Sasha. I currently chair the Sunday School program and care very much about families feeling welcome at the Cathedral. I have been honored to serve as a LEM for the past two years. I co-facilitated two formation series: Sacred Ground and Spiritual Resiliency. These series were inspired by my desire to have meaningful conversations with people about reconciliation and redemption. If elected to chapter, I will prioritize empowering the laity and promoting unity within the congregation (English and Spanish speaking) so that we can best fulfill our mission in the world.

He sido feligrés en St. James durante unos tres años. Asisto regularmente con mi esposo Kellan y nuestros hijos Quinton y Sasha. Actualmente presido el programa de la Escuela Dominical y me preocupo mucho por que las familias se sientan bienvenidas en la Catedral. He tenido el honor de servir como LEM durante los últimos dos años. Cofacilité dos series de formación: Tierra Sagrada y Resiliencia Espiritual. Estas series se inspiraron en mi deseo de tener conversaciones significativas con la gente sobre la reconciliación y la redención. Si soy elegido para el capítulo, priorizaré empoderar a los laicos y promover la unidad dentro de la congregación (de habla inglesa y española) para que podamos cumplir mejor nuestra misión en el mundo.

Charlie Castanon



My name is Charlie Castanon, and I am running for chapter in order to give back to St. James what St. James has given to me. I was born and raised in Fresno, and earned my undergraduate degrees in History and Classics from Fresno Pacific University. After this, I moved to Indiana where I received a masters degree in Classical Studies: Greek and Latin. I taught middle / high school here while also teaching college part time, until moving back to Fresno in the Summer of 2022. I currently work at Fresno Pacific University, where I strive to incorporate the gospel lessons of loving God and loving your neighbor into my teaching while also practicing social justice in my classrooms by including perspectives from groups that are normally overlooked in the writing of history. St. James has given a place of belonging to me and so many others, and I hope to bring this outlook and attitude to chapter so that I can serve God, the church, and the local community with everything that I have been given.

Me llamo Charlie Castanon y me postulo para un capítulo para devolver a St. James lo que me ha dado. Nací y crecí en Fresno y obtuve mi licenciatura en Historia y Estudios Clásicos en la Universidad Fresno Pacific. Después, me mudé a Indiana, donde obtuve una maestría en Estudios Clásicos: Griego y Latín. Enseñé en secundaria y preparatoria aquí, además de impartir clases universitarias a tiempo parcial, hasta que regresé a Fresno en el verano de 2022. Actualmente trabajo en la Universidad Fresno Pacific, donde me esfuerzo por incorporar las lecciones del Evangelio de amar a Dios y al prójimo en mi enseñanza, a la vez que practico la justicia social en mis aulas, incluyendo perspectivas de grupos que normalmente se pasan por alto en la historia. St. James me ha dado un lugar de pertenencia a mí y a muchos otros, y espero aportar esta perspectiva y actitud al capítulo para poder servir a Dios, a la iglesia y a la comunidad local con todo lo que he recibido.

Pamela Johnston



I've been a parishioner at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, then subsequently Holy Family, then St. James again for almost three decades. I've served on vestry and chapter at both locations and have been Senior Warden at both Holy Family and St. James. I am active in Altar Guild and the Produce Market, and have served on the Hospitality, Formation, Buildings and Grounds, and Liturgy commissions. I attend Safety and Budget Committees when time permits. I have been a lector and LEM. I am so optimistic about the future of St. James and am enthusiastic about being part of the search for a new bishop and a new dean. I would bring that optimism, enthusiasm, and brain-storming skills to chapter if re-elected. In my "other life," I teach at Fresno Pacific University, a small Christian liberal arts college. I have been married to Marshall Johnston for over a quarter of a century, and we have a pair of pugs, Odie and Frankie, that we love dearly. In my spare time, I love to cook, garden, read books, and waste time on Reddit and TikTok.

He sido feligrés de la Catedral Episcopal de St. James, luego de Holy Family y después nuevamente de St. James durante casi tres décadas. He servido en el vestry y en el capítulo en ambas parroquias, y he sido Senior Warden tanto en Holy Family como en St. James. Participo activamente en el Altar Guild y el mercado de productos. He formado parte de las comisiones de Hospitalidad, Formación, Edificios y Terrenos, y Liturgia. Asisto a los comités de Seguridad y Presupuesto cuando el tiempo lo permite. He sido lectora y LEM. Tengo mucho optimismo sobre el futuro de St. James y entusiasmo por participar en la búsqueda de un nuevo obispo y un nuevo dean. Si fuera reelegida para el capítulo, aportaría ese optimismo, entusiasmo y capacidad para generar ideas. En mi "otra vida", enseño en Fresno Pacific University, una pequeña universidad cristiana de artes liberales. Estoy casada con Marshall Johnston desde hace más de un cuarto de siglo y tenemos un par de carlinos, Odie y Frankie, a quienes queremos mucho. En mi tiempo libre me encanta cocinar, cultivar el jardín, leer libros, y perder tiempo en Reddit y TikTok.

Kimberly Stuebben



Hello, St. James. My name is Kim Stuebben and I am new to both the Cathedral and to Fresno. I grew up in Texas and moved here three months ago for my spouse's job. He is the lead pastor at First Chinese Baptist Church in town, we have a four-year-old daughter, and I am a stay-at-home mom. I met my spouse at Baylor's George W. Truett Theological Seminary where I received my Masters of Divinity in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship. Since graduating seminary, I have worked under various titles: pastoral associate, church office manager and accountant, program coordinator, yoga instructor, adjunct professor, and spiritual director. I have enjoyed each one immensely, but my current title of "mom" has been my favorite so far. In the last four years, before moving to Fresno, I was actively involved at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, TX as an altar guild member, lector, acolyte, lay eucharistic minister, lay eucharistic visitor, and a bible study leader. Since my spouse is baptist, I also attended Primera Iglesia Bautista, a bi-lingual congregation, in Waco where I served on the worship team. I love church. I love serving the church with the strengths and gifts God has both given and trained up in me. Even though I have been here three months, I have immersed myself in community with you all in attending the Spiritual Resiliency group, Sew Days, and the Gospel Reflections on Sunday mornings. I am excited about the possibility of serving you in this role and look forward to continuing to grow in this community.

Hola, St. James. Me llamo Kim Stuebben y soy nueva tanto en la Catedral como en Fresno. Crecí en Texas y me mudé aquí hace tres meses por el trabajo de mi esposo. Él es el pastor principal de la Primera Iglesia Bautista China de la ciudad, tenemos una hija de cuatro años y soy ama de casa. Conocí a mi esposo en el Seminario Teológico George W. Truett de Baylor, donde obtuve mi Maestría en Divinidad en Formación Espiritual y Discipulado. Desde que me gradué del seminario, he trabajado bajo varios cargos: asociada pastoral, administradora de la oficina de la iglesia y contadora, coordinadora de programas, instructora de yoga, profesora adjunta y directora espiritual. He disfrutado muchísimo de cada uno, pero mi título actual de "mamá" ha sido mi favorito hasta ahora. Durante los últimos cuatro años, antes de mudarme a Fresno, participé activamente en la Iglesia Episcopal de San Albano en Waco, Texas, como miembro del gremio del altar, lector, acólito, ministro eucarístico laico, visitador eucarístico laico y líder de estudios bíblicos. Como mi esposo es bautista, también asistí a la Primera Iglesia Bautista, una congregación bilingüe, en Waco, donde serví en el grupo de alabanza. Me encanta la iglesia. Me encanta servir a la iglesia con las fortalezas y los dones que Dios me ha dado y cultivado. Aunque llevo aquí tres meses, me he sumergido en la comunidad con todos ustedes asistiendo al grupo de Resiliencia Espiritual, a los Días de Costura y a las Reflexiones del Evangelio los domingos por la mañana. Me entusiasma la posibilidad de servirles en este rol y espero seguir creciendo en esta comunidad.

Evelyn Johnson-Todd



I was raised in the Episcopal Church. I attended St James EC as small child until I started college. I attend St Paul's and St Dunstan's when I lived in Modesto in the 70's. I attended Holy Family for approximately 10 yrs. I attended St. Columba's approximately 10 yrs. I have been back at the Cathedral for approximately 7 yrs. I have been a member of the Choirs in most of the Churches I have attended. I was a member of Girls Friendly and EYC when I was growing up. I am a member of the Altar Guild and the Fiber & Liturgical Arts Guild also a former choir member. I have decided that it is time for me to give back to the church that I grew up in. I have been on the Boards of three non-profit organizations. I know how to listen and help create a consensus of thoughts. I will try not to push my opinion on others too often.

Evelyn Johnson-Todd Cont'd

Crecí en la Iglesia Episcopal. Asistí a la Iglesia Episcopal St. James de pequeña hasta que empecé la universidad. Asistí a las iglesias de St. Paul y St. Dunstan cuando vivía en Modesto en los años 70. Asistí a la Sagrada Familia durante aproximadamente 10 años. Asistí a St. Columba durante aproximadamente 10 años. Regresé a la Catedral hace aproximadamente 7 años. He sido miembro de los coros en la mayoría de las iglesias a las que he asistido. Fui miembro de Girls Friendly y EYC durante mi infancia. Soy miembro del Gremio del Altar y del Gremio de Artes Litúrgicas y de la Fibra, y también fui miembro del coro. He decidido que es hora de contribuir a la iglesia en la que crecí. He formado parte de las juntas directivas de tres organizaciones sin fines de lucro. Sé escuchar y ayudar a crear consenso. Intentaré no imponer mi opinión a los demás con demasiada frecuencia.

Cheryl McDonald



Thank you for considering my candidacy to Chapter. I am a lifelong Episcopalian who grew up in St. James, singing in the junior choir and active in youth activities. As an adult, I attended St. James, St. Columba, and Holy Family churches prior to coming full circle back to St. James. At church, I have sung in the choir, been a lector, served on the Hospitality and Discernment Committees, and was Director of Sunday School and served on the Vestry at Holy Family. I have been married for 51 years to my lifelong love, Father Jim McDonald. We have 3 adult kids and 3 wonderful grandkids. I am recently retired from two teaching careers served concurrently for over 25 years: as a public school teacher in both general and special education, and as faculty, advisor and coordinator for the Special Education Credential Programs at CSU, Fresno. I am excited for the opportunity to serve our church and am optimistic for our future. I bring prayer, a positive attitude, high energy, and problem-solving skills to the tasks ahead. I look forward to navigating our future together as we welcome our new Bishop and Dean and grow our church family.

Gracias por considerar mi candidatura al Capítulo. Soy episcopaliana de toda la vida y crecí en St. James, cantando en el coro juvenil y participando activamente en actividades juveniles. De adulta, asistí a las iglesias de St. James, St. Columba y Holy Family antes de regresar a St. James. En la iglesia, he cantado en el coro, he sido lectora, he formado parte de los Comités de Hospitalidad y Discernimiento, y he sido directora de la Escuela Dominical y miembro de la Junta Parroquial de Holy Family. Llevo 51 años casada con mi amor de toda la vida, el Padre Jim McDonald. Tenemos tres hijos adultos y tres nietos maravillosos. Me jubilé recientemente de dos carreras docentes que simultanéé durante más de 25 años: como maestra de escuela pública, tanto en educación general como especial, y como profesora, asesora y coordinadora de los Programas de Credenciales de Educación Especial en la CSU de Fresno. Estoy entusiasmada con la oportunidad de servir a nuestra iglesia y soy optimista sobre nuestro futuro. Aporto oración, una actitud positiva, mucha energía y capacidad para resolver problemas a las tareas que me esperan. Espero navegar nuestro futuro juntos mientras damos la bienvenida a nuestro nuevo Obispo y Decano y hacemos crecer nuestra familia de la iglesia.



Vicki Curtis

I think many of you may know me, but to be sure, I'm Vicki Curtis. I live in Madera County with my amazing wife Amy, who is Boricua (Puerto Rican), and my two sweet doggies, Sammy and Lulu. I am a cradle Episcopalian, and I am so proud to call myself Episcopalian because of what the Episcopal church stands for. I have been the cathedral treasurer for almost three years now.

In that time, we have been able to:

- retire most of our rather large debt with the support of the Diocesan Council
- establish financial policies to protect us from ever acquiring that amount of debt again
- produce accurate and clear financial reports, which are posted monthly in the Narthex
- complete 4 back years of Congregational Management Reviews (CMR's), which include financial audits, making the cathedral current
- complete the Treasurer's Monthly Reports
- bring all of our bills current and keep them that way
- clean up our bank accounts to ensure the proper people are listed on them
- create balanced budgets
- re-establish the Finance Committee
- include full compensation for a cathedral Dean in the 2026 budget

I feel honored to have had the opportunity to serve God and the cathedral community in this capacity. I would like to continue this work to ensure the cathedral is able to stay the course to financial stability. With God's help and your support, we will continue this good work.

Creo que muchos de ustedes me conocen, pero para estar seguros, soy Vicki Curtis. Vivo en el condado de Madera con mi maravillosa esposa Amy, quien es Boricua (Puertorriqueña), y mis dos adorables perritos, Sammy y Lulu. Soy Episcopal de cuna y me enorgullece mucho llamarme Episcopal por lo que representa la iglesia Episcopal. He sido tesorera de la catedral durante casi tres años.

Durante ese tiempo, hemos podido:

- Remover la mayor parte de nuestra considerable deuda con el apoyo del Consejo Diocesano
- Establecer políticas financieras que nos protejan de volver a adquirir esa cantidad de deuda.
- Producir informes financieros precisos y claros que se publican mensualmente en el Narthex
- Completar 4 años anteriores de Revisiones de Gestión Congregacional (CMR) que incluyen auditorías financieras que mantienen la catedral al día.
- Completar los Informes Mensuales del Tesorero
- Poner todas nuestras facturas al día y mantenerlas así
- Limpiar nuestras cuentas bancarias para garantizar que las personas adecuadas figuren en ellas.
- crear presupuestos equilibrados
- restablecer el Comité de Finanzas
- Incluir la compensación completa para un decano de la catedral en el presupuesto de 2026.

Me siento honrada de haber podido servir a Dios y a la comunidad catedralicia en esta función. Me gustaría continuar con esta labor para asegurar que podamos mantenernos firmes hacia la estabilidad financiera. Con la ayuda de Dios y su apoyo, continuaremos con esta buena labor.