

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2026

Attending. The Rev. Anne Kirchmier, Rector; Rev. Marc Vance, Associate Rector; Helen Mitchell, Senior Warden; Dawn Edquist, Junior Warden; Bill Clock, Register; Teresa Duncan; Greg Edwards; Charles Fulcher; Isabel Hatchett; Frances Irick; Debbie Tanner; Bill Whitley

1. Opening.

- a. Helen Mitchell led the opening prayer.
- b. The Rev. Kirchmier led the scripture response for Matthew 5:1-12.
- c. Anne discussed St. Andrew's mission and vision and asked the vestry to speak about recent events that support the mission and vision.
- d. The Rev. Kirchmier asked the vestry for urgent items that should be added to the meeting and consent Agenda. The consent agenda for the January 27, 2026 vestry meeting was adopted.

2. Rector's Reflections.

- a. The Rev. Kirchmier welcomed new members of the vestry.
- b. Anne commented on the nationally distressing time and the reclassification of protestors as domestic terrorists by the federal government.
- c. The Rev. Kirchmier commented on a letter from the presiding bishop regarding the costs of standing up for what is right.
- d. The Rev. Kirchmier commented that she has attended protests in her collar and will participate in more protest to say "no" to the current state of affairs about the treatment of immigrants.
- e. Anne commented that she is sending \$300.00 in support of Casa Maria which is a non-profit organization providing food, clothing, and hospitality to the homeless, hungry, and marginalized.
- f. Anne discussed unhappy parishioners.

3. The vestry elected Bill Clock to serve as Register for 2026 by acclamation.

4. The vestry elected Doug Burgoyne to serve as Treasurer for 2026 by acclamation.

5. A motion was made and seconded for Helen Mitchell to serve as Senior Warden for 2026. The motion carried.

6. A motion was made and seconded for Dawn Edquist to serve as Junior Warden for 2026. The motion carried.

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7. Vestry liaison roles for each of the seven Parish Leadership Teams were discerned resulting in the following vestry liaison assignments for 2026:

Parish Leadership Team	Vestry Liaison
Christian Formation	Bill Whitley
Communications	Debbie Tanner
Congregational Development	Frances Prince
Finance	Charles Fulcher
Outreach	Teresa Duncan
Pastoral Care	Isabel Hatchett
Parish Life	Greg Edwards

8. The Rev. Kirchmier discussed the Vestry Declaration, which vestry members agreed to sign. Anne discussed the *Commissioning of the Vestry* and reviewed the commissioning script with vestry members.
9. Anne discussed the Parochial report essay questions and asked the vestry for their feedback.
10. The Rev. Kirchmier followed up with the vestry on four items identified by feedback from the EPIC survey results.
11. Anne divided the vestry into three groups to discuss how they are coping in the midst of national turmoil. Vestry members suggested holding a Peace Vigil, scheduled for Feb 7th.
12. The Rev. Kirchmier discussed questions regarding the next steps before the upcoming vestry retreat.
13. Rev. Marc Vance led the closing prayer and the meeting was closed by the vestry reciting the *Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Clock
Register

Items to be included with the approved vestry meeting minutes:

1. Vestry meeting agenda for January 27, 2026
2. January Reports for the Rector, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden
3. January Liaison Reports for Christian Formation, Communications, Congregational Development, Outreach, and Treasurer