



Vestry Elections for 2026

Are You Called to Serve on the Vestry?

Vestry Elections:

Vestry elections will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Sunday, January 18, 2026. We will have **one service at 9:30am** followed by brunch. We will be electing persons to fill the following terms:

Vacancies:

Sr. Warden

serves a one-year term

Jr. Warden

serves a one-year term

Vestry Persons

3 persons to serve a three-year term

Nominations:

Nominations are now open for all positions. If you are interested in serving on the vestry and meet the qualifications, please contact the church office or a current vestry member.

Those persons rotating off the vestry are:

Sr. Warden, Rita Fetzer

Jr. Warden, Roy Balentine

Vestry Members: Beverly Craft, Gary Puckett, and
Reveland Wheat.

NOMINEES RECEIVED AS OF 11/19/2025

Sr. Warden: Gary Puckett

Jr. Warden: Tom Bondurant

Vestry Members: No nominees as of this date

Candidate bios will be available soon.

What is the vestry?

The vestry is the legal governing and decision-making body of a parish church, consisting of the rector and elected lay representatives. Its duties include calling the rector, approving the budget, making policy, and approving expenditures. Our vestry has a senior and junior warden and nine other members. All of these positions are elected by the congregation.

The wardens serve a one year term and the members are elected to a three year term.

The vestry elects a treasurer and clerk each year to serve. The treasurer and clerk may or may not be a member of the vestry.

St. Peter's vestry meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Vestry meetings, unless called into special session, are open to members of the congregation.

EXPECTATIONS FOR VESTRY AND WARDENS

- The vestry agrees to support, in word and deed, the vision of the parish: to know Christ and to make him known.
- The vestry agrees to continue working to pay down the debt held by the parish.
- The vestry agrees to attend and participate in parish services and functions as fully as possible, with one vestry member serving as "vestry person of the day" for each Sunday service.
- The vestry agrees to support the parish financially.
- The vestry agrees to continually encourage other parishioners to get involved, not only in committees and activities, but also in the vestry process.
- The vestry agrees to support the priest's involvement with the Diocese.
- The vestry agrees to urge parishioners to bring all concerns about the priest directly to the priest. When hearing a complaint or concern, vestry members will decline to engage in that discussion until it can be taken up with the priest.
- The vestry agrees to support the wellness of the priest. They will support the priest's need for time away from the church and will encourage the priest to pursue fitness of body, mind and spirit.
- The vestry agrees to attend vestry meetings regularly and to participate fully and faithfully in the business of the parish.

Qualifications from the Parish Bylaws:

To be considered to serve on the Vestry, candidates must:

- be a Confirmed Communicant in good standing, and dedicated to growing in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ,
- have been qualified to vote on all Parish business under Article IV, Section 3 of these by-laws for a period of not less than one year, and otherwise qualified to serve on vestries under the canons of the Church and Diocese,
- attend worship services with frequency and participate in the corporate life of the congregation,
- be able and willing to engage in significant stewardship of time and property,
- be at least 21 years of age,
- not be a paid staff member,
- not have served an immediately prior full three-year term on the Vestry. An individual may not serve more than six consecutive years of Vestry and Warden positions combined. These requirements allow a Warden to consecutively serve as a Vestry member and a Vestry member to consecutively serve as a Warden.

Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents by submitting your name for the upcoming election.