



SAINT PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



## Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 28, 2024

10 a.m. (one service only)

Meeting in Dean Willey Hall with pot luck and cake boss auction immediately following. Please bring a favorite winter soup or chili to share.

### 2024 Vestry Candidates (elect 4)

#### Hillary Burkholder



I feel like my administrative positions in nonprofit organizations give me useful skills to apply to Vestry. I am currently transitioning from a career of nonprofit to for profit and therefore want to stay connected to doing good within the community and using this time to strengthen my connection to my faith and give back in a meaningful way.

Prior to my current professional role at Aetna in Community Outreach, I worked with communities in the social service arena for more than 18 years in state government, local nonprofits, and at the University of Oklahoma's Center for Public Management. Most recently I served as the CEO for Palomar: OKC's family justice center serving victims of domestic violence in a collaborative model. I have a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from the University of Oklahoma. My professional career has focused on improving the lives of the most vulnerable families in our state. I believe in actively serving my community and am a current advisory board member for Magdalene House OKC. I have also served as a board member for the Public Health Institute of Oklahoma, The University of Oklahoma's Board of Visitors for the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as several young professional boards.

#### Madeline Benham



It's become clear to me, over the past few years, that St. Paul's is my home. I'm so grateful for all that St. Paul's has given me. Serving as an usher, assisting in the front office occasionally, singing in the St. Cecelia Choir, and serving in the emergency winter shelter have all been wonderful experiences. I'd like to do more.

I recently retired from a career in IT and find that I have more time available. I'd like to use it to do something good for my church, which has given me so much. My husband, Roger, and I have been attending St. Paul's for about 15 years. We have almost no local family, but St. Paul's is our family. I love our clergy and the music at St. Paul's, I appreciate the formation offerings that are available to us, and I eye our aging physical plant with affection and concern. At St. Paul's, we have a wonderful place to worship, and we need to keep it in good repair. I would be honored to serve on the Vestry.

## 2024 Vestry Candidates (cont.)

### Jim McPhee



Saint Paul's is my cherished spiritual community, so I would like to serve our church with my love and energy, offering up whatever experience life in this world has provided me. I believe our community has something that our modern world needs: a place of hope and trust with a vision of full life, a home where the unique gifts which God endows upon each of us can be directed toward the advancement of God's kingdom here on Earth. Our Episcopal tradition flexes with and complements the current serious challenges of life with our deep roots that directly connect with Christ's own life and commandments. I hope to serve in whatever capacity is helpful to ensure this treasure may be passed to future generations.

I was baptized and then confirmed into the Episcopal Church during my youth. My parents were Episcopalians and taught me by example and by deeds. As a teenager I served as children's chaplain at Grace Episcopal Church in Port Huron, Michigan. In adulthood I briefly explored the Greek Orthodox tradition but returned to the Episcopal Church as my permanent spiritual home. In Houston I began to participate in the lay eucharistic visitation (LEM) ministry and was a member to the Vestry at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. My life partner David Smith and I were together 37 years until his death in 2014. My partner Lupe Alfaro and I have been together for about 8 years. I retired from Devon Energy in 2015 after 36 years of service in various capacities with budget, contract administration and economic analysis responsibilities as my focus. I came to OKC in 2003 and immediately became a member of Saint Paul's Cathedral. I am also a Spiritual Director and enjoy participating in our Holy Liturgy.

### Natalie Stanford



I have appreciated the opportunity to serve St. Paul's on the audit committee over the last several years and to additionally be involved in various other St. Paul's ministries such as the mobile meals program. I believe I have perspective and skills that could be helpful on a wider scale, and I would be honored to serve the church in this manner.

I am a mother, wife, attorney and long-time member of St. Paul's. My husband, Chad, and I, along with our 2 sons, Henry (15) and James (11), have faithfully attended St. Paul's since moving back to Oklahoma in 2010. I have been a lawyer for the past 25 years in both private practice and various in-house counsel positions for companies ranging from a Fortune 500 company to small, family-owned businesses. During this time, I have accumulated experience in legal matters related to business transactions, real estate and adoption law. In addition to my career, I have managed our household with 2 very busy boys while serving St. Paul's on the cathedral Audit Committee for the past several years and volunteering in various capacities serving our community through St. Paul's - most recently the mobile meals program. I would be honored to serve St. Paul's as a Vestry member, using my skills and the perspective that I have developed over the years. Our family has grown to feel and view St. Paul's as a larger extension of our own family, and I would love the opportunity to expand my ability to serve our church family in this way.

## 2024 Convention Delegate Candidates (elect 10)

Tim Fischer (Senior Warden)

John Burgwin Childs, Jr.

Heather Sessing

Sheryl S. Sullivan

Robert S. Highsaw

John R. Koons

Carol A. Howard

Barbara Harrison

Aleithia Stephens

Gary Derrick