

Senior Warden Report – December 21, 2025

With Joseph's decision to resign as vicar, I've been busy with transition plans, checking in with the congregation and the diocese, and wrestling with the challenges of our 2026 operating budget. In particular:

- With others on the BC, recruited three people to stand for election to fill the BC vacancy created by Amy Squire's resignation. Welcome Lisa Goché as the newest member of the BC!
- Chaired the November BC meeting in Joseph's absence.
- Led three listening sessions (two via Zoom and another at a Sunday Evening Prayer and Potluck) to hear from congregation members about their hopes and concerns as a result of Joseph's resignation.
- Coordinated a meeting between the BC and the Canon to the Ordinary to explore ways in which the Diocese can help us in our clergy transition.
- Worked with the BC Budget Subcommittee to prepare a balanced but challenging operating budget for 2026.
- Arranged for supply clergy for the month of January (Rev. Carola von Wrangel on January 4 and 11; Rev. Danae Ashley on January 25; morning prayer on January 18).
- Appreciate Susy Hessel for stepping forward to coordinate worship services until we have a more permanent clergy.
- Appreciate Dawn Fitzgibbons and the Stewardship Committee for coordinating this year's fall campaign ... and for agreeing to continue their work for year-round stewardship.
- Authored emails to the congregation regarding clergy transition and pledging/income shortfalls.

We have hard work to do in the coming days and months, particularly in adopting a balanced budget that will have a challenging impact on our staff, programs and ministry, and in charting a course for 2026 without clergy staff. Our annual meeting will be on February 1 — just six weeks away — where we'll need to demonstrate leadership to and for the congregation. I appreciate all the work and support everyone is taking on.

As always, thanks for all you do.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Kelley
Senior Warden