## 2022 Trinity Cathedral Vestry Nominees

#### Susan Allen



Having grown up at Trinity, I've had the privilege of participating in a host of ministries at various stages of life. Over the last 25+ years, my husband, Scott, and I have been particularly devoted to the Christian formation programming that we often drew on in raising our three children -- Emma, Henry, and Mary Clark. In addition to having led the Christ Child Guild, chaired Cathedral Camp, and steered the Family Ministries Committee, I've served in recent years as a Catechist and coordinated Trinity's

Christmas Pageant.

With a background in marketing and public relations, I am currently the lead sales executive with a Little Rock-based healthcare informatics firm.

I am especially energized by the babies being born at Trinity, the growth in and around our neighborhood, and the opportunities that these happenings offer for us to reach out and share Christ's light while weaving new players into Trinity's story.

#### Melonese Clark



"I have attended Trinity Cathedral since 1979. During this time, I have served on the Altar Guild, on the Discernment Committee, and as a greeter. I regularly attend the 10:30 am. service.

I am very excited for the future direction of Trinity Cathedral in terms of its commitment to community partnerships/ engagement and the focus on the musical program. I am a retired Nursing Director from UAMS."

### Margaret Faulkner



I am Margaret Faulkner. I've been a member of Trinity Cathedral for over 30 years. My husband Gary and I have 3 grown children and 7 grandchildren.

During my time at Trinity I have been involved in many groups. Most recently these include the ECEP Advisory Committee, the Flower Guild, Bliss, and the Luke Pastoral Care Team. I've also been one of the representatives to the Diocesan Convention for the last couple of years. And I've been involved with Feed the

Hungry by serving breakfast at the Salvation Army.

I love Trinity Cathedral and am encouraged when thinking about our future. I'm excited about the development of a new master plan. Deepening my faith through our liturgy and music and programs is a very important part of my involvement at Trinity. I'm very grateful for the many ways Trinity has enriched my life and would love to serve in anyway I can.

## **Christoph Keller**



I have attended Trinity for 8 years. I married my wife Laura at Trinity in 2015, and we have added two girls, Rosamund and Mary Porter, to the congregation. I am a lawyer and currently serve as a law clerk for a United States District Court Judge in the Eastern District of Arkansas.

I have served Trinity in a variety of ways, including with the Bethel/Trinity partnership. I currently serve as one of the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas' four members of the Board of

Trustees of Sewanee: The University of the South, my alma mater. And both of

our children attend ECEP (Early Childhood Education Program).

I look forward to increasing Trinity's support of Youth and Family Ministries. I am also interested in developing deeper connections with congregations throughout the diocese of Arkansas.

### **Gray McCoy**



I have been a member of Trinity for 25 years, beginning when I joined the children's matin choir at nine years old. Growing up, I attended the Cathedral School (and later Episcopal Collegiate School), served as an acolyte, attended regular youth programs, and was a steady member of the Cathedral's music program. Today, I am still a member of Trinity's Cathedral Choir and, most recently, served on the Dean's search committee for a new Director of Music. I am also a member of Trinity's Flower

Guild.

As both a child and adult, Trinity has held an important place in my life, instilling in me an appreciation for dynamic liturgy and reflective theology, and as being a solid foundation for which my life as a musician has been built upon. It is my hope that Trinity will carry itself into the future as a hub for our unique musical culture, as a place of welcoming open-mindedness, and as a model for what a healthy, modern faith community can be when it is cultivated with thoughtfulness from an old and beautiful faith tradition.

#### **Richard Moore**



I have attended Trinity since 2017 and during that time have served as an usher, lector, greeter and intercessor. At the beginning of the pandemic, I was approached about ideas on how to livestream our services. From there, what you see each Sunday started and has become a quality presentation for those unable to attend for whatever reason. Even if someone attends, I have found many who enjoy being able to watch a favorite sermon or anthem again, or some other special

moment. Being able to assist Trinity with this new ministry has meant so much to me and I've been happy to volunteer to make this happen.

I find Trinity to be a warm, welcoming environment and look forward to worshiping each week at the Cathedral. I believe our future is bright, and would consider it an honor to serve as a member of the vestry. I have experience serving on church boards, including many years on the session at the First Presbyterian Church in Camden, AR, where I was head of the property and finance committees at various times. I am employed as the assistant general manager of Aramark Uniform Services in Pine Bluff.

#### Lara Anderson Schock



My husband, Ethan, and I, along with our three boys, Anderson, Henry, and Edward, have attended Trinity for twenty years. I have served Trinity in a variety of ways: as a Catechesis teacher for ten years, Cathedral Camp volunteer, Bliss volunteer, and as the 2018 Every Member Canvas Stewardship chairman. Most recently, I have been involved with the Afghan Family ministry.

Additionally, I have been active in serving my children's schools - the Cathedral School, Episcopal Collegiate School, and

Catholic High School - along with Arkansas Children's Hospital, Our House, and the Humane Society.

My family and I were initially drawn to Trinity Cathedral by the worship services

and music, and by the Cathedral School which our sons attended. As a member of the Vestry, I would like to focus on bringing people together through outreach in the community, and formation ministries.

# Mary Hargraves Taylor



I have been attending Trinity for 24 years. My husband, Max Taylor, and I got married at Trinity in August 2021.

I have been involved with Trinity in a variety of ways - from attending The Cathedral School, Camp Mitchell, becoming an acolyte, attending EYC and all the other youth activities while growing up in the church. I currently works at Simmons Bank in the Marketing Department.

I am eager for the opportunity to become more involved in the church and am interested in ways to strengthen children and youth ministries.

#### **David Turner**



I have been going to Trinity since I was born. My father, Wassell Turner, went there when he was a kid. I was baptized there as were all three of my children.

I went to Sunday school there every Sunday and was an acolyte for 5 years. My wife and I were married at Trinity 18 years ago.

More recently, my kids have been in the choir and I have been in the handbell choir.

Some of the important things to me are kids programs, music, and events that bring everybody together to get to know each other better.

#### **Grant Wallace**



As a lifelong Episcopalian, Trinity has always held a special place in mine and my family's hearts. I have been a member of Trinity for over 25 years, attended the Cathedral school and literally grew up on the corner of 17th and Spring.

When we joined, I briefly served as an acolyte and after I graduated, I began working with acolytes while at home from college. This is where I developed a passion for service within the church. Since then, I became a verger, taught

confirmation, worked with older youth Sunday formation classes, served on the Vestry, was a delegate to the Diocesan convention, and am a member of the ECEP committee.

I have seen and lived the growth and evolution of Trinity and look forward to being able to serve towards developing its future. There is great potential for us to be a thriving Downtown church serving and partnering with our local community organizations, attracting young families, and building a strong youth program from birth through high school. We can accomplish all of this while staying true to our traditions and mission of being a house of prayer for all people.