

**SCHEDULE FOR LITURGIES, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION,  
AND MEETINGS ON JANUARY 20 AND JANUARY 27**

**Sunday, January 20 - Opening of the Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Elections**

7:00 a.m.	Nave	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7:45 a.m.	Parish Hall	Pre-Polling for the 7 a.m. congregation
8:30 a.m.	Nave	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 a.m.	Nave	Opening of the Annual Parish Meeting
9:30 a.m.	Parish Hall	Voting stations open
9:45 a.m.	Cathedral Campus	Children's and Youth Sunday School classes
11:00 a.m.	Nave	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
12:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	Voting stations close
6:00 p.m.	Nave	BreakingBread@6
6:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	Voting stations open
7:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	Voting stations close

**Sunday, January 27 - Annual Parish Meeting Business Session,  
Lunch and Conclusion of the 2019 Vestry Elections**

8:00 a.m.	Parish Hall	Voting stations open
9:00 a.m.	Nave	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:45 a.m.	Nave	Annual Parish Meeting Business Session
10:45 a.m.	Cathedral Annex	Programming for children 1st through 6th grade
12:00 p.m.	Cheek Hall	Lunch
12:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	Voting stations close
6:00 p.m.	Nave	BreakingBread@6



**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
2019 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
AND VESTRY ELECTION**

To All Communicants of Christ Church Cathedral:

Later this month, you will have the opportunity to participate in one of the important aspects of parish life at Christ Church Cathedral, the selection of members for the next Vestry class. The 15 elected lay members of the Cathedral Vestry assist the Dean in the management and oversight of the congregation's ministry, proclaiming "the Good News of God in Christ."

At the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting, held on consecutive Sundays, January 20 and January 27, five of the following ten parishioners of Christ Church Cathedral will be elected to the Vestry class of 2022, serving from mid-February 2019 until their three-year terms expire at the Vestry retreat of 2022:

John Bridges	Pete Stringer
Elise Dugger	Andrea Tucker
Dave Hansen	Ben Turnage
Jill Farringer Meese	Varina Willse
Brooks Smith	Ellen Wright

On the following pages, you will find photographs of these ten nominees and information describing their participation at Christ Church Cathedral, as well as in the community. Please review these profiles and be ready to complete your ballot in the Parish Hall on either January 20 or January 27. According to Diocesan canons, an eligible voter must be at least 16 years of age, an enrolled, confirmed communicant in good standing of the Cathedral congregation and present at the polling station in order to cast a ballot.

The Vestry election results will be communicated electronically to the parish on Monday, January 28, after all nominees have been informed of the results.

Please join me in a careful and prayerful reading of the nominees' profiles before coming to the opening of the Annual Parish Meeting on January 20. Each of these ten nominees is well-suited to doing the Lord's work, and I know that the five who are elected will serve the parish diligently and faithfully.

Many thanks to the members of the Vestry Nominating Committee for their thoughtful and conscientious work in compiling this excellent slate of nominees. The committee, formed according to the Cathedral's Vestry election procedures, included Cythia Curtis, appointed by the Senior Warden; Sandra Merritt and Bill Maxfield, appointed by the Dean; and Tameron Hedge and David Morton, selected by lot from the retiring Vestry class.

If you have a question about any aspect of the election process, you may contact me at [tameronhedge@gmail.com](mailto:tameronhedge@gmail.com) You may also contact Senior Warden Roger Moore at [roger.emerson.moore@gmail.com](mailto:roger.emerson.moore@gmail.com) or Junior Warden Caroline Rossini at [carorossini@gmail.com](mailto:carorossini@gmail.com)

Warm regards,

Tameron Hedge  
Chair, Vestry Nominating Committee

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## MEET THE NOMINEES



### JOHN BRIDGES

John has been a parishioner at Christ Church Cathedral for 38 years and has served on the Vestry twice before. He coordinates ushers for the 11 a.m. Liturgy, as well as for other special liturgies, and also serves as transportation coordinator for Room In The Inn. He is a lector and is regularly involved in Annual Campaigns and the planning of Cathedral celebrations. Career-wise, John spent 10 years writing about music at the *Tennessean* and another 10 years as a senior editor at the *Nashville Scene*. He was fundraiser for Mayor Bill Purcell and served as director of cultural affairs in Purcell's administration. He has served on the boards of Nashville CARES and Planned Parenthood of Middle Tennessee, and is a member of the advisory boards of Tennessee Justice Center, Nashville Opera, and Young Democrats of Tennessee. He created Artrageous, the fundraiser for Nashville CARES that has raised more than \$3 million for that agency. He is the author of best-selling books about manners for men.



### ELISE DUGGER

Elise has attended Christ Church Cathedral since 2012. She is a member of the Wedding Guild and Guild of the Christ Child. She has been active with the Young Adults Ministry, volunteered for Discovery Weekend, and served as a member of the Occasional Liturgies Committee, which launched BreakingBread@6. She also coordinated volunteers for the Diocesan Convention when it met at the Cathedral and was a member of the DuBose Conference Center board of directors. Elise holds an undergraduate degree in theology from Georgetown University and a Master of Arts in religion from Yale Divinity School. She is currently associate director of the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement. Elise and her husband Nathan live in Nashville with their two labs, Luna and Sirius.



### DAVID HANSEN

David has been an active member of Christ Church Cathedral since 1987. He reaffirmed his baptismal vows after attending the first offered Catechumenate class. David has served on the Vestry previously, where he was the liaison for Christian Formation and was on the organist-choirmaster search committee responsible for recruiting Michael Velting. For more than a decade, David has participated as a lector. His four adult children grew up at Christ Church and were active in the youth group and choir. He now has two grandchildren who participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. David is on the faculty at Vanderbilt University Medical Center as a clinical cardiologist and teacher, and has enjoyed a productive research career. He is an accomplished pianist and composer, who has contributed three anthems for the Christ Church Choristers and composed original music for all four of his children's weddings.



### JILL FARRINGER MEESE

A Nashville native and graduate of Harpeth Hall and Vanderbilt, Jill joined Christ Church in 1976, two years prior to moving to Texas for her first career. She and her husband Brad returned to Nashville in 2006. She is retired from operational strategy and planning at Covance, Inc. Jill has been a lector and has served on the Finance Committee since 2010. She chaired the 2018 Pledge Drive and co-chaired the 2018 Women's Retreat. Jill has served on the Parish Life Commission and is a member of the Strategic Plan Implementation Finance Workgroup. She is also currently serving as stewardship liaison on the Capital Campaign Committee. She founded the Sunday Solos fellowship group in 2016. In addition to her Christ Church Cathedral activities, Jill is a volunteer at the Nashville Food Project, serves on the board of the Metro Historical Commission Foundation, and is a member of the Herb Society of Nashville. Jill and her husband have an adult daughter, Elaine, who lives in Chicago with her husband.



### BROOKS SMITH

Brooks has been a member of Christ Church Cathedral since 1999, when he moved home to Nashville. Since that time, he has been involved in many ways at the Cathedral, most recently as one of three sacristans at the 7 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday mornings and as the Altar Guild member responsible for the Friday Eucharists at 12:15 p.m. Brooks is a transactional attorney at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, an adjunct professor of law at the Belmont University School of Law, and the municipal judge for the City of Forest Hills. Brooks and his wife Janna have a 16-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son.

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### WARNER A. (PETE) STRINGER

Pete has been a communicant of Christ Church Cathedral since 1973. He has previously served five terms on the Vestry, including three terms as junior warden and two terms as senior warden. He is a sacristan, verger, and lector, and serves on the Finance and Endowment committees. Pete has also been active in Diocesan work, serving as treasurer of the Diocese, chair of the Finance and Property Committee, and chair of the Committee on the Budget for the Annual Convention. He has been a lay deputy to the General Convention seven times, and has served as president of the Episcopal Endowment Corporation. A member of the board of trustees of Sewanee, Pete is a senior vice-president at First Tennessee Bank. He and his wife Bella were married at Christ Church 47 years ago, and their two daughters, Marie Stringer Yeagle and Elizabeth Ann Stringer, son-in-law Jeremy Yeagle, and two granddaughters, Belle and Ann Warner Yeagle, are all members of the Cathedral.



### ANDREA TUCKER

Andrea Tucker became a member of Christ Church Cathedral in May 2014. She leads the Greeter Ministry, helping to facilitate its relaunch last year. Andrea is active in the Newcomer Ministry, Young Adult offerings, and is a contributor to the Cathedral's Facebook page. She also spends time baking bread for the newcomers' gift bags and BreakingBread@6. Andrea is passionate about making those around her feel welcome, included, and valued. She envisions a Cathedral where everyone—member, newcomer, and visitor alike—feels as though he or she is seen, welcomed, and loved. Professionally, Andrea is operations manager at Shane Company, an aunt to two rambunctious boys, and a dog mom to a 14-year-old Doberman named Teeny. She loves all things baseball (Go Cubbies!), can talk your ear off about horse racing and farming, and has a personal goal of visiting every national park.



### BEN TURNAGE

Ben has been a member of Christ Church Cathedral since 2005. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson, Mississippi in 1991. He is one of the head ushers and is co-chair of the Cathedral Tour Guides. A member of the Cathedral Life Commission and the Cultural Arts Committee, he is a graduate of Education for Ministry and has been a companion in Journey in Faith three times. He has also participated in a Foyer Group. Ben is employed by the State of Tennessee as the statewide director of survey operations for the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. He has 28 years of experience in governmental advocacy for individuals with disabilities. He served as president of his homeowners' association for five years and currently serves on its Architectural Committee.



### VARINA WILLSE

Varina (Buntin) Willse is a lifelong member of Christ Church Cathedral with ancestral ties to the church on both sides of her family. She currently serves as a lector and as the chair of the Guild of the Christ Child, a Pastoral Care committee that ministers to expecting or adopting families. She has previously acted as a Journey in Faith mentor and a member of the Newcomer Committee and, along with her husband Walker, helped spearhead a review of how we serve children and families in the nursery. Outside of church, she works as a content strategist and author through her company, Willse Ink, and she is mother to three daughters, Mary Varina and Pierson (age 10) and Campbell (age 5).



### ELLEN WRIGHT

Ellen began attending Christ Church while in college in the 1970s and transferred her letter in 1984. She has served two terms on the Vestry, including a stint as Senior Warden, and has chaired the Stewardship Committee and Master Plan Committee of 2004-2006. She is chair of the Third Party Partnership Working Group and was a member of the Strategic Plan Committee and later the Campus Concerns Subcommittee of the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee. For several years, as part of the Newcomers Committee, she met once a month with prospective new members to answer questions and offer more in-depth information about Christ Church Cathedral. A former member of the Childcare Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee, she is a chalice bearer and sacristan. She enjoys singing in the Parish Choir and is interested in liturgy, long-range and master planning, and welcoming new people to the church. Ellen is a retired pathologist. She has been very involved at University School of Nashville over the years, serving on its board for eight years and currently remaining on one standing committee. She and her husband George have two grown children, George and Frances.