

# Vestry Nominees



**Sherifa Hardware**

**Second Term**

Sherifa emigrated to the United States from Kingston, Jamaica at the age of 7, and her family settled in Camden, New Jersey. She moved back and forth between New Jersey and St. Charles, Missouri, finally settling in our state in 1988. She moved to University City in 2007.

Sherifa has foundational roots in the Catholic faith and non-denominational roots with the Salvation Army, where she developed her love for helping others. She started attending Holy Communion 13 years ago, to provide a church community for her daughter, and was confirmed in 2011 by Bishop George Wayne Smith. She has been a proud member since. Sherifa is a member of the Diocesan Dismantling Racism Commission and Holy Communion's Beloved Community Task Force. She also has been involved with Godly Play.

Outside of church, Sherifa is a member of the HR department in the Department of Public Health of St. Louis County. She is the proud mother of Sherifa Olivia, and enjoys spending time with family and friends. Sherifa appreciates the welcoming diverse community of Holy Communion and is grateful to be raising her daughter in this environment.



**Kellie McCoy**

**First Term**

I was raised in St. Louis and confirmed Lutheran before leaving the area when I was 17 to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and serve in the Army as an engineer. For many of my 24 years in uniform, I was a “military Protestant” worshipping at an on-post non-denominational chapel or in ad hoc services while deployed overseas. About 12 years ago, I started to attend an Episcopal church in North Carolina and had the experience of worshipping in Episcopal parishes in Virginia, upstate NY, and Seattle before settling back in St. Louis in 2018 and officially being received into the Episcopal church.

I aim to lead a simple life so my requirements when looking for a house in St Louis were that it be within walking distance of the library, a park, and an Episcopal church. I happily reside in University City with my rescue dog Gibbs, work as a professor of history and business, and have run a variety of business ventures. When I am not working or being walked by Gibbs, I can usually be found tackling a home improvement project, fussing over my plants, or doing service work. I serve as a trustee for the University Park Subdivision and volunteer at Stray Rescue St. Louis. At Holy Communion, I have enjoyed participating in the Garden Ministry and bible study groups, and regularly attend Eucharist on Wednesday and Sunday.

My military career and personal adventures have taken me around the globe and given me a front row seat to some of the world’s gravest injustices. However, I have also seen the transformative power of simple acts of love and kindness in their midst. As a member of the vestry, I wish to support the congregation of Holy Communion’s work to build community and a welcoming space that supports and respects the dignity of all.

## Andrew Wasson

### First Term



I grew up Roman Catholic in my hometown of Sparta, Illinois and was very involved in my parish throughout my teenage and young adult years, mostly helping lead, develop, and accompany the music program there and plan liturgy. Through the music program, my co-lead introduced “Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God”, which was not the norm for my traditionally music-minded parish, but was a hit!

In 2015 I moved to St. Louis for work and started looking for a Catholic parish to join. I found one that had a great music program and the first weekend I visited the parish, the opening song was “Siyahamba/We are Marching in the Light of God.” I attended that parish and was involved in music for a few years. When my then-partner and I started thinking of marriage, I knew that remaining with a Catholic parish, even a progressive one would be difficult to feel fully accepted. So, having been familiar with the Episcopal Church, I decided to search for a parish. Despite living in south St. Louis city and passing other parishes, Holy Communion was the first one I visited in 2017. The gathering song was.....“Siyahamba/We are Marching in the Light God”. I took that as a sign that God was telling me my search for a church was over, so I was received at Holy Communion.

I’ve been involved with choir and music at Holy Communion since the beginning. I’m honored to be counted among the talented people we have singing and creating music here. I’ve recently been appointed “Robe Master”, making sure everyone in the choir has the appropriate cassock and surplice, in a line that includes the choir’s beloved Roberta Gardner. I’ve also covered as a pianist a few times for the Sunday 10:30am service.

Having a spiritual background rooted in liturgy, I appreciate the blend of traditional and new components of liturgy here at Holy Communion; having a great spiritual need for a Christian tradition rooted in inclusivity, equity, and justice, I appreciate the preaching and ministries here at Holy Communion and the wider Episcopal Church.

In my professional life I am a Clinical Nurse Coordinator with the nephrology division at Washington University School of Medicine caring for people with end-stage renal disease, specifically, training and coordinating patients in performing dialysis treatments at home. I’m also involved with OUTMed, the LGBTQ+ organization with WashU, and I am the Policy Representative for the St. Louis chapter of the American Nephrology Nurses Association. In my free time I am often found with one or both of my nephews, enjoying live theater at the Fox and Muny, reading, playing piano, keeping my two cats out of trouble, or watching the Golden Girls for the two-hundredth time.

# Diocesan Delegate Nominees



## Tim Anderson

Although born in Minnesota, Tim has lived most of his life in California. He worked as a software engineer in the defense, electronics, and pharmaceutical and biotech industries. He and his wife Tricia moved to St. Louis in 2016 to be with family and discovered Holy Communion that year.

As an avid choral singer, Tim has been singing in church choirs, including Holy Communion, and masterworks choruses, including the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, for over three decades.

Since losing Tricia in early 2021, Tim has become more involved in church activities: participating in the Parish Food Garden, assisting our sexton with cleaning up after church, joining the study of the readings between Sunday services, calling about Stewardship pledging, meeting with the Men's Prayer Group, assisting with counting and depositing parish receipts, acting as an advisory committee member for the Ellicock Fund, and being on call to help in the parish office.



## Scott Lunte

I grew up in Arnold, Missouri as the youngest child in a family of five kids. Raised Southern Baptist from birth, I knew pretty early on that an evangelical church, with its rigidly conservative world outlook and contemporary “praise band” was not for me. During my first year of college, I decided to try something different and attended my first Episcopal service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves. From the very beginning, I was hooked. The traditional liturgy and music, combined with a progressive and inclusive mindset, was exactly what I never knew I was missing in my life. I was confirmed as an official Episcopalian in 2017.

My introduction to Holy Communion came through music and an invitation by Mary Chapman to be an occasional, temporary substitute singer in the Holy Communion Choir. Eventually joining the choir as a full member, I happily moved my church membership to Holy Communion after finding it to be my church home.

After a three-year leave of absence, at which time I moved to Columbia, Missouri for law school, I'm extremely excited to be back in St. Louis and back at Holy Communion. I now live just a short 7-minute drive from the church in Brentwood, a much easier drive than from Arnold on a Sunday morning. In my professional life, I am a civil defense attorney at a newly established law firm in Town & Country. In the little free time that I have, I enjoy traveling, nerding out about the politics of other countries, and doting over my two cats, Harper and Heidi.