



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## About the 2022 Vestry Nominees



**Rachel Dyer** has attended St. B's with her daughter, Eleanor (10), since 2015. She works at Junior Achievement, a non-profit organization, that provides programming for kids and in her spare time she enjoys hiking with her daughter and running with their Siberian husky. She has served in the nursery and children's ministry and currently volunteers with "456" kids in grades four through six and this fall joined a life group. She loves the liturgy and the music at St. B's and how they call her to worship.



**Kathy Edwards** and her husband, David, have attended St. B's since 1984. They have two adult daughters and one grandchild. She is a semi-retired piano teacher who loves to play and perform, as well as paint, read, and spend time with friends. At St. B's she has taught Sunday school classes and VBS, started the music program for the preschool, been involved with home groups, Room in the Inn, and the music ministry. She also headed up the columbarium project. She remembers thinking, her first time at St. B's: "God is in this place."



**Brent Ferrell** has attended St. B's since 2011 with his wife Kate and sons Brent (13) and Owen (9). He is physician-scientist at Vanderbilt, where he treats and studies leukemia. At St. B's he has been involved in Life Builders, supper clubs, life group, retreat planning, and Room in the Inn. He cherishes the fellowship and teaching here and looks forward to new ways to serve, including vestry.



**Josh Franklin** (on the left in the photo) has attended St. B's since 2015. He and his partner, Trevor, have been together six years. He works as a Registered Nurse at Vanderbilt and enjoys traveling, reading, running, and trivia nights with friends. He has been a lay reader at St. B's and currently serves on the Welcome Team and is excited about helping to establish ministry for those in their twenties and thirties. He loves how welcoming and friendly St. B's is and that we practice a shared faith that is both rooted in sacrament and liturgy, yet also approachable and personal.



**Erik Larsen** and his wife Jaclyn began attending St. B's in 2007 and were married here in 2008. They now have three daughters—Ava (age 10); Ivy (age 8); and Sara (age 5). He enjoys any outdoor activity, including running, swimming, hiking, and camping when he is not working at HCA Healthcare. At St. B's he has been involved in helping with the children's ministry and Room in the Inn. He especially loves St. B's strong focus on community support and outreach activities in service of others.



**Josh Martin** has been at St. B's since 2012. He lives with three happy dogs and owns a dog care and training business in Franklin, Tennessee. At St. B's he has served as an assistant director to Carla Schober in the children's formation ministry and is excited to have recently joined Alysha Moroni working with the St. B's youth. He loves that the St. B's family pours so much time and effort into serving each other and the larger community and he is inspired to be a part of something so big that also feels intimate and close when we come together.



**Claude Presnell** has attended St. B's since 2007 with his wife Cathy. They have a blended family of eight grown children and four grandchildren, with a granddaughter on the way. He serves as the president of the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities. At St. B's He has volunteered as an usher and greeter, as a writer of St. B's Dailies, and has contributed his woodworking skills. He loves the people and the liturgy at St. B's and is praying that we all can engage more fully again soon.



**Kara Smith** has attended St. B's since 2014. She loves spending time with her nieces and taking in all Nashville has to offer in music and visual and performing arts. For work she is the Chair of the Department of Economics and Finance at Belmont University. At St. B's she joyfully polishes silver with the altar guild, pours over the church budget on the Finance committee, and serves as a lay eucharistic minister. She loves that the people of St. B's have a passion for the Gospel and work to bring goodness and wholeness to our community.