



# WES CLARKE

## *VESTRY NOMINEE*

### **Spouse**

Christy Clarke

### **Children**

Holden & Bennett

### **Occupation**

Head of Upper School at  
Christ Church Episcopal  
School

### **Christ Church Member**

15 years

**What do you believe is currently the biggest challenge at Christ Church? Why and how would you address it?** As Vestry Secretary during 2024, I have greatly enjoyed learning more about and documenting the significant care which Vestry members contribute toward parish-wide engagement. Still, in a large congregation with impressive offerings for involvement, I find this to be our greatest challenge: in our busy lives, it is easy to prioritize other activities over ministering to others within and beyond our church family. By engaging often in worship, outreach, and fellowship, we equip ourselves and one another to serve as “the hands and feet of God”.

Church is a rare stronghold of mutually beneficial and cross-generational community, and also of focused and ongoing service to our fellow human. The Christ Church Vestry should continue to support church staff ministry areas in evolving innovative communications channels, such as the Men’s Ministry’s recent use of the GroupMe app, as well as opportunities for simple and daily relational hospitality, to help parishioners view frequent participation and connection as core to spiritual rootedness and self-care. By joyfully inviting one another into a deeper apostleship that honors Christ’s love, we will grow our faith and further live into our church’s Gospel potential. I would be honored to help nurture this direction by serving on the Vestry.

**Christ Church Activities** Vestry Secretary; Chalice Bearer; Lay Reader; Nursery, Children and Youth Volunteer; Basketball Coach; Small Group Member; Men’s Ministry.