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# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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*The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family*

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Jasper, Georgia 30143

**February 1, 2026**





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**Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**February 1, 2026**

**Call to Order**

**Opening Prayer**

**Election of Secretary for meeting.**

**Appointment of four tellers:** Outgoing vestry members and ushers to count the votes, one of them being designated chairperson. The results of the election shall be declared by the presiding officer and shall be recorded in the minutes by the Secretary before adjournment of the meeting.

**Recognition of outgoing Vestry:** Jim Braley, Ginger Griffith, John Kirk

**Nominations to Vestry:** Three (3) positions to be filled. Seven ( 7 ) names have been put forward. Nominations from floor? **(MUST be offered to both Rector and Treasurer BEFORE being made to the meeting.)**

**Election:** Three (3) new members

**Rector's Report**

**Report of the Vestry:** Report of the Vestry (required by Diocesan Canon 33, Section 2) and any recommendations; to be submitted by the Sr. or Jr. Warden, or, in their absence, by some other member of the Vestry. Senior Warden's report submitted (in packet).

**Report of the Finance Ministry:**

- Year End 2025 Financial Statement – Jim Braley
- Budget accepted by the vestry December 12, 2025 (in booklet) – Dan Ciomek

**Reports of All Ministries and Committees**

**Recognition of Ministry leaders:** outgoing, incoming

**Reading of Necrology and Prayer – The Rev. Byron Tindall:** *Jessica Cantrell, Palmer Temple, Robert Emerson, Bob Garstin, Robert Preston Lewis, Sr., Diana Wilcox, James “Jim” Wesley Smith, Nancy Satterfield, Gladys Gallup*

**Hymn 584:** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* - John Carter

**Blessing and Dismissal:** The Rev. Mark Winward

# Holy Family Vestry

## **2023-2025 Expiring Term**

Jim Braley  
Ginger Griffith  
John Kirk

## **2024-2026 Term**

Phil Anderson  
Loran Davis  
Amy Snyder

## **2025-2027 Term**

Wayne Crawford  
Belinda Humphrey  
Mary Sue Zercher

## **Treasurer**

Kathy Duda

## **Clerk of the Vestry**

Rosemary Lovelace



## Vestry Member Requirements (per Diocese of Atlanta Canons)

Three vestry positions need to be filled to serve a term of three years. Before nominating fellow parishioners to serve for a three-year term, you must obtain from them their permission to be nominated.

- Confirmed communicant in good standing
  - 18 years of age or older
- Regular attendant at the services for at least one year
- Pledged financial support the preceding year

Willing to be yoked with specific ministries to assist them in putting in place components of the Long Range Plan.

## Vestry Member Responsibilities

Vestry members are responsible for:

- The fiscal well-being of the parish property
  - Assuring that the facilities are maintained
    - Assuring that all bills are paid
- Assuring that each member of the parish is asked to make a financial pledge
  - Approving the annual budget
  - Seeing that the annual pledge to the diocese is paid
  - Obtaining an annual audit of the parish financial statements
- Acting as the sole representative of the congregation in its relationship with the clergy of the parish
  - Thinking and acting strategically to accomplish long term goals and objectives
    - Attend monthly vestry meetings and retreats as scheduled
    - Serve as vestry liaison to at least one ministry/committee
- Periodically perform Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD) duties to include making announcements at both Sunday services

***Source:** Diocese of Atlanta, Vestry Handbook. See [www.episcopalatlanta.org](http://www.episcopalatlanta.org) for more information. Also, article 4 of the bylaws of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family describes the legal requirements for the vestry. The bylaws are available in the church office.*

In accordance with the 2008 Amendment, page 10, of the By-Laws of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, "Members entitled to vote. All members who are communicants in good standing not less than sixteen (16) years of age, as certified by the Rector, Vicar or Vestry and present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote on all issues that come before such meeting."

## 2026 Vestry Candidates

Cammie Cox

Steve Franzen

Wayne Glowka

Tammy Kirk

Jeannine Krenson

Martha Power

Bob Wheeler



## Rector's Report

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We are now into our 40<sup>th</sup> year as a parish. We added **10** new members in 2025. 4 members transferred out; **3** members died. Our total active membership is currently **252**.

There were no Marriages, **1** Baptism, and **6** Funerals in 2025.

Our average Sunday attendance in 2019 was **169**. In 2020, our pre-Covid average attendance before we began worshipping outside and online was **146**. It was tailing off by early February. In 2021 it was **86**. In 2022 the average attendance for our Sunday services was **94** and in 2023 it increased to **120**. Average attendance in 2024 was **118**. In 2025, average attendance was **121**.

*The Rev. Mark S. Winward, Rector*

## Sr. Warden's/Vestry Report

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On Sunday, January 26, 2025 at the annual meeting parishioners elected three new vestry members – Wayne Crawford, Belinda Humphrey and Mary Sue Zercher. Retiring members Andy Edwards, Howell Kiser and Terry Nicholson were thanked for their dedicated service in fulfilling their terms on the vestry.

On Sunday, April 6 the vestry announced the call of our new Rector The Rev. Mark Winward, a recently retired Navy Captain in the Chaplain Corps and a prior Navy Unrestricted Line Officer. His last assignment was as the Senior Chaplain at the National Security Agency and Central Security Service at Fort Meade, MD. He earned his Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1997; and his Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2007. He was ordained to the diaconate in the Episcopal Church in 1997 and to the priesthood in 1998.

On May 18 a festive reception was held in honor of The Rev. Dr. Bill Harkins, who was appointed by the Diocese to serve as the interim priest in charge during the search for a new Rector.

On June 6 in a letter to the parish following a cancer scare that delayed his arrival to Holy Family, Fr. Winward reported “Confident now that it is highly unlikely I have cancer and that I will be fully capable of fulfilling my responsibilities as your Rector, I am pleased to announce that I plan to begin my work at Holy Family on August 1st.” A welcome reception was held on Sunday, August 3 for Mark, his wife KC and their sons Christian and Matthew.

Unfortunately, on September 15, Fr. Winward was injured in a multi-vehicle accident from which he had surgery to put pins in his broken pelvis. Following a period of hospitalization and rehabilitation, Mark was able to return to most of his duties as Rector on the November 30 for the first Sunday in Advent.

Throughout this very challenging period of Mark's cancer scare and automobile accident, a special thanks to our dedicated Priest Associate The Rev. Byron Tindall and Deacon Katharine Armentrout who worked tirelessly to make sure all services were covered either by their presence or by local supply priests. Supply priests included The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster Weltner from the Diocese of Atlanta, The Rev. Sam Buice, The Rev. Mary Hemmer and Postulant Sara Miller Schulte.

From a financial perspective we completed a successful audit from the audit firm of James Jordan CPA which rendered an unqualified opinion with a clean report for 2024.

Our Stewardship Campaign was huge success this year thanks to: Jim Braley, Dan Ciomek and the Finance Committee for developing the 2026 budget with the various ministries; vestry members John Kirk and Mary Sue Zercher for leading the campaign with the theme of Abundant Grace, Joyful Giving; and to all our parishioners who submitted 123 pledges totaling \$558,384, which exceeded our campaign stretch goals of 120 pledges totaling \$550,000. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the vestry unanimously approved the 2026 budget on December 18 with all ministry requests fully funded.

Also, in December Dan Ciomek stepped down as treasure following four years of dedicated and tireless service. Dan will continue as a member of the Finance Committee while new parishioner Kathy Duda will become the new treasurer.

Parish Life ably led by Tammy Kirk is to be commended for their parish-wide events and activities to “connect hearts, engage belonging, and to build community.” Particularly noteworthy was the Pentecost Celebration, the

Parish Retreat at Camp Mikell, the Holy Family merchandise sales, Advent Devotional and the monthly focus on various ministries.

Let me thank all the ministries for their continued dedication and exceptional service to the parish and the local and global communities. I'm confident the January 19 Ministry Fair stimulated new interest and support for all our ministries. I would encourage all parishioners to get involved and try something new in the coming year.

Thank you to our choir and Choir Master John King Carter for the beautiful music program throughout the year. Your time, talent, and faithfulness are greatly appreciated. Particularly noteworthy were the Requiem of French baroque composer André Campra, Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Eve services.

A special thanks to our Parish Administrator Christie Beiring who plays such a crucial role in the day-to-day operations of the church, ensuring that administrative, scheduling, communication and financial tasks are handled efficiently and effectively.

And finally, a special thanks to our Sexton, Jacques LeBlanc, for his tireless efforts and careful stewardship of all our facilities. Thank you for keeping our church beautiful and welcoming.

On behalf of the vestry, I thank all parishioners for their faithful support of Holy Family and extend our very best wishes for 2026.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the vestry,  
*Phil Anderson, Senior Warden*

# Finance & Treasurer Report

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2025 was the usual busy year for the Finance Ministry. Dan Ciomek, our Treasurer resigned after 4 years of exceptional duty and many hours of volunteer work. He is being replaced by Kathy Duda who is a fairly new member of Holy Family. She has been a church treasurer in previous parishes as well as serving as treasurer for several non-profit organizations. Dan has agreed to remain on the Finance Ministry until he and his wife Kathy make a final decision on relocation. Chuck Davis was also appointed to the Finance Ministry effective January 2026.

Pledged contributions for the year were \$479,440.90, just slightly ahead of budget. and unpledged or loose plate offerings were \$57,596.50, well ahead of budget. Expenses totaled \$558,353.12 which were over budget by about \$14,000. The expenses were partially offset by the use of restricted funds so we ended the year with a positive net revenues over expenses. Our cash to expense ratio is a nice healthy 9.52 and we have cash available in our investments and our checking account. In summary, Holy Family is in an excellent financial position and well positioned for the future. The Finance Ministry has a conservative philosophy and as a result feel that we need to hold on to our cash since we have an aging physical plant as well as an aging demographic. This will assure a healthy parish in the years ahead.

Holy Family is in very good financial condition. The ministry has a conservative philosophy and we feel that is critical as we move forward into the future. The future will present many challenges as we deal with an aging physical plant as well as an aging membership. We have seen some good growth in the past year and we envision that continuing. Of note we have 125 pledge families for 2026 with a record amount of pledged contributions for 2026. Both are excellent indicators of a healthy and vibrant parish and it is important that we keep this momentum in the future years. One of the initiatives for 2026 will be the re-activation of the Legacy Fund under the chair of Ginger Griffith. More information on this will be forthcoming.

The Finance Ministry is composed of individuals with strong financial or business backgrounds and each devote a lot of time and effort in insuring the financial viability and stability of Holy Family. Their efforts are much appreciated.

*Jim Braley, Finance Ministry Chair*  
*Dan Ciomek, Treasurer 2025*  
*Kathy Duda, Treasurer 2026*

# Ministry Reports

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## Adult Education

2025 saw the continuation of Holy Family's Sunday morning (9:15) classes, Education for Ministry, the Wednesday evening Lenten study, Disciple Bible Study, and the Monday night Women's studies as well as a Lenten Quiet Day and a workshop on the labyrinth.

On Sunday mornings attendees participated in the following:

- The Gospel of John (Amy-Jill Levine)
- Walk in Love – Episcopal Beliefs and Practices (Scott Gunn)
  - The Jesus I Never Knew (Philip Yancey)
- History of the Episcopal Church (Presentation by Elaine DeNiro)
  - Women of the Old Testament (Yale Bible Study)
  - "... Jesus Said What?" (Facilitated by Allan Deniro)
    - Convictions (Marcus Borg)
  - Grateful – A Six-Session Film Series (Diana Butler Bass)
- Short Stories by Jesus – The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi (Amy-Jill Levine)
  - Advent Study (Led by The Rev. Mark Winward)

Attendance continues to be stable with 10-12 participants regularly.

Interim Rector Bill Harkins and Allan DeNiro led the Wednesday evening Lenten study in 2025. They based the study on Richard Rohr's book, Falling Upward, as well as Allen's book about his journey with St. Peter. The evening concluded with Compline. Thirty-five to forty people attended each week.

The Women's Monday night Zoom study concluded its study begun in of Carmen Acevedo Butcher's book, Incandescence (begun in 2024). The group also studied:

- Julian of Norwich: Selections from Revelations of Divine Love (Mary C. Earle)
- The Rebirthing of God; Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings (John Philip Newell)
- The Women of Christmas: Experience the Season Afresh with Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna (Liz Curti Higgs)

This study takes place on Monday evenings on Zoom. Each week participants discuss the assigned readings. The group will continue to meet in 2026.

Disciple I (Bible study) concluded in spring 2025. We offered Disciple II beginning in the fall as participants indicated an interest in continuing with the Disciple program. Tammy Kirk continues to facilitate the program. It meets in person on Thursday afternoons. Feedback from participants continues to be good.

During Lent Adult Education also sponsored a Quiet Day exploring forgiveness. We used Philip Yancey's The Scandal of Forgiveness to aid in our exploration. Approximately ten parishioners attended.

Adult Education also sponsored a workshop on the labyrinth during Lent. Dianna Blosser, an expert in the labyrinth, discussed both the history and use of the labyrinth. Participants had the opportunity to walk the labyrinth. Shelley Garstin, harpist, provided music for the workshop.

Elaine DeNiro continues as the parish librarian. She curates materials that support Adult Education programs and facilitate our observance of the liturgical year.

The Adult Education team participated in the ministry fair, “A Day in the Life” and provided financial support for our first ever parish wide retreat.

*Kathleen Allen-Leonard, Adult Education 2025*

## Buildings

Compared to the past 2 years, 2025 was somewhat calm in our continued effort to upgrade, maintain, and repair our facilities. We were, however, able to complete a few new tasks.

1. Complete renovation of the Rectors office.
2. Rebuild the office exterior deck, including the construction of a handicap ramp.

Everything else was just in the name of normal maintenance and repair.

For 2026, a few projects are on the docket.

1. Complete whatever the Vestry decides on providing electrical power, lighting, and signage to our front entrance.
2. Paint the interior area of Pete's Porch for the quilting group.
3. Replace the low-voltage lighting throughout our walkways.

We still maintain a healthy maintenance reserve for those unpredictable repairs and upgrades that we all know will eventually confront us.

Sincerely,

*Terry Nicholson, Building Ministry Chair*

## Grounds

During 2025 The Grounds Crew efforts to maintain Holy Family's 38-acre campus was focused in 4 main areas:

1. Main drainage ditch areas in the Labyrinth and Sanctuary Drive areas that were re-worked and additional rock berms improved or completely rebuilt.
2. Along all the hiking path's where continual clearance of downed trees and underbrush over growth control is required.
3. The Old Home Place area where clearing and improvement was initiated, this effort will continue in 2026.
4. Aging equipment maintenance consumed a much higher % of the budget in 2025 than in previous years consuming a much larger portion of the Grounds operating budget.

In general, there was not a large amount of storm related clean up as has been required in past years during 2025. Removal of storm related downed trees and dying/dead trees is a given in any year and almost a constant requirement.

Grounds is planning to accomplish upgrades and improvements to the landscape in the sanctuary area in 2026 based how much of the approved budget will be dedicated to the maintenance cost of the church equipment.

*Bruce Elliott, on behalf of the Grounds Team*

## Outreach

The mission of the Outreach Ministry of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family is to identify needs, to recruit and train people for servant ministry, and to develop and conduct programs for the community. Our mission requires us to “love like Jesus”, as former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry encouraged us. Toward this end, the Outreach Budget from both parish pledges and individual gifts, has been approximately one tenth of the total church budget, for several years. This commitment of \$49,900 in 2026 demonstrates our parish’s desire to share in God’s mission of spreading His love to all the world and fulfills the hopes and dreams of our founders to give a tithe of our bounty to outreach missions, near and far.

In addition, many of our parishioners devote hours volunteering to serve these organizations. As a community, we pray weekly for these nonprofits and those they serve during the Sunday services. The local nonprofits we support include ACES, Angels on Horseback, Arrendale Women’s Prison Ministries, the Boys and Girls Club, CARES, Good Samaritan, Habitat Pickens, Serve Pickens, and the Weekend Snack Program. Our donation to CARES has totaled approximately \$9,000 as well as the many donations of nonperishable food brought by Holy Family members. Through these organizations children are fed, housed, cared for and educated; healthcare is provided; food is distributed; prisoners are visited and supported; disabled persons are strengthened in mind and body; and services are strengthened and expanded for those in our county with varied needs. Monthly, we invite one or more of the non-profits we support to come to our meeting to share their latest news with us. When disaster strikes in the US or abroad, we provide financial support either through the affected Diocese or through Episcopal Relief and Development.

Through our donations and prayers, we demonstrate our Christian love and charity to those outside the United States particularly to those in Honduras and Haiti via schools, healthcare clinics and children’s residences. We engage in mutual prayer with our partner parish in Cape Coast, Ghana. We inform ourselves of mission work through the Episcopal Church so that we may continue to learn and grow and seek out new ways to serve our neighbors.

This past year we completed an Outreach notebook, which contains financial and other information from each of our local partners, and those in Honduras and Haiti. We have adopted The Dignity Lens by Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright as our framework within which we have defined and refined our church’s mission and vision. As Dr Wright suggests in her book, we used the focus values of Diversity, Identity, Growth, Nurture, Integrity, Transparency, and Yield to examine both our partners and our relationship with them to ensure our values align and to evaluate our growing relationships with our current and any future partners. We evaluate each relationship annually to assure our decisions to donate to each maintains its focus to aid all those within its sphere of aid according to our values, which are defined in the introduction to this notebook.

This year we would like to add our focus on increasing our volunteer services to any of our current partners. We invite and encourage you to join with us in loving and caring for our neighbors. The benefits to both volunteers and those we serve are many. There may be an opportunity to join a mission trip in the coming year, 2026. By the Grace of God and in His name, we donated \$47,500 in 2025. We want to do more, not just by distributing funds, but also by walking alongside and by serving our neighbors and showing them God’s love.

We welcome you to become a part of this important ministry. Join us, won’t you?

*Howell Kiser and Leamarie True, Outreach Co-Chairs*

## Parish Life

2025 was a dynamic and inspiring year for the Parish Life team, with the addition of several new initiatives and the continuation of the events and activities from the previous year. Each event or activity was planned to fulfill the mission of the Parish Life team: “*Connecting Hearts, Embracing Belonging, and Building Community*”.

- **“A Day in the Life of Holy Family”:** This interactive ministry fair was held on January 19, between worship services and was designed to increase awareness and involvement in the various ministries of the church. All ministries were invited to participate and were assigned spaces throughout the whole church, to showcase their role in preparation for services and events. The objective was to “put faces with names” through conversation with ministry volunteers, experience “hands-on” activities like flower arranging and riding the tractor, and to explore opportunities for becoming involved (highlighting the simple tasks that don’t require a full-time commitment). The event was well attended and every ministry had new people sign up to get involved.
- **Shrove Tuesday:** Initiated and planned by the PL team, but hosted on March 4 by the men of HF, who cooked and served pancakes, Jacques’ cajun sausage, and king cake! The evening was capped off with rousing rounds of Mardi-Gras themed bingo with prizes (Lenten roses, books, and candles). 52 people attended and \$208 was collected in tips, which were donated to Arrendale Women’s Prison Ministry.
- **Ministry Spotlights:** Highlighted one ministry each month with Touchstone articles, bulletin boards and slide shows, and speakers. Cards of gratitude were also written to thank all volunteers for their dedication to serving at HF.
- **Pentecost Celebration:** PL coordinated with Hospitality, Music, and the Flower Guild to provide lunch and a hymn sing with over 60 people attending. The event was moved to the Parish Hall (from the Conference Center) this year to accommodate more people and to facilitate ease of attendees and food.
- **HF Merchandise:** Sales have been extremely popular and items are often seen out in the community – advertising HF and witnessing to God’s love. PL offered 2 new short sleeve t-shirts in the spring sale and a long-sleeve tee in the fall in response to requests from parishioners.
- **Parish Retreat:** The first-ever parish-wide retreat was held at Camp Mikell in Toccoa from Oct 6-8 had 40 participants. While this event was timed with Fr Mark’s arrival, his accident sadly prevented him from leading. Diana Blosser filled in and led sessions on different types of Prayer. Many people outside of the PL team managed logistics, food & drinks, worship, activities, and registration & housing. “The retreat was a blessing in multiple ways. God was present and absolutely provided. We laughed, broke bread together and fellowshipped.”
- **Advent Devotional:** The theme for 2025 was “From Creation to the Manger” and used the Jesse Tree as the foundation for the 26 devotions, each written by members of the parish. Booklets were also mailed to the home-bound.

*Tammy Kirk, Chair of the Parish Life Team*

## Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Ministry at Holy Family can be conceptualized as the luminous “inner glow of the church”, supporting our parishioners for their optimal spiritual well-being. The *compassion* exhibited by the Pastoral Care Committee members constitutes a beacon of God’s light, supporting connection, dignity, and healing. We are truly grateful to the team for their care over the past year; every team member brought unique perspectives and attributes, enabling us to provide a variety of care. The team grew by a few new members in 2025, and we welcomed their ideas and perspectives!

In 2025, the Pastoral Care team supported our parishioners as they experienced challenges and joys. Aspects of Pastoral Care overlapped at times with other church ministries, and we were honored to collaborate with them when needed. This collaboration was an outgrowth of the Parish Life Committee, through which specific ideas were discussed and plans were created.

Under the umbrella of Pastoral Care were the following aspects of “in-reach” to our parishioners and their families, close friends, and pets:

- Prayer: prayers were offered by Pastoral Care Committee members, in conjunction with the Worship Committee (via Prayers of the People), and in collaboration with the Daughters of the King (via confidential daily prayer); the Daughters of the King gained new members who were exemplified (inducted) in December
  - Meals and home-visits
  - Prayer shawls and pet love (blankets and toys)
- Visits to community assisted living facilities and long-term care facilities: in collaboration with the Worship Committee, Eucharistic Visits were offered in the community; for 2026, plans are to increase the number of times per month these visits happen
- Birthday cards were mailed to all members; Prayer Cards were sent the first time someone was in the Prayers of the People
- Transportation to healthcare appointments; assistance with procuring medical assistance devices when needed
- Safety education (CPR and First Aid classes); First Aid bags’ contents were updated; plus, new AED pads were purchased for the AED in the Conference Center
- Healing Service: monthly service with lunch, started in 2024, continued to be vital and uplifting for many parishioners; Fr. Mark Winward expanded the Wednesday at noon services to every week

In 2025, two new projects occurred:

- Cards and gift boxes were mailed to family members and friends in the military; a list of current family members and friends serving in the military is printed weekly in the service booklet
- Emphasis was placed on contacting members in assisted living and long-term care facilities via notes and cards

In 2026, we will continue to partner with members in their life journeys and to identify new, meaningful ways to serve our church community.

*Vicky Harkins, Pastoral Care Committee*

## Worship Ministry

2025 was the usual busy year for the Worship Ministry. We welcomed our new Rector, Reverend Mark Winward. Shortly after his arrival he was involved in a very serious auto accident which required us to engage several supply priests as well as using the very capable services of Rev. Byron Tindall and Deacon Katharine Armentrout. Father Winward was able to return on the first Sunday of Advent. The Advent season was busy with the traditional Lessons and Carols services plus the Christmas Morning service. The Worship Ministry includes the Vergers, Chalice Bearers, LEM's, Lectors, Intercessors, the Choir under the very capable direction of John Carter, the Altar Guild, Flower Guild and the Digital Ministry. The Worship Ministry also works closely with the Usher Chair and all of the Ushers. Every group mentioned above is made up of many volunteers who devote their time and efforts to ensure that every service and event is well planned in advance and is conducted without issues. In 2026, we will continue our efforts and continue to recruit additional volunteers to enhance our services. A huge thank you to all who volunteer in their service to Holy Family.

*Jim Braley, Worship Ministry Chair*

# Closing Hymn

## Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
2. Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -  
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho-ly: "This my bod - y,  
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur-ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis-sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea-sure  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor-ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur-*pose* with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

### *Refrain*

With the Spir-it's gifts em-power us for the work of min - is - try.







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