

# LA CARTA DE SAN ESTEBAN

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*St. Stephen's is called to be a place where all God's people enjoy and value each other. Through liturgy, education, fellowship and mutual support, we discover the biblical story revealed in our lives and extend that by faith and example to the community.*

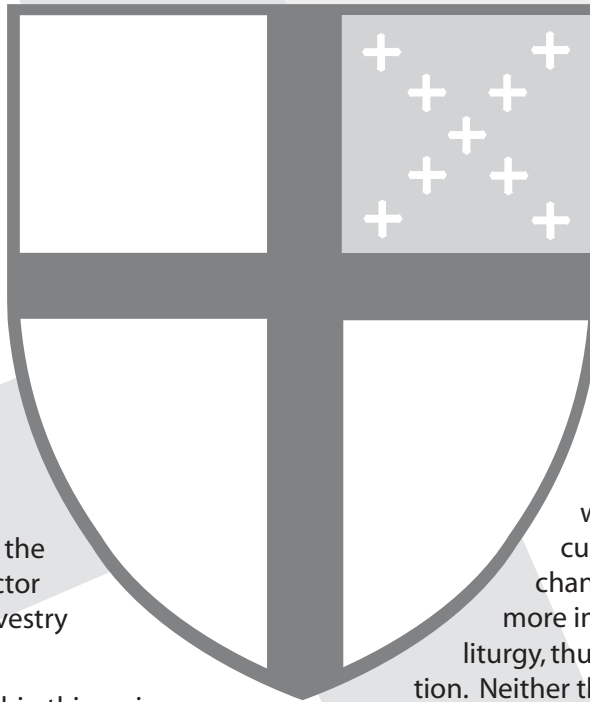
The Reverend David Veal, *Supply Priest* | The Rev. Jean Pearson Scott, *Priest in Residence*  
Larry Douglas, *Organist/Administrative Assistant* | Terry Garrett, *Choir Director* | Debbie Cosgrove, *Bookkeeper*

## Introducing the Worship Committee

Come let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. -- Ps. 95:1-2

St. Stephen's once again has an active Worship Committee whose ministry is to support and enrich our corporate worship and spiritual life. This committee is established by our parish by-laws, and Bishop Mayer encouraged its formation for work now, even before our new rector arrives. Our by-laws create this committee to advise the rector and vestry on all matters "liturgical, including music, choir, altar guild, prayer groups, acolytes, lay readers, ushers and any other group or individual contributing to the worship of the parish." Our new rector will serve as chair. In the interim, a vestry member chairs the committee.

The vestry appointed the membership this spring: Debbie Cox, Doreen Hutton, Frances Marshall, Susan Pharris and Michael Pullen. Larry Douglas and Terry Garrett also participate in this committee in their respective roles as organist and choir director. We anticipate being joined in our ministry by the new Altar Guild director Helen Holley.



You will have noticed some recent changes to our Sunday music as recommended by this committee and adopted by the vestry. We hope these changes enrich worship for all congregants through simplifying sung tunes (other than hymns) and reciting texts we have previously sung (the psalm and the Lord's Prayer). These changes are not meant to be permanent. These changes are meant to support worship as the smaller worshipping community we currently are. We also hope these changes make children and visitors feel more immediately comfortable with our liturgy, thus encouraging their vocal participation. Neither the Vestry nor the Worship Committee is of a single mind on these changes, but we are engaging these changes with a willing spirit as we move through this time of transition together.

We welcome your partnership in our ministry through prayer for our work and through conversation about your worship-related joys and concerns.

*Claire Cowden,*  
vestry representative and chair