

## Our Working Website

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Our team presently provides a short note about each upcoming Sunday's worship in the Saturday digital bulletin email.

## Committee Members

### Dean

The Very Rev. Peter DeVeau

### Lay members

Vern Barnet, chair, [vern@cres.org](mailto:vern@cres.org)  
Linda Martin  
Mark Matzeder  
Michelle Ritter  
John Shelton  
Matthew VanderMolen

### Ex officio

The Rev. Canon Evelyn Hornaday  
The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn  
Music Director Paul Meier  
Young Adult Coord.  
Marco Serrano  
Children and Family Coord.  
Julie Brogno  
Senior Warden Mark Galus  
Vestry Liaison Chuck Ritter  
Sacristan Sharon Sprague  
Head Acolyte Jeff Johnson  
Head Usher David Telep  
Former Jr Warden David Barker

### Guests

Chris Morgan  
Kay Woolley  
Scott Anthony

*You are welcome to join  
or attend as a guest.*

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral (Episcopal)



## Worship Committee

*Lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi*

The committee, organized in July with a good diversity of members, has met three times. Our meetings begin and end with prayer. Before conducting business, we do an exercise by which we get to know each other and our perspectives about worship better.

Cherishing our Episcopal heritage includes (1) conserving our liturgical tradition of beauty in the way we respect space and time as an offering to God, and (2) enhancing, re-examining, and renewing this heritage. Today's Cathedral is an opportunity to be appreciated and fulfilled, and to offer to others.

*Pray  
Give  
Serve*

God's grace is everywhere and always. It is right to notice, accept, and celebrate it regularly and in a orderly way as a worshipping community.

The committee seeks to help make our worship experiences *ever more meaningful* to members — and *inviting* to those in Kansas City who have yet to be blessed by our inheritance and promise.

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## Our Job Description

**I**n light of the Cathedral's Strategic Plan with the specific goal of providing distinct and meaningful worship opportunities, and grateful for the treasury we have inherited and the beckoning of the future, the Worship Committee shall —



1. Pursue study of the rich meanings of our liturgical and devotional traditions and possibilities through committee members' conversations with each other, and share insights with the congregation through educational communications and programs. This living tradition includes daily, weekly, seasonal, personal transition, and special worship experiences, in both specific elements and entire liturgies.

2. From time to time, review the congregation's worship experiences and advise the Dean and others on how worship experiences, and the skills and resources which make them possible, may be diversified, celebrated, enhanced, and enlarged.

3. Support and encourage the clergy, other staff, and volunteers in their roles in making worship most meaningful, beautiful, and embracing. Specifically, with the Dean, Music Director, and others, help plan seasonal lit-

urgies. This includes an advisory, consultative, cooperative relationship in sundry ways and to varying degrees with clergy, musicians, sacristy guild, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, acolytes, lectors, sexton, buildings and grounds, children's ministry, catechumens, and pew participants.

4. Cooperate and communicate with other strategic plan committees as appropriate.

*Revised and approved by the Committee August 6, 2017, to forward to the Vestry with the understanding that revisions are possible as the Committee gains experience and insight.*



**S**ome 30 *Possible Projects and Routines* are under consideration, easy and hard, quick and long-term. Here are a few examples to show the range of ideas, some controversial:

- a policy on applause
- diverse styles
- tower holy water
- liturgical dance
- reformulating the BCP Confession
- more education about our hymns
- more pauses and slower pacing

You are invited to add to the list by contacting any member of the worship committee or emailing the chair, [vern@cres.org](mailto:vern@cres.org).

## Lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi

An Interpretation of the Ancient Christian Motto

Three steps. • *Lex orandi*.— We begin with prayer, with worship: noticing, accepting, celebrating God's grace. • *Lex credendi*.— We are shaped by this encounter with the Holy and develop our belief, what we trust (what we *believe in*, more than what we believe *about*). Believing in Christ may be prior to believing about Christ. • *Lex vivendi*.— And then we live our lives accordingly, more fully as members of the Body of Christ.

This three-part motto emphasizes how faith develops from our direct experience. While today's experience is shaped by the past, the depth of the worship experience renews, reforms, and refreshes us in the way we see and live in the world of God's grace.

This ordering often parallels scholarly study of myths and rituals. Did the stories come first, and the ritual practices develop to reenact them, or did the rituals come first and the stories were developed to explain what the rituals mean? Perhaps the two grow in dialogue with each other, but the inspiration may always be a numinous experience.

This motto may also guide those asking what we Episcopalians believe. The beauty of our liturgy, in which we all participate, points beyond mere words. The history and mysticism of the creeds is evidence of the inadequacy of human language to manifest God's holiness. From diverse backgrounds we may think very differently, but we are drawn together in worship by the awe and wonder of offering ourselves to the great Mystery on which our lives depend, to which we render our thanks in common worship and service to others.

—Personal thoughts by  
Vern Barnet, Committee Chair