



### **David W. Adams**

David and his wife, Tina, have been parishioners at St. John's for 24 years. All of three of their children, Marc (22), Molly (20), and Emmy (17), were baptized at St. John's. Molly and Emmy attended St. John's Parish Day School. David and Tina taught Sunday School when their children were young. Molly and Emmy served stints in the St. John's choir. St. John's has long been the cornerstone of the Adams family.

David is a CPA and attorney, specializing primarily in management employment law and intellectual property. David normally attends the 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. services.

David has held a number of positions and has been active in many St. John's ministries. He has been a long-time usher at St. John's. He was in the Father's Ministry for many years and was a driver for Angel Tree. He served as an annual canvasser and chaired the St. John's Every-Member Canvas. David was elected to a three-year term on the St. John's Vestry following Father Peterson's retirement. After serving on the Vestry nominating committee in his last year, David was appointed as the Head Teller (vote counter) for many St. John's Annual Meetings. After his service on the Vestry, he was appointed to the St. John's School Board, where he served two three-year terms. He chaired the selection committee to recruit and hire the St. John's Parish Day School Head. In his last year, David served as the President of the School Board, during which time enrollment increased and the school facilities were expanded and improved.

After a brief break in service, David has a strong desire to serve the Church in an active leadership role. David is on the Board of Leadership Tampa Bay, is a past President of the Parkland Estates Civic Club, and is a member of Tampa Yacht & Country Club. When he is not at work or church, he enjoys fishing, boating, running, and spending time with his family.



### **Dennis Carr**

Dennis and his wife Erin moved to Tampa from Atlanta in 1999 and have attended St. John's for over seven years. Dennis was born in Jacksonville and raised as a Catholic in the Tampa area where he graduated from Jesuit High School. He was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 2010. Dennis has been an usher since his confirmation, has served on the Building and Grounds Committee, and currently co-chairs the Projects and Outreach Committee.

Dennis earned a Bachelor's Degree from the School of Architecture at Auburn University. He is a licensed architect in the State of Florida, a LEED Accredited Professional, and founding

principal of Elevation Architecture. Dennis has served on Tampa Downtown Partnership's Planning & Management Committee, designed homes for Habitat for Humanity, and volunteered at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital and the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. He is a devoted college football fan, avid runner, and enjoys fishing in his free time.



### **Lynn Fluharty**

Lynn was born in Phoenix, Arizona and is a life-long Episcopalian. When she was three her father was transferred to California, Utah, Iowa and then to Illinois where she graduated from Northern Illinois University with a BS in Elementary Education. After college she moved to Tampa and while working for First Florida Banks, met her husband Stephen. Lynn and Stephen were married at St. John's 39 years ago by The Reverend Hoyt Massey. Their two sons, Thomas and Matthew, attended St. John's Parish Day School. Thomas was a member of the Men and Boy's choir and Matt served as an acolyte. Stephen served on the Vestry, chaired the Every Member Canvas and the Endowment Committee and ushers at the 9:15 service.

Lynn recently retired after 17 years as the Special Events Manager for the Tampa General Hospital Foundation which raises funds for the many programs and services at TGH. She is now enjoying walking, reading and spending time with her family and friends especially her one year old granddaughter, Parker.

Lynn is currently a member of the Tampa General Hospital Women's Leadership Council, the Berkeley Blazers and is a Sustaining Member of the Junior League of Tampa. Her past volunteer interests include Berkeley Preparatory School, Metropolitan Ministries and the Junior League of Tampa. Over the years, Lynn served on St. John's Alter Guild, Celebratio Committee and assisted with the Every Member Canvas.

Lynn appreciates the difference St. John's has made in her family's life and is excited to be considered for the vestry.



### **John Marston**

John has attended St John's Episcopal Church since he was a child and married his wife Catherine here 30 years ago. He was in the choir until he was about 12 (and his voice changed) and has served as an usher over the last 10 or so years. John's three children grew up in St John's and were acolytes until they went to college. John is a physician in Tampa with Partners in

OB/Gyn, a division of Womenscare of Florida. He was on the St John's School Board of Trustees for the last 6 years, completing his term in June of 2015, and prior to this was on the Alpha House Board of Trustees.

John feels blessed to have spent his spiritual life at St John's and believes it has been a wonderful place for his family to worship and grow.



**Ben Nelson, Jr.,**

Ben is Brig. Gen. USAF retired after almost 30 years in the Air Force. He served as Wing Commander of MacDill AFB, and then was reassigned to Vicenza, Italy. He returned to Tampa as the CEO of the American Red Cross, Tampa Bay. Ben is a graduate of The University of Texas, a former Rotarian, and member of Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla. A partner at Harrod Properties for several years, he is now a real estate broker specializing in commercial real estate. He and his wife Suzanne have one son and five grandchildren. They have been members of St John's since 1994.



**Jacqueline Preis**

Jackie has attended St. John's Church for more than 20 years. She ushers at the 8:00 a.m. service and puts the literature in the pews each week. She has been a greeter and worked on the Angel Tree project when that was active. Before retiring, she was a citrus grower and actively managed her grove. She has served on numerous civic and community boards, both on the local and state levels, and served as an officer on several.



**Lindsey Germany Robbins**

Lindsey has been a lifelong member of St. John's and was baptized in the church in 1963. Her grandparents and her parents were active members of St. John's. Her parents were married in the

church in 1951. She and her husband, Jim, have three children, Jimmy (23), John (15) and George (15) all of whom attended St. John's Parish Day School, were active in the youth group and serve(d) as acolytes. Lindsey attended St. John's Parish Day School, graduated from Clemson University, and worked in banking before raising her family. She remains active in the community and serves on several boards including those of Mary Lee's House and the H.B. Plant Museum Society. She was a past member of the St. John's School Board, as well as a Sunday School teacher for many years. Lindsey enjoys spending time with her family, running, playing tennis and attending Bible Study Fellowship.



### **Janice Straske**

A Tampa native, Janice grew up at Hyde Park Methodist Church, but attended Episcopal schools her whole life, graduating from St. Mary's Episcopal Day School and Berkeley Preparatory School. While a student at Washington & Lee University in Virginia, she attended RE Lee Episcopal Church partly because it felt at home and partly because it is right next door to the freshman dorms. After W&L, Janice followed her boyfriend Steve to New York and went to culinary school, studied gemology, and completed a Master's in Science Education at Columbia University Teachers College. She and Steve married in 1992, and like many Catholic/Protestant couples before them, made the "Episcopal Compromise," were both confirmed at St. James Episcopal Church by the Right Rev. Richard Grein, and officially joined Christ and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in New York City. When they moved home to Tampa in 1995, they joined St. John's. All three of their daughters (Elly, Davis, and Mary Stephen) were baptized by Father Peterson, confirmed by Father Remer, and were acolytes at St. John's.

Over the years at St. John's, Janice has been involved in Mothers' Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Nursery Volunteers, Harvest Market, the Circle, Shepherds, the Kneeler Needlepoint group, and several youth activities. Currently she is in the Altar Guild (yay, Team 2!), Meals Ministry and Newborn Ministry, and is a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

Outside of St. John's, Janice is involved in the Florida Master Gardener Program, the Alumni Admissions program at W&L, and is a member of the Board of Trustees at Berkeley. While she has focused her time on caring for her family, she substitute teaches at Berkeley and St. Mary's, and also has a little specialty food business called Brookline Farm that makes granola.

For fun, Janice likes to hike, cook, garden, read, and spend time with friends. She likes to listen more than talk, and feels happiest when feeding, nurturing, and caring for others. She believes that part of what makes St. John's so special is the warm, caring community that we have. She is honored to stand for Vestry elections.