



CHAPEL of  
*the* CROSS  
*an historic Episcopal Church*

*Vestry Meeting*

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

*The Reverend Doctor David Christian Parish Hall*

Attendance: Heath Wray; Carroll Patton; Clark Liddon; Terri Hudson, Treasurer; Meredith Bailess; Martha Frye; Liz Welch; Ray Kinney; Russ Markle; Rev. Tom Fanning, Associate Rector; Becky Herren, Senior Warden; Rev. Will Compton, Rector; Ashley Herden, Clerk of the Vestry; and Trey Denton

Out: Dick Dickinson, Junior Warden

- Opening Prayer and Keifer's
- April Agenda
- Approval of the March 2026 Minutes
  - Motion to approve amended March 2026 minutes made by Ray, 2nd Meredith, unanimous approval
- Old / Ongoing Business
  - Treasurer's Report: Terri Hudson
    - March Financials
      - update and discussion
      - motion to accept March 2026 Treasurer's report made by Clark, 2nd Heath, unanimous approval
  - Junior Warden's Report
    - Lighting Project: Russ Markle
      - went to 3 contractors with approx. 50% reduced scope of lighting project
      - Synergy is lowest bid (\$72, 800)
      - Russ's recommendation is that we choose them and work on further adjustments from there
      - discussion of lighting plan options
    - Chapel of the Cross Stabilization Project: Russ Markle
      - signed contract to get design moving with Mark Watson as the Design Engineer
      - goal for next meeting to have details and timeline worked out
    - Other Items
  - Senior Warden's Report: Becky Herren
    - The Demisemiseptcentennial
      - September 19, 2026-September 19, 2027 (175th anniversary); events all year
      - coincides nicely with stabilizing COTC, working on organ as well

- Tom's Tidbits: The Reverend Tom Fanning
  - calling this section “Tom Talk” going forward
  - Inquirer's Class starts back this week
  - wanting to put an iron fence (\$8,000) around cemetery plots. This will keep people from parking on their plots and existing graves on North sided of the old churchyard. The project will be privately funded.
  - motion for the Fannings, Barlows, Rayners, Kilgores, and possibly Morris Reagan to enclose their cemetery plots with new fencing in the cemetery, and will be privately funded made by Liz, 2nd Trey, unanimous approval
  - contacted David Quimby about FEMA grants for campus security improvements; Martha will follow up
  
- Rector's Ruminations: The Reverend Will Compton
  - Holy Week and Easter Recap
    - approximately 900 worshipers for Easter services
  - Upcoming Chapel Events
    - May 3: youth Sunday, 9:15 reception for seniors in the Parish Hall
    - May 10: outdoor concert 6:00. The last Concert in the Country until the Fall.
  
- New Business
  - Columbarium Name Plates
    - discussion of options
  
- Compline: Trey Denton
  
- Adjournment
  - motion made by Martha, 2nd Becky, unanimous approval