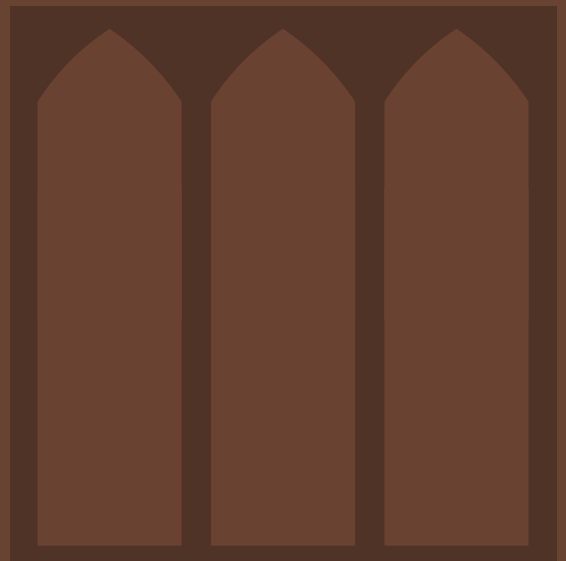
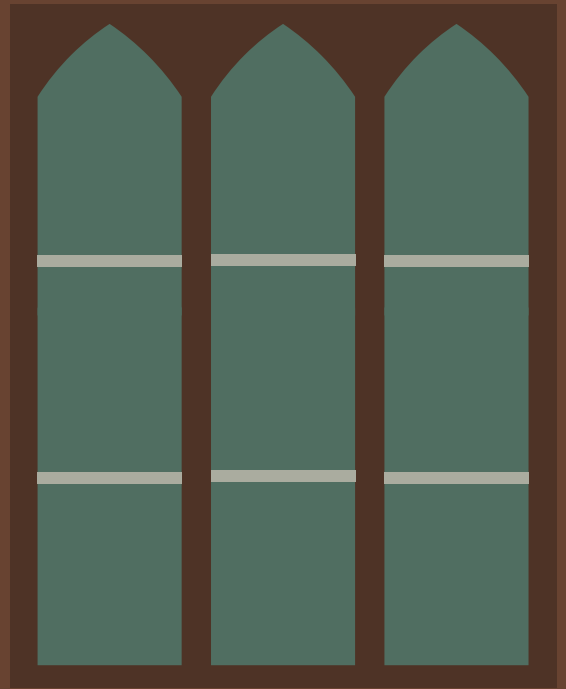


**Welcome to
A New
Vision for
St. John's**





A Vision Shaped by Prayer

Over a year ago, we heard the words of the prophet Habakkuk:

“Write the vision; make it plain, so that even a runner may read it.”

We prayed.
We listened.
We dreamed together.

Hundreds of your voices poured into this vision — through Visioning Sunday, newsprint, markers, conversations, word clouds, prayers, and careful discernment.

What you hold in your hands is not just a statement. It is **your** hopes, **your** dreams, **your** faith — distilled, named, and offered to God for our future.

Visioning Committee

Following Visioning Sunday, a group of parishioners gathered over months to sift prayerfully through every response, listen for holy patterns and surprises, and discern the words that would capture who we are and who God is calling us to be.

- Kathy Bye
- Jen Garretson
- Marissa Hall
- Betty Lou Joanas
- Brad Kile
- Fr. Lonnie Lacy
- Julian Proctor
- Leslie Redding
- Greg Springer

Additional thanks to Lorna Kibbey and Skip Foster for their advisory support and to the Vestry of St. John’s.

Deep Roots. True Belonging. Abundant Grace.



The Work Behind the Words

Behind each simple phrase in our Vision Statement is a wealth of prayer, reflection, and community discernment.

Like an iceberg, what you see is only the surface.

Beneath it lies the deep, unseen work of the Spirit among us — guiding us, grounding us, and calling us forward.

Deep Roots

Honoring tradition while growing forward

We’ve been here nearly 200 years, rooted in scripture, sacrament, and a living faith that nourishes our souls and strengthens us for the future.

True Belonging

A community where all are welcomed, valued and nurtured

Here, you do not have to pretend. You are seen. You are loved. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you belong at St. John’s.

Abundant Grace

God’s grace received, lived and shared

Grace is not ours to keep. It overflows — spilling into the streets of Tallahassee, into the broken places of the world, into every life still longing for hope.

Why Vision Matters

Vision is not about creating a list of projects or launching a campaign. Vision is about naming who we are, who we wish to become, and the kind of world we believe God is calling us to build.

Our Vision Statement is not a strategic plan. It is the heartbeat that will guide everything we do — our worship, our formation, our service, our life together — rooted deeply in the love of Christ.

What Happens Next

Our new Vision and Mission Statements — unanimously adopted by the Vestry in February 2025 — now become our touchstones. In the months and years ahead, they will help shape decisions, spark ministries, deepen our sense of community, and call us toward God's future for us.

This is just the beginning.

Our New Mission Statement

St. John's nurtures a welcoming spiritual community, rooted in tradition yet relevant and responsive to our changing world. Grounded in the mystery of God's love revealed through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we seek to put our faith into action, equipping each other to be ambassadors of God's grace.

If Vision is who we are and who we long to become, Mission is how we live it out every day.

Our new Mission Statement flows directly from our Vision, naming how we will worship, grow, serve, and move as a people of deep roots, true belonging, and abundant grace.

It is the rhythm by which we seek to embody the love of Christ in this place, in this time, for the life of the world.

