



ANNOUNCES THE CALLING OF OUR NEXT RECTOR



Father Christopher Wilkerson has been called as the 29th Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury.

Father Christopher earned a Bachelor of Arts from Georgia Southern University, Master of Fine Arts from Southern Illinois University, and a Master of Divinity from The School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee. Before becoming a priest, he was an educator, teaching English primarily in a community college environment. He served as Assistant Rector of Holy Trinity Parish in Clemson, SC also working with campus ministry. He served as Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, Appleton, Wisconsin and is currently serving as a Hospice chaplain.

Father Wilkerson and his family come to us from Appleton, Wisconsin, however he and his wife, Anne, have roots in the southeast; Father Christopher from north Georgia and Anne from northern Alabama where they still have family.

Father Christopher shared, "I can see that the people of St. Luke's enjoy a deep sense of community, not only with each other but also with the surrounding area; those kinds of connections are important to me, as well. I'm particularly struck by the way your sense of community flows naturally into your ministries, particularly your wide range of opportunities to serve, your dedication to the arts, and your outreach through the St. Luke's Foundation and your work towards racial reconciliation and inclusion."

We are indebted to our dedicated Search Committee, led by Dr. Trevor Eppehimer, who put in countless hours of work, study, deliberation, and prayer in fulfilling their responsibility, through the diocesan process.

Father Christopher, his wife, Anne, and their two children, Andi, a 10th grader and Elena, an 8th grader, will be **joining us at St. Luke's on January 1. Bishop William Gregg will continue to serve as Interim Rector through November.**

Opportunities for online meet and greets with Father Christopher, video messages, and more are planned for this fall. Those details will be shared very soon.