



Christ Church Charlotte

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Friends,
Merry Christmas!

I am delighted to announce that The Very Reverend Joan Kilian has accepted the call to serve as our Associate Rector for Outreach and Mission.

Joan received her Masters of Divinity degree from the University of the South School of Theology at Sewanee. She has extensive experience in parish ministry, and has served as the Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Statesboro, Georgia for the last sixteen and a half years.



Joan is very active in her Diocese, with a strong passion for outreach. She was a member and past President of the Diocesan Standing Committee, and currently serves as the Dean of the Central Convocation. Joan has successfully engaged her parish and community in many hands on outreach initiatives, including soup kitchens, benefit concert series, Habitat, and Relay for Life. She has also led mission trips to the Dominican Republic and to Pass Christian, Mississippi to deliver Hurricane Katrina relief.

Prior to becoming a priest, Joan served in the United States Navy and Navy Reserve. She retired at the rank of Commander after 20 years of service.

Joan likes being outdoors while hiking, gardening, and participating in community service. She also enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, and spending time with her two cats.

We look forward to welcoming Joan as she begins her ministry at Christ Church in late February.

Please join me in thanking our search committee: Bill Lorenz (Chair), Amelia Abbott, Burch Mixon, Doug Ey, Angus McBryde, Ann Tabor, Laura Copps, and Wendy Mauney.

Faithfully,
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A greeting from Joan:

Hello! I am very excited about coming to Christ Church, Charlotte, and I look forward to getting to know you better and working with you! It is also really wonderful to be joining the great clergy and staff you already have.

I am coming from the Diocese of Georgia and, in particular, Trinity Episcopal Church in Statesboro, GA which is about an hour west of Savannah. Trinity is a typical 'county seat' type of church, forty or more miles from another Episcopal church, and much smaller than Christ Church, so it will take me a little while to get used to doing things on a grander scale!

Outreach and mission have always been very important to me, as they obviously are to you as well. Christ Church is very involved in the community and the world around it and I eagerly await working side by side with you in the future.

God's peace,
Joan Kilian

