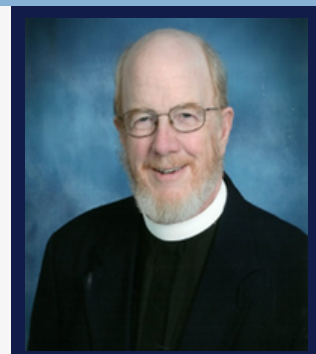




ST. ANDREW'S ON-THE-SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY

MARCH 26, 2023

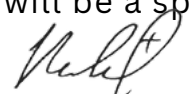
When I first graduated from seminary I served as the “Pale Young Curate”(P.Y.C) at Holy Trinity in Clemson, South Carolina. They loved me into the priesthood, and I always dreamed of being able to give that experience to other clergy as they began their ministries. One of the great gifts of St. Andrew’s On-the-Sound is that this church has come to share that vision.

Leslie Roraback, the latest in our series of P.Y.C.’s, has been loved by the good people of St. Andrew’s and has given much in return. She brought a wide variety of talents from a series of careers, as well as a family that made their own contributions. As well as bringing heart-felt sermons and a beautiful soprano voice to our worship, she has brought wonderful energy and imagination to many areas of our common life. Over the last few years the National Church has given us the gift of a vast and complicated “safeguarding” system which she nurtured and cajoled us into. She shepherded us through the transition from a web page managed by a Webmaster who regularly needed to be contacted as he sailed across the Pacific, to a beautiful, up-to-date, user-friendly one we can manage on our own. Most recently she has been working on bringing our method of organizing membership and finances and welcoming and incorporating newcomers up to date.

That she would be noticed in the larger church, and her call to serve as Associate Rector of St. John’s in Tallahassee, Florida, comes as no surprise.

We should all feel blessed to have had our time with Leslie, and look forward to hearing what she accomplishes as she moves on in her vocation.

She will be with us through the end of April, and I hope that this will be a special time of saying “Thank you,” and sending her forth with our blessings.


Richard+

Dear Family of St. Andrew's On-the-Sound,

You each hold a large place in my heart, and I write to you today with news of a change.

Your ministry of raising up curates and gently loving us as new clergy into the priesthood includes preparing us for opportunities we would not dare imagine.

I have been unexpectedly approached by such an opportunity. Following a time of discernment, prayer, and counsel with mentors I have accepted a new call. My last Sunday with you will be April 30, 2023. Please understand, I did not come to this decision lightly, and I truly mourn the loss of this community.

However, I am also honored to tell you about my new role. I have been called to serve as Associate Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, Florida. I will work alongside The Rev'd Lonnie Lacy, Rector. My primary areas of responsibility will be Pastoral Care, Outreach, and Parish Life, and taking my share of preaching and sacramental ministry in this historic parish with a congregation of 1500 in the center of Tallahassee. The Holy Spirit calls us all to unexpected places in unexpected times.

While I am looking forward to the road ahead, please know I have loved being a part of St. Andrew's. You all have blessed me, and my children, for these past two years. You are a parish that loves deeply and celebrates boldly.

I am fortunate to have been with you during the return from the pandemic. Richard and I have seen you return with new energy. You are reinvigorated as lay leaders in welcome, fellowship, formation, and outreach ministries; and the Centennial Team is hard at work and well prepared to celebrate 100 years of this special parish.

I am eternally thankful for your encouragement, guidance, support, and love during my curacy. Your influence on my ministry will remain with me always. I have been blessed by your patient presence and exuberant joy. Thank you for preparing me with courage to take this next step as a priest. I ask you to please remember me and my family in your prayers during this transition.

With a grateful heart,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leslie" followed by a small cross symbol.