



THE FALLS CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

We Are Excited to Introduce Our New Rector

Rev. Walter Burley
Stattmann "Burl" Salmon



A Message from Our Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

I have the pleasure to announce that your Vestry, with the recommendation of the Search Committee, has called the **Rev Walter Burley "Burl" Salmon to be the next Rector of the Falls Church Episcopal**. Rev Salmon has accepted the call, and he will join us beginning on **July 1st, 2021**.

On behalf of the vestry, I'd like to thank the search committee. **Chair Mark Hadley**, and members **Walt Cooper**, **Walker Hardy**, **Stephanie Pegues**, **Lara Ramsey**, **Carla Wilson**, and **Maury Wray**, have worked tirelessly and prayerfully over the past 15 months to bring us our new Rector.

Now a little more detail on Father Burl:

He comes to us from Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach, Florida, where he has serves as Associate for Pastoral Care, Christian Education, and Outreach. He provides leadership in those areas for a parish of roughly 1200 people and manages the distribution of outreach funds of more than \$600,000 annually. He served as Priest-in-Charge during the Rector's five-month sabbatical and is also a Police Chaplain for the Town of Palm Beach.

Father Burl is an inspiring and transcendent preacher, an academic who can translate scripture to the present day, a careful and patient listener, and a compassionate and thoughtful manager who will ensure The Falls Church's continued growth. Before Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Father Burl was a Priest and Educator.

He was a curate at a rural church in Georgia and held the positions of Dean, Chaplain, and Teacher at Episcopal Schools in North Carolina and Georgia, and right here in our backyard at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes in Alexandria.

Father Burl received his M.Div. from Yale, which includes his Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School and a Certificate of Study from the Institute of Sacred Music, also at Yale. His undergraduate degree is in English and Organ Performance from Millsaps College in Jackson, MS.

He is a native of Natchez, MS, and a graduate of Trinity Episcopal Day School there. Father Burl will come to the Rectory with his husband Bob Henkel, who is Director of Publications for the American Society of Nephrology. They will be joined in the Rectory by Blue, an occasionally affectionate ragdoll cat. He loves gardening, historic preservation, and genetic genealogy.

In Father Burl's words, he seeks to be "an accessible, relational, and pastoral priest dedicated to the breadth of diversity of The Episcopal Church with a visionary commitment to its voice."

Almighty God, thank you for the blessings you have bestowed upon our church and for the guidance you have provided our Rector Search Committee in selecting Reverend Salmon as our next Rector. We thank you for allowing the committee to hear the Holy Spirit through the congregation, and for giving the Committee the gifts of listening, wisdom, patience, trust, and strength. May Reverend Salmon's appointment be a blessing to him and to all of us. For all that is to come, grant us the wisdom and strength as we serve you, whom we adore. In the name of Jesus Christ.

AMEN

Paul Rosbolt
Senior Warden