
THE REV. DIRK C. REINKEN

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Dear People of St. David's,

Grace and Peace be with you in the name of the risen Christ!

I am deeply honored to be called as your next Rector! Having served churches in Ewing and Freehold, I have been aware of St. David's ministry and growth over the years. It is exciting to be welcomed into the community as a priest and pastor!

I want to commend you and your leadership for the vitality of the past year. You are truly a welcoming, energized, faith-filled community, which you have shown through your diligence and care for one another through the transition. This was a major draw for me as I value the creativity and collegiality that come from such commitment. There are not many congregations who could navigate this so well. For a call to come to fruition in roughly a year speaks highly of your gifts!

I was also drawn to you by a hunger I heard for connection with your priest as one who walks with you, is available, and shares the sacred moments of your lives. My model for priesthood is being "priest in community," which means the relationships we form will be an important part of how we support one another and share the Gospel so that Christ's healing presence may move more deeply into the world around us.

My husband, Jim, is also an Episcopal priest and hospice chaplain with Serenity Hospice as his full-time position. He comes from Georgia, and I come from South Carolina. We both have lived around the country as adults and met when we landed in the same church in Rhode Island. Together, we have a dog, Ludwig, and a new kitten, Whitby. We enjoy travel, cooking, culture and history, photography (Dirk), and weird things (Jim). While we will initially be commuting from Freehold, we look forward to moving to the area in the early summer so we can be more a part of the local community.

You are in my prayers in the coming weeks as we prepare to meet, and I ask your prayers as well as I wind down and take some vacation time before May 3. May God continue to uphold you with joy and peace as you make real Christ's hands and heart in Cranbury and beyond.

Blessings Always!
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