



## The Reverend Deacon Ashton Williston



Ashton Williston is a senior seminarian at the School of Theology of the University of the South, Seawanee. She is from the Diocese of Central Florida. Ashton grew up in Ormond Beach, Florida, and is a life-long Episcopalian. Prior to entering seminary, Ashton was the Director of Family Ministry at St. James Episcopal Church, Ormond Beach, Florida. Ashton graduated from the University of Central Florida 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. Her journey towards ordained ministry began as a child, however the call grew stronger during her time working as Youth Director and Chaplain at the parish day school in Ormond Beach. Ashton entered the formal discernment process in 2012 and began seminary in 2014. In seminary, Ashton has served on the Missions Committee, the Liturgy and Worship Committee, the DuBose Committee. She worked as a manager for seminarians to provide hospitality for visitors and alumni at Family and Homecoming Weekend at the University of the South. Ashton continues to work in the Administrative and Advancement offices of the seminary. She completed her field education at Good Shepherd in Lookout Mountain, TN, where she taught adult forum, led children's chapel and preached regularly. Ashton and Joseph have been married for 16 years and they have two daughters, Isabella (9) and Abigail (8). Ashton was ordained to the transitional diaconate on January 20, 2017.

