

## Exciting News!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to tell you that I have called a new Associate Rector to serve Trinity Episcopal Church. Like all of you, I am still processing feelings of grief at the retirement of Rev. Nan Kennedy, who has been a beloved priest to us all, and a wonderful colleague and friend to me. We will always be deeply indebted to Nan for her faithful service to this church, and the innumerable ways in which she has built up this community.

And yet, in the midst of our grief, the God of Resurrection has moved among us once again. And so it is with great joy that I announce that I have called the Reverend Claire Field to serve as our new Associate Rector. Claire is well-known to many of you. She did her field work with us while in seminary, and even during those formative years, she already displayed her considerable gifts for ministry. Following seminary, she served several parishes as a curate and priest in charge in Amarillo, in the Diocese of Northwest Texas. In 2017 Claire was wed to her husband, Steve Field, and soon after moved to Spicewood, and began worshiping regularly with us again. Steve transferred his membership here, and has served as a delegate to Diocesan Council, and has become a valued member of the AV team. Claire has coordinated Adult Christian Education here at Trinity, and has willingly filled in as a presider, preacher, and teacher whenever asked. For the past year she has served as a part-time supply priest at Calvary, Menard.

Claire is a very gifted pastor, an outstanding preacher and teacher, and has a very deeply spiritual presence. She is a wise and faithful follower of Christ. I am humbled and honored that she has agreed to serve with me as a partner in ministry. Claire will spend January with her church in Menard, and will officially begin her ministry with Trinity on February 1st. Please keep Claire and Calvary Episcopal Church, Menard, in your prayers during this time of transition.

So, in the midst of our sadness at Nan's retirement, we have cause for celebration. We celebrate the work that Nan has done in our midst, and we celebrate the time she will be able to spend with her husband and her children. And we celebrate the new ministry that Claire brings into our midst, continuing and building upon the good work that Nan has done over these past four years. I am so excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for Trinity in these coming years.

Faithfully in Christ,

Dave.