

## **Jim Zellers, guest organist**

### About Jim Zellers

I am a life-long "cradle" Catholic, as is my husband, Jim. Our Parish since we got together in 2001 has been the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (downtown near the Capitol), and we are active in Parish life there, especially during the winter months (November-March) where we regularly volunteer with the Men's Night Shelter, co-sponsored by the Shrine and Central Presbyterian Church. We are also active members of a prayer/study/action group called "Just Faith" and have completed a 30-week course during the Pandemic on Faith and Racial Justice.

I'm looking forward to seeing old faces and meeting new friends at St Benedicts while I'm there--it is such a welcoming and special church home!

My husband Jim and I have been together since 2001 and married since 2015--we have a wonderful family which includes my stepdaughter Erin, and our wonderful Australian Shepherds Finn, Eden, and Daisy. Finn and I are a therapy dog team, and we have been popular ministering to 911 call centers in the metro Atlanta area--bringing a smile and some de-stressing moments to operators between calls.

### Music Bio

James Zellers holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Indiana University and a D.M.A. from the Juilliard School. Former touring artist for the North Carolina Council for the Arts, Dr. Zellers is currently Principal Flute and Acting Orchestra Personnel Manager with the Atlanta Opera Orchestra, Principal Flute with The Columbus GA Symphony, and Piccolo with the Florida West Coast Symphony, Sarasota. He is currently an Artist Affiliate for Emory University School of Music, a position he has held since February 2006. In addition to his flute activities, Dr. Zellers is an accomplished pianist/accompanist. He is also the proud breeder of prize-winning Australian Shepherds, competing regularly in Confirmation and Competitive Obedience.