



Search Committee

Presents

Our New Rector

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The Search Committee

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The Process

- ∞ Parish Survey launched in February
- ∞ Parish Profile posted in May
- ∞ Essay Questions (29 Candidates)
- ∞ Telephone Interviews by 3 members (18 calls)
- ∞ Site Visits by 3 committee members (8 trips)
- ∞ Finalists (3) visit Winnetka



Parish Profile

What We Were Seeking In A Rector

Our New Rector Will Be:



A believer who leads and
inspires by both
words and actions.

Our New Rector Will Be:



An excellent preacher
who lifts us up by
making scripture
relevant to our daily lives.

Our New Rector Will Be:



A strong administrator
with a collaborative style
who will share leadership
with staff and laity.

Our New Rector Will Be:



A leader who is passionate about the role music plays in worship and parish life.

Our New Rector Will Be:



A teacher who
embraces debate and
encourages dialogue.

Our New Rector Will Be:



Passionate about and
personally involved
in outreach.

Our New Rector Will Be:



A hands-on pastor
who knows us by name.

Our New Rector Will Be:



*A visionary who will use
his gifts to make us
stronger, not reinvent us.*

A leader to help us meet strategic goals

- ∞ Deepen our spiritual vitality
- ∞ Attract new membership
- ∞ Grow our outreach ministries
- ∞ Develop meaningful relationships
- ∞ Expand formation opportunities
- ∞ Connect spiritual and financial generosity

The Rev. Christopher A. Powell



“I look forward to coming to Christ Church as the 9th Rector, and to slowly discovering where God will lead us together in the years to come. The Spirit is clearly alive at Christ Church. What we will become, we will discover together. What I have seen since the beginning is a group following Christ, and following Christ together. When a group is willing to do that, nothing is impossible.”

- *Christopher Powell*

Ministry Objective

- ✧ To be the leader of an Episcopal Church community with a passion for the Gospel and compassion for one another;
- ✧ To participate in dynamic worship through the fullness of the Anglican liturgical and musical heritage;
- ✧ To connect our individual journeys with the biblical witness in order to reconcile our daily lives with our holy hopes.

Resume Highlights

☞ Grew up in NY State

☞ Ordained in 1986

☞ Rector for 26 years in 3 diverse parishes

☞ 4 Years in Upstate New York

☞ 12 Years in Vermont

☞ 9+ Years in current position in Mississippi

☞ Roots in Village of Winnetka

☞ Age 52; Divorced father of two college-age boys

Why Christopher?

“There is *Kingdom* work and there is *Church* work. Kingdom work is why we come to church. Church work is often substituted for Kingdom work...Church work is important. Kingdom work is essential.”

- *Christopher Powell*

Kingdom Work

“Kingdom work focuses on what is *relational*, on people-to-people contact...Relational dynamics in a parish focus on mission, worship, visiting, decision making, small groupings, and leadership...When these principles are emphasized, parishes grow in depth and in numbers.”

- *Christopher Powell*

Kingdom Work



- ∞ Seeks to “create engaging worship experiences that invite people in”
- ∞ Engaging, talented, inspiring preacher
- ∞ Connects scripture to everyday life

Kingdom Work

✧ Hands-on Outreach

✧ Created *Mission Crossing: Where God's Life Intersects with Yours*

✧ Innovative Approach to Formation

✧ Pastoral Care Is A Daily Activity

✧ Involves lay people

Church Work

☞ Currently manages a large, vibrant parish

☞ 4 well-attended Sunday services

☞ Annual budget of over \$2.0MM

☞ Doubled under his leadership

☞ Led \$7.3MM capital campaign

☞ Built new campus debt-free

☞ Increased parish giving to record levels

Church Work

∞ Described by his colleagues
as a visionary leader

∞ Collaborative

∞ Supportive

∞ Generous

∞ Gifted

What others say...

“A remarkably gifted priest...”

The Rev. Jim Steen

“The most generous man I have ever known...”

The Rev. Dr. Minka Sprague

“Christopher is one of the best there is...”

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee

“I felt him reach through the phone and touch each of us...”

Member of the Search Committee

“My kids listen to him preach...”

“Christopher saw me through the darkest period of my life...”

St. James Parishioners

Christopher Powell is...

- ❧ A self-described extrovert
- ❧ A fun guy with a great sense of humor and an infectious laugh
- ❧ An athlete -- loves long-distance cycling
- ❧ A high-energy, dynamic person
- ❧ A devoted and engaged dad

Why He Accepted Our Call

☞ Felt literally called here

☞ “There is a history of effective ministry in Christ’s name at Christ Church, and your profile expresses a desire to go deeper still.”

☞ Feels we can accomplish great things for God’s Kingdom together

☞ Roots in Winnetka

“I love life and enjoy a new challenge. I wake up every morning believing that what I will do today will make a difference in people’s lives. I look for Jesus many times every day knowing that He will appear wherever I am.”

- *Christopher Powell*