

Dear Transfiguration Community,

It is such a joy to write this letter of greeting to all of you! To begin, I must share how humbled, grateful, and excited I am to be called as your next rector. The history and incredible location of your parish, but most especially, who you are today and where you hope to go tell such a beautiful story. A story and community that my family and I feel privileged to join alongside. The warmth, hospitality, and servant's heart at Transfiguration truly set you all apart; what a joy to share in this journey of following Jesus. There will be many opportunities for us to get to know each other once I formally begin in Advent, and I look so forward to it!

I know finding your next rector has been a long wait for the community, but I firmly believe (looking back in the rear view mirror always makes it easier to understand these things!) God works things together in beautiful ways because the timing allowed for this discernment process to unfold the way it did. I am so thankful for your patience, prayers, and warmth. I look forward to serving and worshiping alongside each of you in this next season at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration.

Finally, I want to thank the Discernment Committee and the Vestry for their time, dedication, and warm hospitality. I am so grateful to all of you.

God's grace and peace,
Fr. John

