

THE VERY REV. THOMAS PURDY

St. Simons Island, GA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MAY 2013 – PRESENT

RECTOR, CHRIST CHURCH, FREDERICA, ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA

Rector of program sized congregation; 900 members; \$1.6m Budget

Strengthened formation, outreach and stewardship ministries; created contemplative ministry

Increased giving by 40%; Facilitated 100-year Master Plan; \$4m Cap. Camp.; \$3m+ Planned Giving

JUNE 2008 – APRIL 2013

RECTOR, ST. PETER'S, POOLESVILLE, MD

Rector of pastoral sized congregation; ASA 125; \$400k Budget

Grew ASA by 30%; added MDO program; increased outreach and family ministries

Grew budget and giving by 25%; reduced debt

JULY 2005 – MAY 2008

ASSOCIATE RECTOR, ST. JAMES, LANCASTER, PA

Associate Rector of program sized congregation; ASA 300; \$1m Budget

Designed community liturgical offerings; oversaw communications, stewardship, and children/youth

JANUARY 1996 – AUGUST 2002

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR, UNITED PARCEL SERVICE

Final position was On-Car Supervisor. Previous assignments included HR/Recruiter, Hub Supervisor. Attended Management Leadership School.

EDUCATION

MAY 2027

D.MIN, SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, SEWANEE

In Progress; Concentration on Preaching; Proposed Thesis: Discovering Holy Boldness: *Parrhesia* and The Holy Spirit in Preaching "For Such a Time as This."

MAY 2005

M. DIV. OPTIME MERENS, SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, SEWANEE

With honors; Gessell Fellowship; Canterbury Scholar; Preaching Excellence Program; Sacristan

MAY 2000

B.A, MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY

Double Major in Philosophy and Psychology; Held down full-time job while full-time student

Leadership Style

- Visionary Leader
- Adaptive Leader
- Empowerment Leader
- Servant Leader

Leadership Types

- Myers-Briggs: ENTJ
- Enneagram: Three
- Birkman Map Available

RECENT LEADERSHIP - LAST FIVE YEARS

- Founding Board Member, Just Love, 2026-Present
- Standing Committee, Diocese of GA, 2025-Present
- Dean, Southeast Convocation, Diocese of GA, 2021-Present
- Diocesan Council, Diocese of GA, 2021-Present
- Trustee, Sewanee, 2018-Present
- Burroughs-Molette School Council, Vice President 2016-2023; Member 2025-present
- Glynn Episcopal Ministries; 2015-Present, Creator and Coordinator through 2020
- General Convention Deputy 2027, 2024; Alternate Deputy 2022, 2018, 2015, 2012
- Board Member, Hospice of the Golden Isles, 2017-2025; Chair 2020-2025
- Board Member, Golden Isles Palliative Care, 2019-2025t; Chair 2020-2025
- Vice-Chairman of the Board, Alivia Care of Georgia, 2020-2024
- Glynn Clergy For Equity, 2020-2024
- Trustee, Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, US, 2016-2023
- Faith Based Partnership Task Force, Glynn County Schools, 2022
- Chair, Commission on Ministry, Diocese of GA, 2018-2021

Core Values

- Love
- Excellence
- Wisdom
- Communication
- Equity
- Integrity
- Health
- Humility
- Adventure
- Fun

What You Can Expect From Me as Bishop

- Visionary Leadership
- Hard Work/Drive
- Strive for Excellence
- Healer/Reconciler
- Accountability
- Open and Honest Communication
- Calm and Centered
- Team Player
- Warmth, Humor, Approachability
- Flexible/Adaptable

What I Need From Diocesan Leadership

- Mutual Trust
- Open and Honest Communication
- Feedback/Affirmation
- Active Participation in Vision
- Mutual loyalty to Diocesan Leaders
- Resources for ministry