

Dear People of St. Matthew's,

On behalf of the Vestry and Search Committee, I am delighted to announce that Father Jim Morrison has accepted the call to serve St. Matthew's as our next Rector. Currently Father Jim is serving as Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Orleans, a Parish he has led since 2014. Father Jim is from Houma, and St. Matthew's holds a special place in his heart as he attended kindergarten at our school and grew up in our community.

Today we celebrate the conclusion of an eighteen month prayerful and thoughtful discernment process. God led us to a wonderful candidate who embraces the qualities so sought after by the people of St. Matthew's. He is dedicated in his service to the Lord and the Episcopal Church, is experienced as a Rector, and has a desire to serve our congregation's needs in pastoral care. He is joyous, approachable, accepting and accessible. He has experience in Church administration as well as churches with day schools. He believes in sermons based on scripture, and in meeting the congregation where they are in traditional forms of worship. Father Jim has a great sense of humor and enjoys visiting with all people. He loves our community and has a strong desire to serve Houma-Terrebonne.

February 12, 2023 will be Father Jim's first Sunday at St. Matthew's. We look forward to welcoming him into our St. Matthew's family. The Vestry and Search Committee extend sincere thanks to everyone who participated in this discernment process. We look forward to the journey ahead with Father Jim as our Rector.

Sincerely,
Rob Alexander, Senior Warden