



## Our Priest-in-Charge the Reverend Theodore "Ted" Renaud

Dear Friends,

The Vestry is delighted to announce that we have extended a call to the Reverend Theodore "Ted" Renaud to serve as Emmanuel's Priest-in-Charge and that he has accepted this call.

We are deeply grateful for the faithful and diligent work of our Search & Transition team throughout this discernment process. Their prayerful commitment, careful listening, and steady dedication have guided us to this moment. With much input from the congregation, they created a [succinct profile](#) of Emmanuel, including self-reflection and hopes for our future. We sought five strengths in our next Priest:

- **Faith:** A lively faith, leading us in deepening our own individual faith in Christ and our relationships with one another in the Body of Christ
- **Leadership:** Capacity to work with us to look outward, envision a future of abundance and navigate change
- **Love:** Acceptance and love for who we are, individually and collectively – conveyed in the warmth of worship, and in pastoral care
- **Management:** Capable administration and adaptable management of ... whatever arises
- **Community Connection:** Appreciation of living in our rectory and connecting with our community life

The Rev. Renaud currently serves as Assistant Rector at Pohick Church in Lorton, Virginia. He brings a breadth of pastoral experience, particularly in ministries of pastoral care, congregational transition, and accompaniment of parishioners during times of illness, grief, and life change. His ministry has been marked by a deep commitment to presence, compassion, and faithful service. We are confident that his gifts and experience will be a blessing to Emmanuel as we enter this next chapter of our common life. See below for more biographic information. A letter of introduction from Rev. Renaud will be shared with the parish in the coming days.

Rev Ted will start his ministry here at Emmanuel on or around September 1<sup>st</sup>, with his first Sunday being September 6<sup>th</sup>. Fr Patrick's last Sunday as Interim Rector will be July 26<sup>th</sup>. Rev Marilyn Cornwell has generously agreed to serve as Assisting Priest for the month of August.

We ask for your continued prayers for our parish, for the Transition Team, for Fr Patrick and Brooke, and for Rev. Renaud and his wife, Valerie as they prepare for this transition.

Michael Spencer  
Senior Warden

Search & Transition Team: Debbie Wiegand, Lee Stiles, Leslie Moore, Nathan Ihle, Polly Ogden, Sandy Maloof, Sue Stiles, and Rev Marilyn Cornwell (Chaplain)

## Rev Theodore "Ted" Renaud

The Rev. Theodore Renaud holds a Bachelor of Science in French and Italian from Georgetown University (1993), a Juris Doctor from American University (2001), and a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary (2024). Ted was ordained in the Diocese of Virginia.

Prior to ordination, Ted worked in a variety of settings including education, nonprofit leadership, and public service—experiences that broadened his perspective and continue to inform his pastoral approach. He brings a wealth of experience from diverse contexts, including work ranging from McDonald's to the Supreme Court, as well as service as an EMT, elementary school teacher, and nonprofit executive.

In his ordained ministry, Ted has served in leadership roles in three parishes, including as acting Curate at Pohick Church during a period of transition. He has a particular passion for pastoral care and has trained lay pastoral caregivers for several years through the Community of Hope.

The Rev. Renaud and his wife, Valerie Van Luven, join Emmanuel with five children (ages 19-25), at various stages of life. Valerie is an engineer who recently sold her company and is currently transitioning into semi-retirement and consulting work. Their children are: Riley, who completed a Master's in Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois and works in Champaign, Illinois; Ryan, a recent graduate of Davidson College who is completing a Master's in International Finance at Durham University in England; Kyra, their differently abled daughter who worked for Amazon Fresh for several years and is currently working at a recreation center; Chloe, a graduate of William & Mary who recently received a promotion to Operations Manager at Marriott and has relocated to Charlotte; and Elizabeth, who is completing her nursing degree at Simmons University in Boston.

Valerie and Ted enjoy hiking, water activities, and traveling.