

Dear People of St. Luke's,

I am very excited to begin our ministry together this fall. My name is Benjamin Hart. My wife's name is Leah Walts, and we have an energetic 1-year-old boy named Ari. For the past seven years I have served as the Director of Congregational Life at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, here in Louisville. My primary roles have been coordinating our pastoral care, incorporating newcomers, and managing liturgical details.



I grew up in this diocese, at St. John's in Murray, where I was baptized and confirmed. I was ordained an Episcopal priest in 2014. I served two years at Grace Episcopal Church in Hopkinsville, Kentucky before moving to Louisville to begin my ministry at St. Matthew's.

I am an artist and when not exploring the yard and going on adventures with Ari, I spend my free time making things. I trained as a printmaker and a bookbinder before going to seminary and have found time in my life to continue those types of work in each place I have lived. I hold an MDiv from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a BFA in printmaking from Murray State University.



As a priest in the Church I am called to lead, love, and serve a community of disciples sacramentally and pastorally; organize, preach, and teach in a congregation; and to pursue the Kingdom of God in the world by engaging in the works of outreach and social justice. I have also come to realize a calling in my ministry to new, creative work in the church communities that I have been a part of.

My first day with you at St. Luke's will be Monday, October 16. I look forward to getting to know each of you.

Blessings,

*Benjamin Hart* +

The Rev. Benjamin Hart