

Fr. Joe Hudson, Rector, The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Welcome to our website, and to Good Shepherd. Let me briefly introduce myself. After growing up in Boulder Colorado I served four years in the United States Marine Corps in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Okinawa Japan. While stationed in Okinawa I met an Army gal, Desiree Franklin. Three years later we were married and began raising our three children, who have now given us five grandchildren.

I attended college and seminary in Colorado prior to being ordained in The Wesleyan Church. I served sixteen years as a Wesleyan pastor in Wyoming, Montana, and Missouri before leaving parish ministry to spend two years in St. Louis, training to be a hospital chaplain. My first chaplaincy position was with Tidewell Hospice in Venice Florida where I served for six years. During that time, I completed my ordination as an Episcopal priest, and in 2019 was installed as Rector of The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Venice.

I invite you to check out our website and our services online. You are welcome to stop by any time to any of our weekly activities and weekend services, and to experience for yourself our loving, growing, and transforming faith community.