



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



Fr. Joe Hudson

Fr. Joe grew up in Colorado and served four years in the United States Marine Corps in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Okinawa, Japan. While stationed in Okinawa, he met Desiree Franklin who was serving in the Army. They married three years later and raised three children.

Fr. Joe attended college and seminary in Colorado prior to serving sixteen years as a Wesleyan pastor in Wyoming, Montana, and Missouri. After two years of clinical pastoral education as a hospital chaplain in St. Louis, he accepted a chaplaincy position with Tidewell Hospice in Venice Florida where he ministered for six years.

During that time Fr. Joe completed the process towards ordination in The Episcopal Church. He was installed as Rector of The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Venice in 2019.

He is a proud Papa to five grandchildren.