



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



Deacon Rich Wilson

Deacon Rich is from the Metro East St. Louis area, on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River. He is married to Kathie, 27 years, and they have a blended family of 9 children and 17 grandchildren. He grew up in a family newspaper and printing business, operating a \$14M enterprise before selling the company. Rich then entered the communications business, working 25 years at AT&T, retiring as a Regional Sales Vice President.

In retirement, Rich trained as a hospital chaplain, graduating with 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education, and working as a chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. In 2017, Rich completed his Episcopal diaconal studies and fieldwork; graduated from Warner University with a Bachelor of Science in Ministry; was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida; and began working at Central Florida Regional Hospital as a chaplain two years later. Rich has experience working with the sick and dying, prisoners (Kairos Prison Ministry), men with addictions, and the homeless – especially homeless youth.

In August, 2022, Rich and Kathie moved to Venice and Rich transferred to the Diocese of Southwest Florida and was assigned to Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Venice.