

## **New Rector for St. Peter's, Glenside!**

The vestry of St. Peter's Church, Glenside, is delighted to announce that the **Rev. Emily Barr Richards** has accepted our call to become our next rector. Emily was selected unanimously by the Discernment Committee and elected unanimously by the vestry. We are so happy to welcome Emily and her family to St. Peter's. We look forward to her presence among us as we journey together in our life in Christ. She will begin as our rector on June 15. Her first Sunday with us will be June 21.

Emily comes to us from the Diocese of Connecticut where she has been serving as Assistant Rector of St. Stephen's Church in Ridgefield since 2005. Before going to St. Stephen's, Emily served as vicar of two mission parishes in the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky: All Saints Church in Lexington and St. Alban's Church in Morehead. Emily is a native Kentuckian and grew up as a member of Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington.



In 1994, she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Latin from The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. In 2002 Emily received her Master of Divinity Degree from the School of Theology at the same university. She was ordained Deacon in 2002 and Priest in 2003 by the Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls, Bishop of Lexington.

Before going to seminary, she was Director of Christian Education at Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio. Yes, Emily once worked for our current interim, Fr. Michael Morgan! She has also taught Latin at both the high school and university level.

Emily will move to Glenside with her husband Daniel, their two-and-a-half year old daughter, Maggie, and their Jack Russell Terrier, Ellie. Emily grew up singing in a Cathedral Girls choir and to this day still loves to sing. She also enjoys traveling and exploring new places. Her husband Daniel is a fabulous cook, and together the two of them enjoy entertaining people in their home. Finally, Emily is an avid Kentucky Wildcats basketball fan and is looking forward to being in a community that appreciates good basketball!

Emily said that she is truly honored and grateful for the opportunity to become our next rector and to share in our journey of faith as the people of St. Peter's. She and Daniel are thrilled that they and their daughter Maggie will be joining our St. Peter's family.