

Welcome Will Packard



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~ Acts 2:42

It's a Celebration!

Let's Welcome the Packard family to our Covenant Community

Please join us in fellowship as we welcome Will Packard and his family into our community. Will and his family are celebrating with us for the first time at both services on Sunday, June 4th. This is also Pentecost, so wear red and plan to stay and introduce yourselves to our new priest.

Letter from Will

June is fast approaching and Paige, my wife, Emma, my daughter and my daughter-to-be (at the time of writing this) and I are excited to come to St. David's. We are grateful for this opportunity and I look forward to learning about you and learning together how to live into covenant.

Before we arrive, I would like to give you some information about me. I was born and raised throughout the southeastern U.S., residing in Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia and Virginia. Paige and I met at W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax and have resided in the Northern Virginia area since being married in 2010. My daughter Emma is five years old this summer and going into Kindergarten this Fall and our next daughter will likely be here by the time this letter is sent.

I am a graduate of Sewanee: The University of the South, "the Mountain," where I studied and played four years of soccer. After Sewanee, I became the Clerk to the Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee and, among many responsibilities, travelled with him for visitations. I still recall my experience in visiting St. David's and the vibrancy of that worship time. After two years as Clerk, I went to work for The Pew Charitable Trusts in DC. I worked in a number of areas including philanthropy and government relations. For seven years, I helped to advance a number of different projects in public policy, provided support in trainings for internal change management and helped in a number of other areas as the organization grew. I will graduate with my M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary on May 18th. God willing and with the consent of the people, I will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at on June 10th at Epiphany, Herndon. I invite you to attend.

Aside from my visit to St. David's many years ago, I have learned and am excited about this parish and the particular set of ministries on which I will focus. One of my favorite features of St. David's architecture is the Baptismal font in the center of the sanctuary. I am eager to learn, teach and worship in this covenant community. Christ showed us Christian relationship and how the transforming love of Christ illuminates communities. I have heard a call to the Priesthood and we all have a call in ministry and are called to learn, live and love one another. In particular, I am eager to focus on children, youth and family formation. Our youth and children learn about Christ through our covenant community just as adults learn and receive the love of Christ through our youth and children.

I pray that the peace of Christ be with you all. I will see you soon! ~ Will

