

Dear Holy Cross family,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We are so excited and grateful that God has called us to be a part of his mission at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island.

I have been praying for you and can't wait to meet and get to know all of you. Until then, let me share a little about our family — Langley and I have been married 18 years and have three amazing children, our twins Mary Camden (13) and David Jr (13), our youngest Bennett (9) plus our golden-doodle, Winnie (6). We also have family in the area. My parents and my brother and his family live in Summerville and Langley's parents live in eastern North Carolina. Langley and I are both from North Carolina originally. We have lived in Houston, Texas for the past six years where I served as Rector of Church of the Apostles. Prior to that, I served as Associate Rector at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Raleigh, NC.

During our recent visit, Holy Cross very much felt like home and the Lord has already begun to knit our hearts to this community. It has been a great encouragement to witness the prayerful and Spirit-filled process of the Search Committee and the Vestry. They have faithfully and humbly served, diligently pursuing God's will. We praise God for the incredible blessing Paul and Becky have been to Holy Cross in this season of transition. They have already been a gift to us.

Thank you for praying for us and the ways you are already caring for our family. We would especially love your prayers for our children, specifically that they would know just how good and faithful our God is. We are excited to watch them grow in their faith at Holy Cross through their teenage years.

As we prepare to join you, the Apostle Paul's words in Ephesians 1:15-18 come to mind: "For this reason, *because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus* and your love toward all the saints, *I do not cease to give thanks for you*, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may *give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him*, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, *that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.*" Remember, you are His beloved and He gave His life for you. What a glorious truth. Let's live into it together, lock arms, and see what God has next for us as a church family.

God is so faithful, all glory to Him!

In Christ,

David Cumbie+