

## Saint George's Parish

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THE REV. MARILYN H. JENKINS PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

Dear Christopher,

On behalf of the brothers and sisters of St. George's parish we congratulate you on your graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary. Your spring semester and graduation season are unlike any other, yet current circumstances cannot take away or diminish your achievements over the last three years. We are thrilled to celebrate along side of you in recognition of the culmination of your hard work.

It's hard to believe how time has flown since we welcomed you into our midst on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 as our seminarian. You immediately made an impact on our parish leading our evangelism and formation ministries. Your involvement in "Free to Be Me" summer youth program was key to the success of the program. We know there are many demands placed on a seminarian's time and we cannot thank you enough for the commitment and dedication you gave us.

Your infectious smile and joyous presence ushered new life into our Sunday worship experience. You have such a gift of preaching, bringing new and wonderful ways for us to experience both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Good News of the New Testament.

Walking with you on your formation path was an honor and privilege for all of us. Though we were responsible for nourishing you in your formation, we quickly discovered that you in turn, spiritually nourished us in the process.

We are so proud of you! Congratulations on your ordination to the transitional deaconate and on your new call. You are such a gift to the Episcopal Church. We just hope that St. Luke's knows what they got when they called you.

You will forever be a part of St. George's and we hope one day to include you in the many others who served at St. George's and are now serving now as Bishops. We know you will one day be among them.

In deep appreciation for your time with us during your seminary formation, please accept this purse to help you as you begin your new call. May God bless you and keep you, and may your chosen path bring you much happiness.

The Rev. Marilyn H. Jenkins